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Environmental Document for **OTT Genoa NCIT Ext Ph 1 PID 122055** **Environmental Document Level: C2**

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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 December 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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Project Information

C2 Section

PIDs 122055

Project Sponsor Park District of Ottawa County

ODOT District 2

Funding Source Federal

Project Description:

The Parks District of Ottawa County is proposing a project to construct a 2,400 foot multiuse path (MUP) in Genoa from Veterans Memorial Park to West 9th Street in order to extend existing pedestrian facilities. All work is within the existing right of way, and there will be no impact to utilities. Since there is no work within any waters of the US and there are no floodplain impacts, no permits are required. There are some ecological species located within 1 mile of the project sites, but there will be no impacts to any state or federally listed species or their habitat. This project will have no adverse effect on any historical resources. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2026 and last approximately 120 days. During construction, traffic on the existing NCIT will be maintained through a detour. All impacts to the existing recreational resources have been coordinated and agreed upon with the appropriate people.

This document was written and approved based on Stage 3 plans

The next phase of the proposed project is listed on the STIP: Yes

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	122055: 26-29 STIP

The current cost estimate is in line with existing federal procedures for Ohio STIP Amendments and Administration Modifications: Yes

Select the appropriate project type:

(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 I 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.)**



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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 ROW (exceeds strip takes) b. Residential or non-residential displacements c. A U.S. Coast Guard permit or an Individual Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act d. A Section 106 finding of Adverse Effect e. Section 4(f) impacts greater than de minimis 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. Substantial Community Impacts (if a Community Impact Assessment is required, contact OES for guidance). 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.

Ecological

Waterways:

Not Present

Will any wetlands be impacted?

No

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered	08/18/2025
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	08/18/2025
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	08/18/2025

The following Federally Listed Species received an effect determination of No Effect:

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Listing Status	Most Recent Coordination Date
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Species of Concern	08/18/2025
Eastern Massasauga	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>	Threatened	08/18/2025
Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid	<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>	Threatened	08/18/2025
Lakeside Daisy	<i>Hymenoxys herbacea</i>	Threatened	08/18/2025
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Endangered	08/18/2025
Rufa Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	Threatened	08/18/2025

Endangered Species Remarks:

Approximately 0.07 acres of SWH with roosting characteristics for federally listed bat species will be impacted by this project. All impacted SWH is located within 100 feet of edge-of-pavement. There were no records of any bat species within a mile of the project area and the project is not located within a USFWS bat buffer. All tree removal will occur between October 1 and March 31 to protect these species during their summer roosting period.

Scenic Rivers

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



Scenic Rivers Remarks

This project is not located within 1000 feet of a scenic river

Floodplains

100-Year Floodplain:

Encroachment Within the SFHA is a
Functionally Dependent Use

EO 11988 Compliance Met

Yes

NFIP Coordination and Documentation Completed

No

Floodplain Remarks

All NFIP regulations will be met and all required coordination will be done prior to construction.

Section 4(f)

Section 4(f):

Present; No Programmatic
Evaluation or Individual Evaluation
Required

Section 4(f) Determination:

Temporary No Use Exception - 774.13(d)

Section 4(f) Determination Date - 774.13(d)

02/23/2026

Section 4(f) Remarks

A Section 4(f)/6(f) Determination Request Form for Recreational Properties (DRF) was submitted ODOT-OES Policy Staff on February 23, 2026. Based upon review of the DRF it was determined there would be no permanent use in accordance with 23 CFR 774. The determination was made based on the proposed scope of work and concurrence received from the Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) regarding the assessment of impacts that are included in the DRF

Section 6(f)

Section 6(f):

Not present

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resources:

Present; No Finding of Adverse
Effect

Cultural Resources Coordination:

No Adverse Effect

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO
Concurrence Date

03/03/2026

Cultural Resources Remarks



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Based on the project scope and project review, the proposed project does not impact any significant cultural resources. In accordance with 36 CFR Section 800.5(b) and the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (Agreement No. 38503) executed on June 29, 2023, ODOT-OES has determined a finding of 'No Adverse Effect' is applicable to the subject project

Tribal Consultation Summary/Remarks:

No comments or objections were received within 30 days

Environmental Resources Considered

The following environmental resources are present and have been studied for potential impacts:

Regulated Materials

Air Remarks

The project does not add capacity, a new interchange or a new road on new alignment. This project only slightly modifies an existing alignment. Hence this project will not result in any meaningful changes in traffic volume, vehicle mix, location of the existing facility, or any factor that would cause an increase in emissions impacts relative to the no-build alternative. The project is exempt under 40 CFR 93.126. No air quality analysis is required.

Noise Remarks

The project does not qualify as a Type I project for noise (i.e. not adding capacity to thru lanes, not moving thru travel lanes equal to or greater than 50% closer to noise sensitive areas) and a noise analysis is not required for the project under 23 CFR 772.

The project involves ROW acquisition, Deep Excavation, or OEPA 513 Landfill Authorization: No

Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date: 01/20/2026

Regulated Materials Review Remarks:

There is no permanent right of way or deep excavation required for this project. This project is not located within 300 ft of a landfill. No further studies are required.

Public Involvement

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

Public Involvement Remarks

Minimum PI requirements were met and no comments or objections were received.

Environmental Commitments

Environmental Commitments Yes



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- 1) Ensure impacts to the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat are avoided and minimized. Do not remove trees from April 1 through September 30. Perform all necessary tree removal from October 1 through March 31. Demarcate clearing limits in the field to avoid any unauthorized tree clearing. For the purposes of this note, a tree is defined as a live, dying, or dead woody plant, with a trunk three inches or greater in diameter at a height of 4.5 feet above the ground surface, and with a minimum height of 13 feet.
- 2) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Access to Veterans Memorial Park shall be maintained at all times during construction activities
- 3) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Access to the North Coast Inland Trail shall be maintained at all times during construction activities via a detour
- 4) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the Section 4(f) properties and the public.
- 5) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of the North Coast Inland Trail and Veterans Memorial Park of construction activities
- 6) The project designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT, the Ottawa County Parks District and the Village of Genoa prior to the start of construction activities.
- 7) The Ottawa County Parks District will obtain the floodplain permit or documentation of exemption prior to plan file.



Preparers and Approvals

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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

Environmental Database Search Results.pdf

Cultural Resources

SHPO Comments

Transmittal 1 - Effect Determination

Tribal Consultation

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Section 4(f)

OES Cultural Resources 4(f) Determination.pdf

OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf

Statement of Findings.pdf