

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGBURG
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, GRAVITY SEWER
AND McDOWELL STREET PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT
SECTION 594 PROJECT
FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO**

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Re: Environmental Assessment Checklists for Financial Assistance under Section 594 of the Water Development Act for Sanitary Collection System Improvements and an Expanded Wastewater Treatment in Bloomingburg, Ohio



Dear Mr. Bonk

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Dear Mr. Smith:

We received your request for any information on known significant environmental resources or environmental problems within the Village of Bloomingburg's proposed project area. The Village is currently scheduled to receive funding from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund in October, 2006. As such, we have not yet completed our environmental assessment of the project.

However, a review of the planning information provided indicates that no sensitive resources should be adversely impacted by the proposal which is located in previously disturbed areas of the Village. The project is proposed to address the major environmental problem in Bloomingburg, which is NPDES permit compliance.

We support the proposal and have identified no significant environmental issues with the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Jim Bonk, Supervisor
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cc: Ted Walton, EPS

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To Whom This May Concern

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Re: Draft Environmental Assessment Inquiry for the Sanitary Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Facilities in Bloomingburg, Fayette County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has received the document listed above. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, U.S. EPA reviews and comments on major federal actions. Typically, these reviews focus on Environmental Impact Statements, but we also have the discretion to review and comment on other environmental documents prepared under NEPA if interest and resources permit.

We did not undertake a detailed review of the document you sent to this office, however, the document was given a cursory review, and we determined that there were no significant concerns meriting comment provided the requisite Ohio EPA surface water discharge, field sludge application and construction permits, and stated practices for construction are pursued. Because the site of the treatment plant is located along East Fork Point Creek, presently an impaired stream, we request construction and design measures to assure no impacts to this watercourse are incurred. We understand that, in fact, one of the purposes of this project is to have a positive impact upon the creek ecosystem by improving the treatment plant's output to this stream.

Thank you for providing information on this project and allowing our input at this early stage. Feel free to contact my staff member Norm West, at 312-353-5692 or at west.norman@epa.gov, should any further questions regarding this project arise.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Westlake
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Re: Environmental Assessment Checklists for Financial Assistance under Section 594 of the Water Development Act for Sanitary Collection System Improvements and an Expanded Wastewater Treatment in Bloomingburg, Ohio



Dear Mr. Lane

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RE: Environmental Assessment Checklists for Financial Assistance under Section 594 of the Water Development Act for Sanitary Collection System Improvements and an Expanded Wastewater Treatment in Bloomingburg, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter to David Lane has been forwarded to me for response. In that letter, you request information regarding the occurrence or potential occurrence of threatened or endangered species or any other information related to fish and wildlife resources within the area of the project referenced above.

The project is in the historical range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state and federally endangered species. If it is necessary to remove any trees to complete the project, it is recommended that you first contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for guidance.

The project is also within the historical range of the eastern massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus*), a state endangered and a Federal candidate species. If a massasauga is encountered during construction of the project, work should immediately be stopped, and the Division of Wildlife should be contacted.

Otherwise, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife (DOW), is not aware of any threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of this project. However, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves maintains the Natural Heritage Database, the state's most comprehensive record of Ohio threatened and endangered species. If you have not already done so, it is recommended that you contact the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves at (614) 265-6453. To process future projects more efficiently, I recommend that you contact the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves prior to contacting the DOW. To help expedite the process, please include the results of the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves' Natural Heritage Database request when contacting us regarding future projects.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife is available to provide guidance on avoiding or minimizing impacts to any listed fauna and/or their habitat. If you should need further assistance, please feel free to contact Becky Jenkins at (614) 265-6631.

Sincerely

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JOHN NAVARRO
Program Administrator

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Re: Environmental Assessment Checklists for Financial Assistance under Section 594 of the Water Development Act for Sanitary Collection System Improvements and an Expanded Wastewater Treatment in Bloomingburg, Ohio

Dear Mr. Grieszmer

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Dear Mr. Smith:

After reviewing our Natural Heritage maps and files, I find the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves has no records of rare or endangered species within the study area outlined on the map of the Bloomingburg Ohio Expanded WWTP and Sanitary Collection System Improvements project. The site is located in the Village of Bloomingburg, Paint Twp., Fayette Co., Washington Courthouse Quadrangle.

