

Appendix A

Exhibits

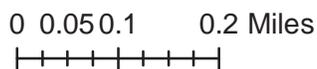
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 Project Map
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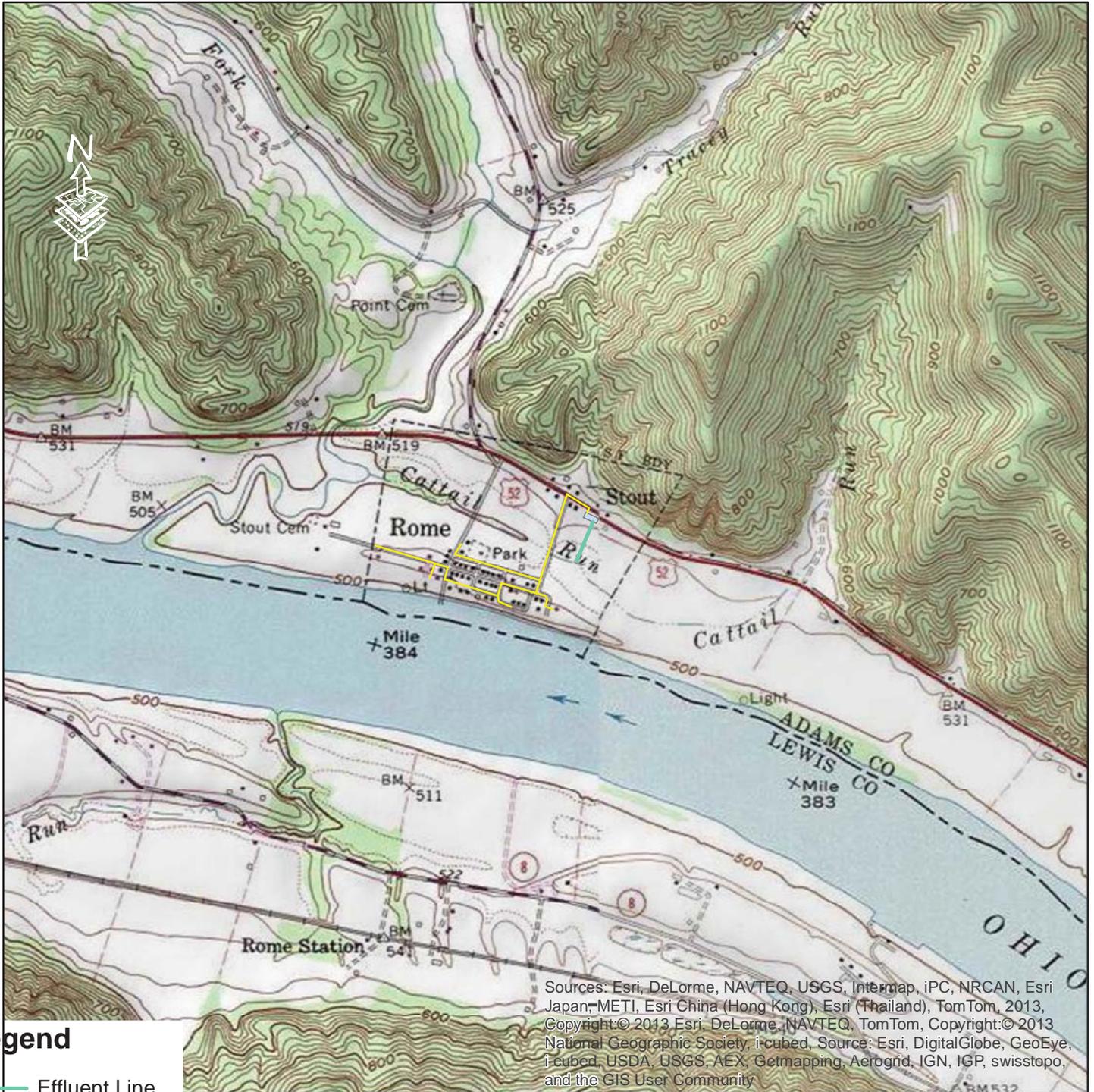
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-  Collection System Improvements
-  Proposed WWTP Site

