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Environmental Document

for

OTT Waterfront Walkway, Phase 1 PID 107061

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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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Project Sponsor: Port Clinton, City of
ODOT District: 2
Funding Source: Federal
Private Funding: No

Project Description:

The City of Port Clinton, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), proposes to replace a section of the existing United States Army Corp of Engineers' (USACE) east jetty along the east bank of the Portage River within Waterworks Park with an approximately 920-foot long uniform metal sheet pile wall capped with a concrete promenade. The promenade consists of a 12-foot wide multi-use path with ADA access points, lighting, hardscape amenities (planters and benches), bio-swales, and replacement pavement. The project connects the existing multi-use path through Waterworks Park with Downtown Port Clinton riverfront and provides for a uniform look and design for a safer and consistent walkway and river-user experience. The new sheet pile wall will be similar in design to an existing sheet pile wall and bulkhead immediately south and west of the East Jetty. The project will not require acquisition of temporary or permanent right-of-way and no residential or business relocation are required. The northern portion of the project lies within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Submerged Land Lease and will require the ODNR Directors approval.

Minor involvement with existing utilities within the project area will be necessary to construct the project. Existing utilities within the project study area include natural gas (Columbia Gas), electric (Ohio Edison) and sanitary (Ottawa County). Utilities will not be permanently removed to construct the project. Coordination with the utility companies potentially affected by the proposed construction activities was conducted for the project during its detailed engineering phase.

No dredging of the Portage River is required and there will be no impacts to state/federally listed species or their habitat.

There are no historic buildings or areas present in the project area so there is minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties.

During construction, work will be performed within Waterworks Park; however, access to Waterworks Park will be maintained at all times. All impacts to the Park have been coordinated with all property owners and maintainers.

Construction is anticipated to begin summer of 2021 and last approximately 5 to 6 months. During construction, there will be no interruptions to traffic. All impacted public safety agencies have been notified.

The environmental document and associated studies are being approved using Stage 3 Design. A copy of the plans are included in the project file.

STIP Reference # SLI26

Select the appropriate project type:



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(26) Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, adding shoulders, or adding auxiliary lanes (including parking, weaving, turning, and climbing lanes), if the action meets the constraints in paragraph (e) of this section. **Examples include: Joint or limited use of right-of-way where the proposed use would have minimal or no adverse social (including highway safety), economic or environmental impacts; Installation of new noise walls and other new noise mitigation projects; Construction of highway safety and truck escape ramps; Construction of bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, or facilities and trailhead parking that do not otherwise qualify for a C1 designation; Beautification or facility improvement projects (i.e. landscaping, curb and gutter installation and replacement, ADA ramps/curb ramps, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.); Construction of alternative energy facilities (fuel tank farms, wind turbines, etc.)**

(28) Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement or the construction of grade separation to replace existing at-grade railroad crossings, if the actions meet the constraints in 23 CFR 771.117(e). **Examples include: Railroad projects that close or relocate at-grade crossings**

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(e), the proposed project cannot be processed as a C2 CE, if it involves -
a. Acquisition of more than a minor amount of right-of-way b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A Coast Guard, Individual Section 404 and/or a Section 10 permit d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. A Section 4(f) Programmatic or Individual Evaluation f. A finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect to Threatened and Endangered Species g. Construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions h. Changes in access control i. Floodplain encroachment other than functionally dependent uses (e.g., bridges, wetlands) or actions that facilitate open space use (e.g., recreational trails, bicycle and pedestrian paths) j. Construction activities in, across or adjacent to a river component designated or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers k. No minor public or agency controversy on environmental grounds (no opposition from any organized groups or agencies and no unresolved environmental coordination) l. If an EJ Analysis Report is required, the project must be processed as a D-level CE or higher level document For certification purposes, documentation is required to illustrate no significant impacts will occur to the following environmental resources and that no unusual circumstances exist that would warrant a higher level of NEPA document. Upload all supporting documentation to the project file.