There are no existing or proposed state nature preserves at the project site. We are also unaware of any unique ecological sites, geologic features, breeding or non-breeding animal concentrations, state parks, state forests, scenic rivers, or wildlife areas within the project area.

Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. Although we inventory all types of plant communities, we only maintain records on the highest quality areas. Also we do not have data for all Ohio wetlands. The Division of Wildlife has a statewide wetland inventory that can give you additional data. Their phone number is (614) 265-6300. For National wetlands Inventory maps, please contact Madge Fitak in the Division of Geological Survey at (614) 265-6576. Aerial photos may be obtained from ODOT at (614) 275-1369. USGS maps can be requested directly from the U.S. Geological Survey at 1-888-275-8747.

Please contact me at (614) 265-6409 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Butch Grieszmer, Data Analyst
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Re: Environmental Assessment Checklists for Financial Assistance under Section 594 of the Water Development Act for Sanitary Collection System Improvements and an Expanded Wastewater Treatment in Bloomingburg, Ohio



Dear Dr. Knapp

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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your November 29, 2005 FAX regarding the Village of Bloomingburg's proposed improvements to its existing sanitary collection system and to expand its existing wastewater treatment facility. The Village is located in Paint Township in northern Fayette County, Ohio. The proposed project will consist of design and construction of an expanded wastewater treatment facility to replace the Village's existing treatment facility, installation of approximately 1,400 lineal feet of 15-inch sanitary sewer in the existing right-of-way along State Route 38 and design, and construction of a new submersible pumping station to serve a portion of the collection system.

The Village is applying for financial assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fund, in part, these improvements. BBS Corporation is preparing an Environmental Assessment and is requesting U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) comments.

In general, we recommend that proposed developments minimize water quality impacts and impacts to high quality fish and wildlife habitat, such as forests, streams, and wetlands. If streams and wetlands would be impacted, the Huntington District of the Corps of Engineers should be contacted for possible need of a Section 404 permit. Concerning wetlands, we are providing our following "standard" comments for your consideration.

1. Placement of water lines and appurtenances in wetlands should be avoided when possible. In areas where an alternative is not possible, the top soil should be replaced in the top six inches of the trench at the original contour. Granular material should not be used, since it would allow for the drainage of the traversed wetland. A Section 404 permit may be required for placing materials in wetlands (and/or streams). Note that wetlands may exist on sites that are not designated wetland by the National Wetland Inventory.

2. Best construction techniques should be used to minimize erosion, in particular, on slopes. All disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated.
3. Service should not be provided to proposed developments within a floodplain and/or wetland areas. Provided service in those habitat areas could promote their destruction.

Endangered Species Comments:

The proposed project lies within the range of the **Indiana bat** (*Myotis sodalis*), a Federally-listed endangered species. Since first listed as endangered in 1967, their population has declined by nearly 60%. Several factors have contributed to the decline of the Indiana bat, including the loss and degradation of suitable hibernacula, human disturbance during hibernation, pesticides, and the loss and degradation of forested habitat, particularly stands of large, mature trees. Fragmentation of forest habitat may also contribute to declines. Summer habitat requirements for the species are not well defined but the following are considered important:

- (1) dead or live trees and snags with peeling or exfoliating bark, split tree trunk and/or branches, or cavities, which may be used as maternity roost areas;
- (2) live trees (such as shagbark hickory and oaks) which have exfoliating bark;
- (3) stream corridors, riparian areas, and upland woodlots which provide forage sites.

Should the proposed site contain trees or associated habitats exhibiting any of the characteristics listed above, we recommend that the habitat and surrounding trees be saved wherever possible. If the trees must be cut, further coordination with this office is requested to determine if surveys are warranted. Any survey should be designed and conducted in coordination with the Endangered Species Coordinator for this office.