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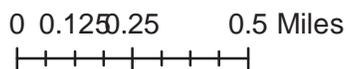
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 Project Map-USGS (Concord Quad)
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Picture # 1 WWTP Site Facing Northeast



Picture # 2 WWTP Discharge Line Facing Southwest



Picture # 3 Facing Northwest on Hwy. 52



Picture #4 Facing Northwest on Hwy. 52



Picture #5 Facing Southwest on Upper Rome Rd.



Picture #6 Facing Southwest on Upper Rome Rd.



Picture #7 Facing Southeast (Drive Cut to WWTP)



Picture #8 Facing Southwest on Upper Rome Rd.



Picture #9 Facing Southwest on Upper Rome Rd.



Picture #10 Facing Northwest on 2nd Street



Picture #11 Facing Northwest on 2nd Street



Picture #12 Facing Southwest on Water St. Alley



Picture #13 Facing Southwest on Sycamore St.



Picture #14 Facing Southeast on Alley St.



Picture #15 Facing Northwest on 3rd Street



Picture #16 Facing Northwest on 3rd Street



Picture #17 Facing Northeast on 3rd Street



Picture #18 Facing Northwest on Alley Street



Picture #19 Facing Northeast on Main Street



Picture #20 Facing Southwest on Water Street.



Picture #21 Facing Southeast on 2nd Street



Picture #22 Facing Southeast on 2nd Street Alley



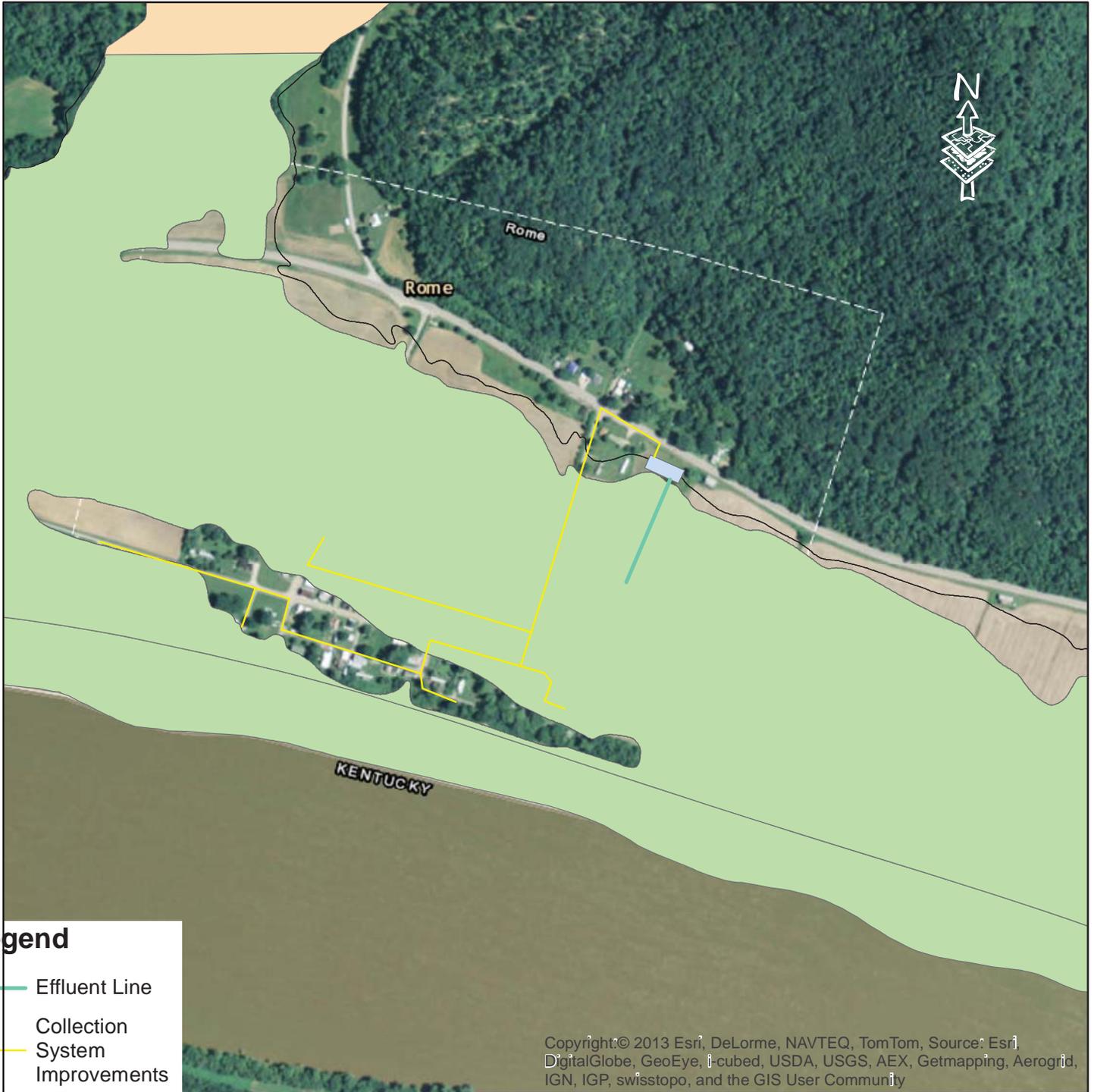
Picture #23 Facing Southeast Main Street



