

**Section 594**  
**Route 555 Muskingum County Water Extension Project**  
**Muskingum County, Ohio**  
**Regional Review Plan Consistency Certification**

1. Provide a Brief Description of Study or Project, Geographic Location, Project Sponsor and Proposed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Activities:

Muskingum County is proposing to design and construct a water expansion project. The purpose of this project is to provide the Village of Cannelville and residences along Route 555 and Old River Road access to Muskingum County water. The source of water supply for residents is individual wells and springs. Currently, existing well water quality is poor. The water is polluted with iron. The area has been heavily strip mined, and it is thought that the mining activity has contributed to the contamination of the water supply with iron salts. Many residents have installed filters and softeners to removed iron and attempt to improve the water quality, with great expense and poor results. The need for the water extension project in the proposed area is to provide residents with a reliable water system.

The Proposed Action Alternative would entail design and construction of an extension of the Muskingum County Water Supply connecting the Village of Cannelville and the rural area along Route 555 and Old River Road. This includes horizontal drilling under the Muskingum River, highway borings, and installation of water mains, fire hydrants, gate valves, and customer service connections. This will provide service to approximately 290 homes and businesses, increasing demand by 43,500 gallons of water per day on the Muskingum County water supply.

The proposed project is a partnership agreement between Muskingum County and the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), established under the authority of Section 594 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-109), as amended. Environmental documentation and agency coordination was provided by the Muskingum County and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to assist the Corps with preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment to ensure NEPA compliance. The Huntington District's Engineering Staff, an active part of the Project Delivery Team, reviews all plans and specs to ensure appropriate design and location, working closely with the Non-Federal Sponsor. The Proposed Action Alternative is in full compliance with all local, State, and Federal statues as well as Executive Orders. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared for this project along with a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The DEA and FONSI will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, as required under NEPA. A Notice of Availability will be published in the local newspaper, advising the public of documents availability for review and comment. Documents will also be placed at the local library and will be made available on the Huntington District's public webpage.

2. Provide the Name of Agency Technical Review (ATR) Team Leader, ATR Team Members and their Technical Disciplines:

ATR Reviewer: [REDACTED]  
Technical Discipline: Regional Technical Specialist, Environmental

3. Are there any planning or engineering models proposed for use in this study or project that will require model certification as per the requirements set forward in EC 1105-2-407?

There are no planning or engineering models proposed for use in this study.

4. We certify that the all the requirements for Section 594 Village of Williamsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 3 Improvements project, are consistent with the conditions set forward in the model Regional Review Plan for the in accordance with regulations contained in EC 1165-2-209 and other related policies.

District Environmental Infrastructure Program Manager:

Signature and Date [Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date]

District Chief of Planning: [Redacted Signature] [Redacted Date: 2017.03.08 15:01:24 -05'00']

Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, Chief of the Planning and Policy Division

Signature and Date [Redacted Signature]

Upon acceptance of this Regional Review Plan Consistency Certification by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) Chief of Planning and Policy, the District is required to post a copy of this signed document on the District website.