

## **DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

### **Section 202 Town of Martin Nonstructural Project Emergency Access Road Floyd County, Kentucky**

1. Members of my staff have conducted a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA), in the overall public interest, which considers potential impacts on the human environment from the proposed Emergency Access Road, part of the Town of Martin Nonstructural Project, located in Floyd County, Kentucky. The SEA tiers from previous environmental documentation, Final Environmental Assessment of July 2000, which was prepared concurrent with the development of the feasibility study for the Town of Martin Nonstructural Project, and for which a Finding of No Significant Impact was issued on August 8, 2000. The Preferred Action Alternative would entail construction of an emergency access road approximately 520 feet in length. The road would begin adjacent to the new Town Hall/Police Station at the redevelopment site and connect to Ice Plant Hollow Road. The roadway would feature two 12 feet lanes with two feet paved shoulders. Lane widening would be incorporated to address larger off-tracking vehicles. A curb and gutter roadway section would be utilized at the beginning of the project to tie into the existing redevelopment site. This curb and gutter roadway section would transition into a standard roadway typical section with roadside ditches to connect to Ice Plant Hollow Road. The proposed project would require roadway embankment, roadway excavation rock excavation, and borrow excavation. The majority of excavated material at the site would be suitable for the roadway embankment but the project would need to borrow and spoil material from the Mayo Hollow disposal site. Several drainage features, temporary stream crossing, and replacement/improvement of existing culvert at Ice Plant Hollow Road.
2. The possible consequences of the proposed action have been studied for environmental, cultural, and social well-being effects.
3. The Preferred Action Alternative (PAA) and the No Action Alternative (NAA) were the only alternatives carried forward for detailed evaluation. Primary ecological impacts from the PAA would be the effects of construction, which are considered to be minor and temporary. The PAA would be expected to have beneficial impacts on public safety by providing emergency access for the redevelopment site and its users and the residents of Martin. No threatened or endangered species or any associated critical habitat would be adversely impacted by the PAA. Under the NAA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) would not construct the project. Additionally, the NAA would result in only one access to and from the redevelopment site.
4. An evaluation of the PAA and NAA produced the following pertinent conclusions:

a. Environmental Considerations. The Huntington District has taken reasonable measures to assemble and present the known or foreseeable impacts of the PAA to the human and natural environment in the SEA. In accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1970, as amended, the PAA may affect by is not likely to adversely affect listed species. All potential adverse impacts of the proposed action would be either temporary and/or minor.

b. Social Well-Being Considerations. No significant economic or social well-being impacts that are both adverse and unavoidable are foreseen as a result of the PAA. Temporary and minor disturbances to noise and traffic are anticipated effects of the PAA. The community would benefit from the proposed action through access to public water supply.

c. Coordination with Resource and Other Agencies. Pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) of 1958 as amended, coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been conducted. Coordination with the Kentucky Division of Water has also been conducted. The project would be conducted in accordance with the Clean Water Act. Finally, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the proposed project has no potential to cause effects at the Mayo Hollow site and no effect to historic properties at the access road site. Appropriate measures and best management practices would be incorporated into the plan.

d. Other Public Interest Considerations. There has been no opposition to the PAA expressed by state or local governments, or organized environmental groups, and there are no unresolved issues regarding the implementation of the PAA.

5. I find the PAA has been planned in accordance with current authorization as described in the SEA. The PAA is consistent with national policy, statutes and administrative directives. This determination is based on thorough analysis and evaluation of the PAA and NAA. In conclusion, I find that the proposed Emergency Access Road in Floyd County, Kentucky would have no significant adverse effect on the quality of the human and/or natural environment and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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