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<p>ROME VILLAGE Ohio River Watershed Green Twsp., Adams Co.</p>		<p>Stream Network Cattail Run Tributary to Stout Run Direct Tributary to the Ohio River</p>		<p>Hunt Engineering LLC 195 W. Main St. P.O. Box 237 Tarlton, OH 43156 (740) 474-1200</p>	<p>STEP COLLECTION</p>	<p>Sheet No.</p>
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 Project Map-FEMA Flood Hazard
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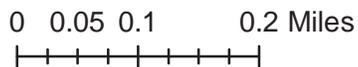
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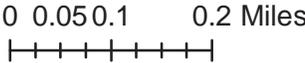
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 Project Map-Soils
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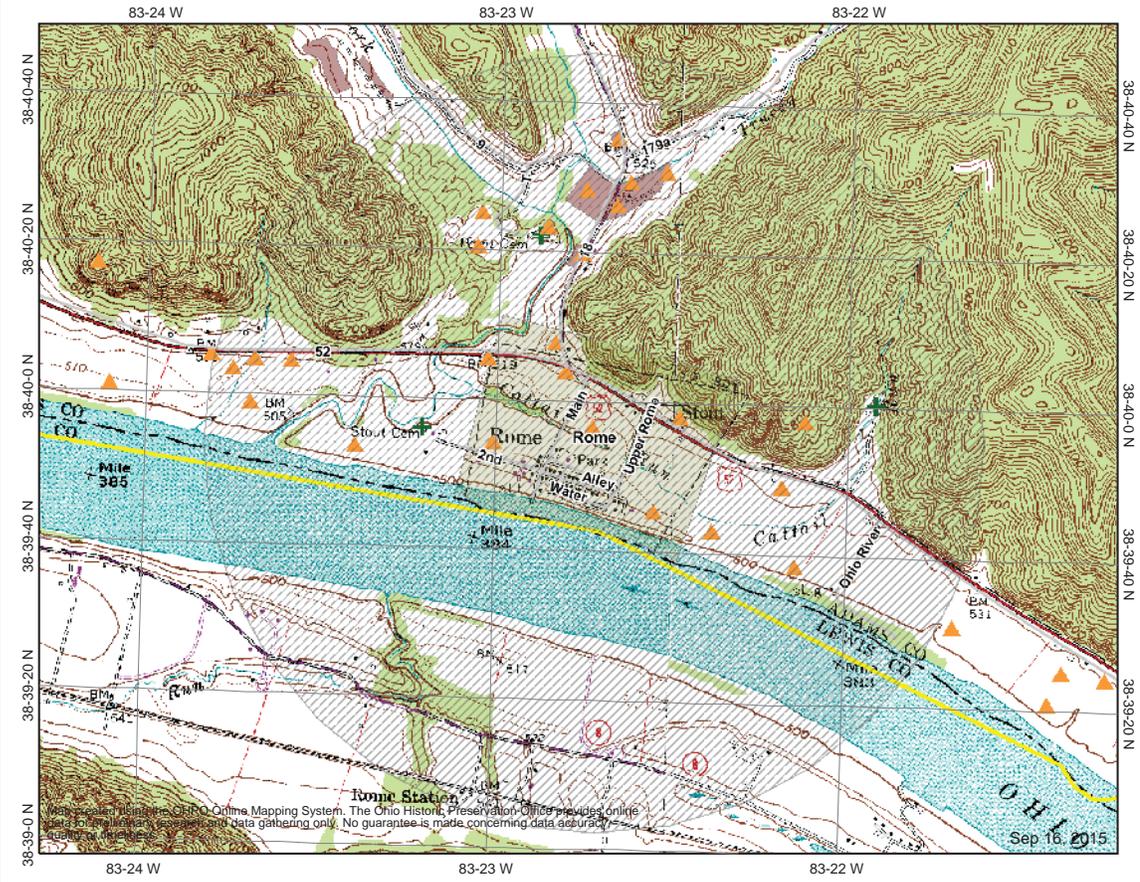
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Rome Wastewater Collection and Treatment System Improvements