Waterways:	Present; No Coast Guard, Individual 404, and/or Section 10 Permit required
Waterways Permit Type:	Permit Determination and/or Permit Application Approval Pending
Isolated Wetland Permit	No
Endangered Species:	No Impacts to Protected Species and Critical Habitat
100-Year Floodplain:	Encroachment Within the SFHA is a Functionally Dependent Use
EO 11988/NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed:	Yes
NFIP Local Floodplain Coordinator Notification Date:	09/24/2020
Section 4(f):	Present; No Programmatic Evaluation or Individual Evaluation Required
Section 4(f) Determination:	



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Temporary No Use Exception - 774.13(d)

Section 4(f) Determination Date - 774.13(d) 11/02/2020

Section 6(f): Not present

Cultural Resources: Not Present

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date 12/02/2019

Since no Tribe was interested in this project based on their customized preferences, no further Tribal consultation was conducted.

Projects that meet C2 criteria are not anticipated to have impacts to the following environmental resources. If resources are present, documentation is only required if there is a potential for impacts.

Air Quality: Studies Not Required

Air Quality - Coordination with OES: No

Noise: Studies Not Required

Noise Coordination - OES Approval Date: 11/03/2020

Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted Studies Not Required

Farmland: Urbanized Area; No Impacts in Accordance With the Farmland MOU and 7 CFR 658

Scenic Rivers No National Wild and Scenic River Within 1000 Feet of the Proposed Project Area

Projects that meet C2 criteria must be in accordance with ODOT's UP Guidance and activities conducted for Public Involvement are commensurate to the project's type and scope of work.

Underserved Populations Does Not Exceed UP Guidance Criteria; No UP Analysis Report Required and No UP Issues Raised During Public Involvement

Public Involvement: Minimum PI Requirements Met; No Minor Public or Agency Controversy on Environmental Grounds

Environmental Commitments Yes



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- 1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following plan note into the plans: Access to Waterworks Park shall be maintained at all times during construction activities, except for the time needed to temporary occupy the property.
- 2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following plan note into the plans: Prior to the start of construction, temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the Section 4(f) property and the public.
- 3) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following plan note into the plans: Prior to the start of construction, the Contractor shall install appropriate closure signs to alert Waterworks Park users of construction activities of construction activities and access restrictions/closures and to direct users of where to park their vehicles in adjacent Waterworks Park parking lots and where to dock their boats in adjacent public docking areas. The signs shall be installed 15 day prior to the start of construction activities and shall be visible to users of the park to explain which areas will be closed during construction. The signs shall meet ODOT and local specifications.
- 4) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following plan note into the plans: The contractor shall closely coordinate the construction schedule with Tracy Colston, City of Port Clinton Safety Service Director (419-734-5522, ext. 247) and Eric Petersen, City of Port Clinton Parks and Recreation Department (419-341-1292) 30 days prior to the start of construction activities.
- 5) The project requires a waterway permit for work within the Portage River. No work below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) shall take place until the proper permit is obtained by the City of Port Clinton. All conditions of the permit shall be followed throughout construction by the contractor.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

Ecological

Coordination with ODNR - Coastal Consistency Review Approval.pdf

Coordination with ODNR - Coastal Zone Management Response.pdf

Coordination with ODNR - CZMA Stage 2 Plans.pdf

Coordination with ODNR - Director's Authorization Request.pdf

Coordination with ODNR and USFWS.pdf

Coordination with ODNR-Coastal Managemnt request.pdf

General

County Map.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Comments.pdf

ODNR Director's Approval - Sub-Merged Land Lease.pdf

ODNR Directors Authorization Request.pdf

Air

Ozone Non-Attainment Mapping.pdf

PM 2.5 Non-Attainment Mapping.pdf

General

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

Underserved Populations

Census Mapping.pdf

Permits

Coordination with Local Floodplain Administrator.pdf

Section 4(f)

Determination Request Form for Recreational Properties.pdf

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FEMA FIRM.pdf

Section 6(f)



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LWCF Grant Listing.pdf

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OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

Permits

Statement of Findings.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf