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**RE: Supplemental Information
Shannon-Astor 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case No. 23-0040-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc (the “Company”) filed its Responses to Staff’s Second Set of Discovery on March 23, 2023.

The attached is being submitted in coordination with the response to DR-02-004, Ohio Power Siting Board’s question #11.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Hector Garcia

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From: Eileen.Wyza@dnr.ohio.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:09 PM
To: Dale W. Sparks; Erin.Hazelton@dnr.ohio.gov
Cc: Jarrod M Armstrong; Shaun Kline
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Bat survey options?

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Oh, I apologize Dale! Thank you – it did get buried in my inbox 😊

DOW concurs with USFWS that the marked areas are not suitable habitat for state-listed bat species.



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From: Dale W. Sparks <DSparks@envsi.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Wyza, Eileen <Eileen.Wyza@dnr.ohio.gov>; Hazelton, Erin <Erin.Hazelton@dnr.ohio.gov>
Cc: Jarrod M Armstrong <jarmstrong@aep.com>; Shaun Kline <skline@envsi.com>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] FW: Bat survey options?

Bumping this back to the top of Eileen's mailbox and adding Erin in case Eileen is out.

From: Boyer, Angela <angela_boyer@fws.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:54 AM
To: Dale W. Sparks <DSparks@envsi.com>; Wyza, Eileen <eileen.wyza@dnr.ohio.gov>; Jarrod M Armstrong <jarmstrong@aep.com>
Cc: Shaun Kline <skline@envsi.com>; Scott Denham <SDenham@envsi.com>; Jeremy Alberts <JAlberts@envsi.com>
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Hello,

Based on the location of these small woodlots, the USFWS does not believe they provide suitable habitat for federally listed bats.

Sincerely,
Angie

From: Dale W. Sparks <DSparks@envsi.com>

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 1:56 PM

To: Wyza, Eileen <eileen.wyza@dnr.ohio.gov>; Boyer, Angela <angela_boyer@fws.gov>; Jarrod M Armstrong <jarmstrong@aep.com>

Cc: Shaun Kline <skline@envsi.com>; Scott Denham <SDenham@envsi.com>; Jeremy Alberts <JAlberts@envsi.com>

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Angie and Eileen,

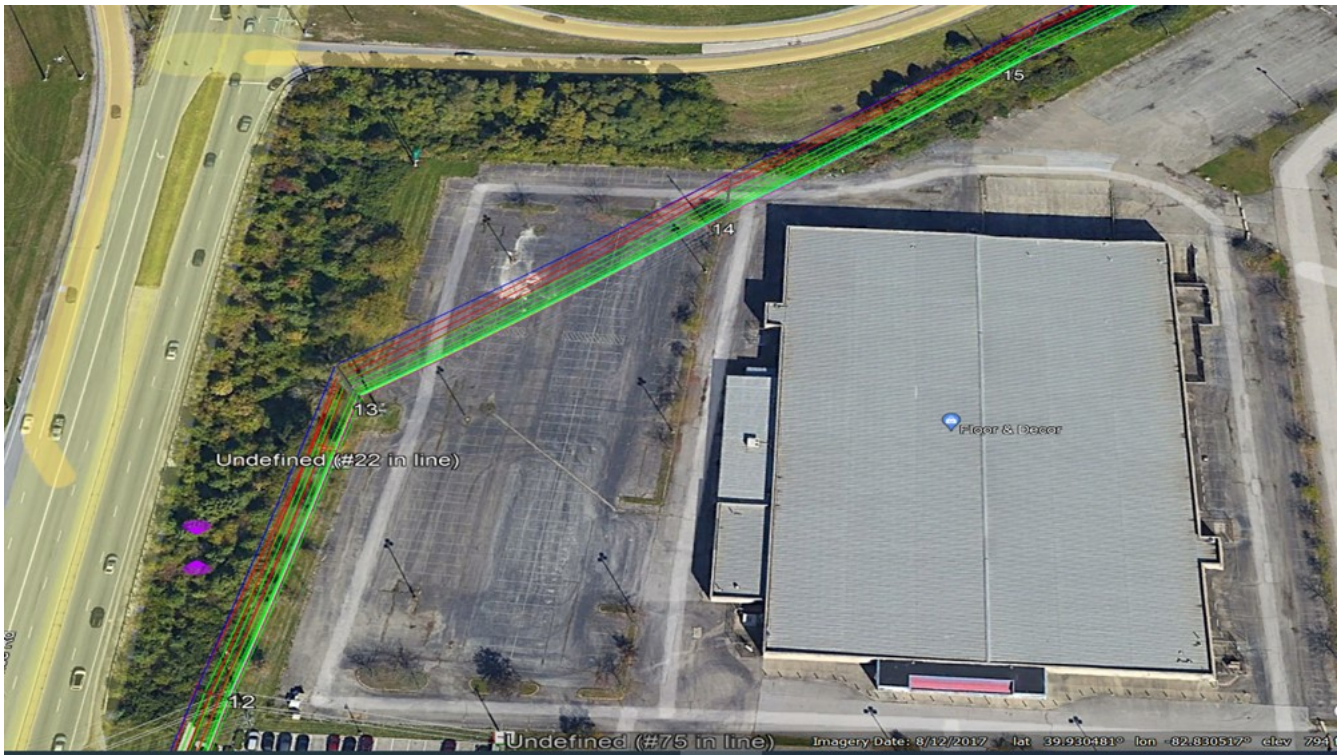
Jerrod is leading the environmental charge on an AEP project whereby they are extending an existing transmission line. The project is located near the eastern 70/270 interchange in Metro Columbus.

Most of the project is in heavily developed areas. The closest thing to bat habitat I see are 2 small woodlands that have grown up between Brice Road and local businesses. I am on the fence about whether to consider these woodlots potentially suitable bat habitat given their relatively complete immersion in the urban matrix. I would appreciate your input as I try to help AEP develop a plan of attack. I have attached a KMZ to show the overall location of the line. Below I also illustrate the better woodlot and provide coordinates.

The woodlot illustrated below is bordered by Brice Road, The Home Depot, and I-70. Approximate coordinates for the center of the blue arrow is 39.93471, -82.830247.



The second woodlot is located just south of I-70 and is bordered by Brice Road, Floors and Décor, and the I-70 Interchange. Approximate coordinates for the center of the woodlot is 39.929969, -82.830745.



Please let me know if ODNR or FWS considers these woodlands to be potentially suitable for protected bats. For the record, I have seen NLEB, I-Bat, and TCB all in woodlands that resemble these sites. However, those woodlots were along the edge of the conservation lands at Indy Airport and were in close proximity to the East Fork of White Lick Creek. So they had some level of connectivity to the bigger landscape. I do not see a similar level of connectivity for these woodlands.



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Summary: Correspondence Additional Support in Response to Staff's 2nd Set,
Question 11. electronically filed by Hector Garcia-Santana on behalf of AEP Ohio
Transmission Company, Inc..