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Archaeological Sites

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Appendix B
Agency Correspondence



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October 22, 2015

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Re: 15-578; Village of Rome Endangered Species Project Review

Project: The proposed project involves the installation of a new sanitary wastewater collection and treatment system to serve its residents.

Location: The proposed project is located the Village of Rome, Adams County, Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has completed a review of the above referenced project. These comments were generated by an inter-disciplinary review within the Department. These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Ohio Revised Code and other applicable laws and regulations. These comments are also based on ODNR's experience as the state natural resource management agency and do not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

Natural Heritage Database: The Natural Heritage Database has the following data at or within a one mile radius of the project area.

Lea's shadow lichen (*Phaeophyscia leana*), E
Southern black-haw (*Viburnum rufidulum*), P
Purple wood sedge (*Carex purpurifera*), T, FSC
Long-flowered alum-root (*Heuchera longiflora*), T
Showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*), P
Virginia-mallow (*Sida hermaphrodita*), P
Allegheny woodrat (*Neotoma magister*), E, FSC
Timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), E, FSC
Green salamander (*Aneides aeneus*), E
Cave or cavern
Edge of Appalachia Preserve – The Nature Conservancy

We are unaware of any animal assemblages, scenic rivers, state wildlife areas, nature preserves, parks or forests or national wildlife refuges, parks or forests within the project area. The review

was performed on the project area you specified in your request as well as an additional one mile radius. Records searched date from 1980.

Please note that Ohio has not been completely surveyed and we rely on receiving information from many sources. 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 all types of plant communities have been surveyed, we only maintain records on the highest quality areas.

Statuses are defined as: E = state endangered; T = state threatened; P = state potentially threatened; SC = state species of concern; SI = state special interest; A = species recently added to state inventory, status not yet determined; X = presumed extirpated in Ohio; FE = federal endangered, FT = federal threatened, FSC = federal species of concern, FC = federal candidate species.

Fish and Wildlife: The Division of Wildlife (DOW) has the following comments.

The DOW recommends that impacts to streams, wetlands and other water resources be avoided and minimized to the fullest extent possible, and that best management practices be utilized to minimize erosion and sedimentation.