The project lies within the range of the **eastern massasauga** (*Sistrurus catenatus catenatus*), a docile rattlesnake that is declining throughout its national range and is currently a Federal Candidate species. The snake is currently listed as endangered by the State of Ohio. Your proactive efforts to conserve this species now may help avoid the need to list the species under the Endangered Species Act in the future. Due to their reclusive nature, we encourage early project coordination to avoid potential impacts to massasaugas and their habitat. At a minimum, project evaluations should contain delineations of whether or not massasauga habitat occurs within project boundaries.

The massasauga is often found in or near wet areas, including wetlands, wet prairie, or nearby woodland or shrub edge habitat. This often includes dry goldenrod meadows with a mosaic of early successional woody species such as dogwood or multiflora rose. Wet habitat and nearby dry edges are utilized by the snakes, especially during the spring and fall. Dry upland areas up to 1.5 miles away are utilized during the summer, if available. For additional information on the eastern massasauga, including project management ideas, please visit the following website:

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/lists/candidat.html#massasauga> or contact this office directly.

In order to streamline our review process and expedite your receipt of our comments, we recommend that future requests for threatened and endangered species information submitted to the Service's Ohio Field Office include the following information: 1) location data including latitude and longitude of project area, site address, and county; 2) a detailed project description, including layout of any new construction; 3) a detailed description of onsite habitat, including the size, location, and quality (when available) of streams, wetlands, forested areas and other natural areas, and proposed impacts; 4) a description of the forested habitat onsite, including type of forest, and presence of dead trees, split branches or trunks, and exfoliating bark, and proposed impacts; 5) photographs representative of all cover types on the site and encompassing views of the entire site (photocopies are acceptable); and 6) a topographic map with the project area identified. This information may enable our staff to fully evaluate potential impacts to any threatened or endangered species which may occur within the vicinity of the project.

In addition, we recommend incorporating activities into the project construction and maintenance that reduce the likelihood of invasive plant spread and encourage native plant colonization. Prevention of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats. All disturbed areas in the project vicinity should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with early technical assistance on this project. If implementation of this project will utilize any federal funding or will require any federal authorizations or permits, Endangered Species Act section 7(a)(2) consultation should be initiated with this office by the lead federal action agency or its non-federal representative.

If you have any questions regarding our response or if you need additional information, please contact Angela Zimmerman of my staff at (614) 469-6923 extension 22

Sincerely,

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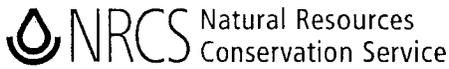
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Enclosure (Project Area Map)

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Dear Mr. Smith:

I reviewed the Bloomingburg, Ohio sanitary collection system improvement area and consorted the Fayette County Soil Survey Map, and the 1998 Prime Farmland Units for Ohio developed by USDA and ODNR. After review of the soils information the area does contain prime farmland units if drained in the area of WV, and CrA Soil types. The MiB and CeB Soil types are prime with no drainage improvements needed. I have enclosed the soils map for further review. If you have more questions I can be reached at the number listed above, or through email at jay.mcelroy@oh.usda.gov.

Sincerely:



Jay McElroy
District Conservationist

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CH2MHILL TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

Call To: Sarah Morris, Fayette Co.
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Date: April 23, 2007

Call From: Alan Smith

Time: 09:20 AM

Message

Taken By: CH2M HILL

Subject: Follow-up Discussion on Prime Farmland Impact

In the telephone conversation with Ms Morris, I described the proposed Bloomingburg, OH wastewater treatment project and the prime farmland soils that exists around the plant site. Since the plant expansion activities will be within the existing plant boundary, Ms Morris indicated that there will be no net impact on the prime farmland soils. I also described the proposed plant outfall work which will consist of replacing the existing outfall sewer with a new larger diameter pipe. This work will traverse prime farmland soil type Wv that exists adjacent to and west of the plant site. Ms Morris indicated that since this farmland is intended to be restored to its present use (i.e. cropping) after the outfall sewer replacement, there is no impact or concern that the NRCS would have associated with this work.