The project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered species. The following species of trees have relatively high value as potential Indiana bat roost trees to include: shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), shellbark hickory (*Carya laciniosa*), bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*), black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), shingle oak (*Quercus imbricaria*), northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*), American elm (*Ulmus americana*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*), post oak (*Quercus stellata*), and white oak (*Quercus alba*). Indiana bat roost trees consists of trees that include dead and dying trees with exfoliating bark, crevices, or cavities in upland areas or riparian corridors and living trees with exfoliating bark, cavities, or hollow areas formed from broken branches or tops. However, Indiana bats are also dependent on the forest structure surrounding roost trees. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area, the DOW recommends trees be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area and trees must be cut, the DOW recommends cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during the summer months, the DOW recommends a net survey be conducted between June 1 and August 15, prior to any cutting. Net surveys should incorporate either nine net nights per square 0.5 kilometer of project area, or four net nights per kilometer for linear projects. If no tree removal is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the club shell (*Pleurobema clava*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the sheepnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the pink mucket (*Lampsilis orbiculata*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the yellow sandshell (*Lampsilis teres*), a state endangered mussel, the washboard (*Megaloniaias nervosa*), a state endangered mussel, the butterfly (*Ellipsaria lineolata*), a state endangered mussel, the long-solid (*Fusconaia maculata maculata*), a state endangered mussel, the ebonyshell (*Fusconaia ebenus*), a state endangered mussel, the wartyback (*Quadrula nodulata*), a state endangered mussel, the threehorn wartyback (*Obliquaria reflexa*), a state threatened mussel, the fawnsfoot (*Truncilla donaciformis*), a state threatened mussel, and the

black sandshell (*Ligumia recta*), a state threatened mussel. Due to the location, and that there is no in-water work proposed in a perennial stream of sufficient size, this project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the shovelnose sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*), a state endangered fish, the popeye shiner (*Notropis ariommus*), a state endangered fish, the shortnose gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*), a state endangered fish, the channel darter (*Percina copelandi*), a state threatened fish, the American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*), a state threatened fish, and the river darter (*Percina shumardi*), a state threatened fish. The DOW recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to indigenous aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus horridus*), a state endangered species, and a federal species of concern. The timber rattlesnake is a woodland species, utilizing dry slopes and rocky outcrops. In addition to using wooded areas, the timber rattlesnake utilizes sunlit gaps in the canopy for basking and deep rock crevices for overwintering. Due to the location, the type of habitat present at the project site, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the green salamander (*Aneides aeneus*), a state endangered amphibian. Due to the location, the type of habitat present at the project site, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the cave salamander (*Eurycea lucifuga*), a state endangered species. Due to the location, the type of habitat present at the project site, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the mud salamander (*Pseudotriton montanus*), a state threatened species. Due to the location, the type of habitat present at the project site, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the Allegheny woodrat (*Neotoma magister*), a state endangered species. The Allegheny woodrat utilizes rocky outcrops such as cliffs and caves in forested areas. Impacts to rocky outcrops should be avoided in order to avoid impacts to this species. If forest habitat is not located near the project area, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the black bear (*Ursus americanus*), a state endangered species. Due to the mobility of this species, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*), a state endangered bird. This sparrow nests in grassland habitats with scattered shrub layers, disturbed open areas, as well as patches of bare soil. In the Oak Openings area west of Toledo, lark sparrows occupy open grass and shrubby fields along sandy beach ridges. These summer residents normally migrate out of Ohio shortly after their young fledge or leave the nest. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of May 1 to June 30. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), a state endangered bird. The loggerhead shrike nests in hedgerows, thickets and fencerows. They hunt over hayfields, pastures, and other grasslands. If thickets or other types of dense shrubbery habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of

April 1 to August 1. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the Kramer's cave beetle (*Pseudanophthalmus krameri*), a state endangered species, and the Ohio cave beetle (*Pseudanophthalmus ohioensis*), a state endangered species. These species are found only in caves. The Ohio Cave Protection Law, Section 1517.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, protects caves from impacts, in turn, protecting the habitat of these species. Therefore, this project is not likely to have an impact on these species.

Due to the potential of impacts to federally listed species, as well as to state listed species, we recommend that this project be coordinated with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

ODNR appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact John Kessler at (614) 265-6621 if you have questions about these comments or need additional information.

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In reply refer to
2016-ADA-36837

November 2, 2016

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Dear Mr. Peretson:

RE: STEP Collection and Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, Adams County, Ohio

This is in response to the receipt, on October 18, 2016, of *A Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance, STEP Collection and Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, Adams County, Ohio*. The comments of the State Historic Preservation Office are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Subsurface testing, surface collection and intensive visual inspection of the project area resulted in the identification of one previously unrecorded archaeological site. This site, 33 AD 419, is small lithic scatter with a late woodland temporal affiliation and is typical of short term occupations. This site is not likely to yield additional information about Ohio prehistory. Based on the information provided, it is my opinion that this property is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore the project will not affect historic properties. No further coordination is required unless the project changes or additional archaeological remains are discovered during the course of the project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as per 36 CFR 800.13.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2000, or by email at nyoung@ohiohistory.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan J. Young".

Nathan J. Young, Project Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Village of Rome - Wastewater Treatment Facility, Adams Co. OH
Date: Sunday, July 23, 2017 10:23:03 AM
Attachments: [ATT00002.png](#)
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Christy,

Please find the USFWS response below. I believe most of their comments are covered in the Ohio EPA notes in the plan set, but we can add items as you see fit. Please let me know what we should do next.

Thanks again,

-Chris

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On 7/14/2017 11:02 AM, Ohio, FW3 wrote:

TAILS# 03E15000-2017-TA-1512

Dear Mr. Hunt,

We have received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. There are no federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the project area. The following comments and recommendations will assist you in fulfilling the requirements for consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recommends that proposed developments avoid and minimize water quality impacts and impacts to high quality fish and wildlife habitat (e.g., forests, streams, wetlands). Additionally, natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. If streams or wetlands will be impacted, the Corps of Engineers should be contacted to determine whether a Clean Water Act section 404 permit is required. Best management practices should be used to minimize erosion, especially on slopes. All disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species. Prevention

of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats.

FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES COMMENTS: All projects in the State of Ohio lie within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In Ohio, presence of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat is assumed wherever suitable habitat occurs unless a presence/absence survey has been performed to document absence. Suitable summer habitat for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing potential roosts (i.e., live trees and/or snags ≥ 3 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities), as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) of other forested/wooded habitat. Northern long-eared bats have also been observed roosting in human-made structures, such as buildings, barns, bridges, and bat houses; therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. In the winter, Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats hibernate in caves and abandoned mines.

The proposed project is in the vicinity of one or more confirmed records of Indiana bats. Therefore, we recommend that trees ≥ 3 inches dbh be saved wherever possible. Because the project will result in a small amount of forest clearing relative to the available habitat in the immediately surrounding area, habitat removal is unlikely to result in significant impacts to these species. Since Indiana bat presence in the vicinity of the project has been confirmed, clearing of trees ≥ 3 inches dbh during the summer roosting season may result in direct take of individuals. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination with this office is requested to determine if fall or spring portal surveys are warranted. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and tree removal is unavoidable, we recommend that removal of any trees ≥ 3 inches dbh only occur between November 15 and March 15. Following this seasonal tree clearing recommendation should ensure that any effects to Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats are insignificant or discountable. Please note that, because Indiana bat presence has already been confirmed in the project vicinity, any additional summer surveys would not constitute presence/absence surveys for this species.

If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), no tree clearing should occur on any portion of the project area until consultation under section 7 of the ESA, between the Service and the federal action agency, is completed. We recommend that the federal action agency submit a determination of effects to this office, relative to the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, for our review and concurrence.

Due to the project type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species. Should the project design change, or during the term of this action, additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, consultation with the Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), the ESA, and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental

Policy Act of 1969 and the Service's Mitigation Policy. This letter provides technical assistance only and does not serve as a completed section 7 consultation document. We recommend that the project be coordinated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources due to the potential for the project to affect state listed species and/or state lands. Contact John Kessler, Environmental Services Administrator, at (614) 265-6621 or at john.kessler@dnr.state.oh.us <<mailto:john.kessler@dnr.state.oh.us>> .

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or ohio@fws.gov <<mailto:ohio@fws.gov>> .

Sincerely,

Dan Everson

Field Supervisor

cc: Nathan Reardon, ODNR-DOW

Kate Parsons, ODNR-DOW

From: [Applegate, Jeremy](#)
To: [Stefanides, Christy M CIV CELRH CELRD \(US\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Village of Rome Ohio Environmental Infrastructure Project
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:37:14 AM

Hi Christy,

I concur with your determination that the project, which would include winter clearing of any unavoidable trees, is not likely to adversely affect the IBAT and NLEB.

You're correct that the "NLAA" determination is more appropriate than a "no effect" determination.

Jeromy

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On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 10:54 AM, Stefanides, Christy M CIV CELRH CELRD (US)
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wrote:

Good morning Jeromy,

The USACE has an Environmental Infrastructure Project in Rome, Ohio. We are currently reviewing and writing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed project and wanted to coordinate this action with the USFWS. The Village of Rome is proposing to construct a wastewater collection and treatment system to serve its residents. The project area is in Adams County which falls within the territory of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared bat. Tree clearing is not proposed by the action, but a few trees may need to be cleared during construction of the project. If tree clearing is necessary, in order to avoid impacts to the Federally listed bat species 1) trees found with exfoliating bark will be avoided and saved wherever possible and tree clearing will occur during the dormant season between 1 October and 31 March; 2) if the time frame is unacceptable to conduct the work, mist net surveys must be conducted to determine presents of the bat species; the survey should be coordinated with the USFWS and would be conducted between 1 June and 15 August.

Please find attached the USFWS coordination I was provided from the non-Federal sponsor's consultant. Do you concur with the "no effect" determination?

With the potential for tree clearing but with these mitigation measures in place, I believe the USACE's determination will be "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" Federally listed bat species.

Thank you,
Christy M. Bollinger Stefanides
Planning - Ecologist
Environmental Analysis Section
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
304-399-5843

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 12/16/15	4. Sheet 1 of <u>1</u>
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1. Name of Project Rome WW Collection and Treatment System	5. Federal Agency Involved USDA/Rural Development
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2. Type of Project Force Main	6. County and State Adams, OH
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PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
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3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size
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5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: _____ %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: _____ %
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8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System -	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS
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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	0	0		
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	1			
C. Total Acres In Corridor	1	0	0	0

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15				
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10				
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20				
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20				
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10				
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25				
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5				
8. On-Farm Investments	20				
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25				
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10				
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	0	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100				
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	0	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: _____ DATE _____

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request 12/16/2015			
Name of Project Rome WW Collection and Treatment		Federal Agency Involved USDA/RD			
Proposed Land Use Wastewater Treatment Plant		County and State Adams, OH			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS 12-16-15		Person Completing Form: Steve Baker	
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)</i>		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Average Farm Size 131
Alfalfa-Beans-Corn	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 61 % 222699	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 15 % 96789			
OH	OH	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 12-16-15			
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		1			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		1			
C. Total Acres In Site		1			
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		1			
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland		0			
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		0			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		3			
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		75			
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria <i>(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)</i>		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)	2		
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)	10		
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)	0		
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)	20		
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)	1		
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)	0		
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)	0		
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)	0		
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)	5		
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)	0		
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)	0		
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)	0		
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	38	0	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	75	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160	38	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	113	0	0
Site Selected: Yes		Date Of Selection 12/17/2015		Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Reason For Selection:					
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:					Date:

Appendix C

Mailing List

**Section 594 Wastewater Collection System and
Treatment Improvement Project
Village of Rome, Ohio
Draft Environmental Assessment
Mailing List**

Federal Agencies and Officials

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
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The Honorable Rob Portman
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The Honorable Brad Wenstrup
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The Honorable John Kasich
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