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Environmental Document for **WOO Chessie Circle Ext Phase 2 PID 120648** **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	120648
Project Sponsor	Wood County Park District
ODOT District	2
Funding Source	Federal

Project Description:

The Wood County Park District is proposing to construct a 16 ft wide path from the WW Knights Nature Preserve to Bates Rd (approx. 1.3 miles). All work is within the existing right of way, and there will be no impact to utilities. The work will require a waterway permit from the USACE due to 0.012 acres of wetland impacts. 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. The project is not located in a floodplain. This project has a minimal potential to cause impacts to any historical resources. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025 and last approximately 60 days. During construction, access to the existing portion of the Chessie Circle Trail will be maintained at all times.

This document was written and approved based on Stage 2 plans

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

Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	120648: 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.)**

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(e), the proposed project cannot be processed as a C2 CE, if it involves



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- 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:

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

Will any wetlands be impacted?

Yes

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	03/16/2026
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	03/16/2026
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed Endangered	03/16/2026

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	03/16/2026

Endangered Species Remarks:

Approximately 0.2 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:

No Encroachment Within a Special
Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

Floodplain Remarks

This project is not located within a special flood hazard area. No coordination or additional documentation is required.

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)

12/30/2025

Section 4(f) Remarks

A Section 4(f)/6(f) Determination Request Form for Recreational Properties (DRF) was submitted ODOT-OES Policy Staff on December 30, 2025. Based upon review of the DRF it was determined no permanent use will occur to the Chessie Circle Trail 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:

Minimum Potential to Cause Effect
Appendix A

Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval/SHPO Concurrence Date

11/10/2025

Cultural Resources Remarks

The undertaking is a type which has minimal potential to cause effects to historic properties in accordance with Appendix A of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement and therefore, no further coordination is required. The Record Check can be found in the Project File Under Cultural Resources/Project Information.



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:**

Yes - Screening

Regulated Materials Review Screening:

No Further Regulated Materials Review

Regulated Materials Review Screening - DEC/OES Approval Date:

11/10/2025

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



Ecological

Wetlands

ESR Name:	Wetland ID:	Hydrologic connection:	Wetland category:	Estimated total size (ac.):	Total estimated impact area by alternative (ac.):
WOO Chessie Circle Ext Phase 2	Wetland A	Adjacent	Modified Category 2	1.5	0.004
	Wetland B	Adjacent	Category 1	0.050	0.004
	Wetland C	Adjacent	Category 1	0.009	0
	Wetland D	Adjacent	Category 1	0.019	0
	Wetland E	Adjacent	Modified Category 2	0.800	0
	Wetland F	Adjacent	Category 1	0.053	0.002
	Wetland G	Adjacent	Category 1	0.176	0.002
	Wetland H	Adjacent	Category 2	1.200	0
	Wetland I	Adjacent	Category 1	0.400	0

Has an Approved and/or Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination been made by the USACE? No

Total impact to all wetlands (ac.): 0.012

Total acres of non-isolated wetlands impacted: 0.012

Total acres of isolated wetlands impacted: 0

In accordance with Executive Order 11990 - USDOT Order 5660.1A, this Wetland Finding has been prepared to document that wetlands have been avoided to the extent possible to minimize the long and short term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands, and to document that there are no practicable alternatives to avoid construction in wetlands.

An analysis of the 'Do Nothing' alternative indicates that it is not practicable because (check all that apply):

It Would Not Correct Existing or Projected Capacity Deficiencies.

An analysis of improvements that avoid all wetland impacts indicates that they are not practicable because (check all that apply):

They Will Substantially Increase Project Costs.

They Will Result in Substantial Social, Economic, or Environmental Impacts.

Include justification supporting the decisions noted above:



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The proposed project would result in minor, long-term impacts to 0.012 acre of wetlands, including 0.004 acre of impacts to Modified Category 2 wetlands (Wetland A) and 0.008 acre of impacts to Category 1 wetland (Wetlands B, F, G). The impacts to Wetlands A, B, F and G are associated with grading and construction of the proposed path.

All practicable measures have been considered and incorporated into the project design to avoid, minimize, wetland impacts. The wetland impact minimization measures that will be followed for the project are documented in the environmental commitments for the project. Wetland mitigation for unavoidable impacts will be provided if required by the Clean Water Act or Ohio isolated wetland law, as regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers and Ohio EPA regulations (33 CFR parts 325 and 332 and 40 CFR part 230, and OAC 3745-01-54), and (ORC 6111.027). No practicable alternatives exist for the proposed construction in wetlands, and the proposed action includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to the wetlands that may result from such use.

Remarks:

It has yet to be determined if mitigation will be required. If it is determined that mitigation is required, it will be purchased prior to the issuance of the final permit.



Environmental Commitments

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- 1) The Wood County Parks District will obtain all appropriate waterway permits prior to any work within the jurisdictional boundary of any waterway, including wetlands, and all applicable waterway permits will be included in the plans and adhered to during construction.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Access to Chessie Circle Trail shall be maintained at all times, except for the time needed to temporarily occupy the property, which shall be less than the time needed for construction of the project.
- 4) Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Chessie Circle Trail and the public.
- 5) Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of Chessie Circle Trail of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- 6) The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT and the Wood County Parks District prior to the start of construction activities.



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Appendix

General

Aerial Map.pdf

USGS Quadrangle Topographical Map.pdf

RMR

Environmental Database Search Results.pdf

Ecological

ODNR Scenic River MOA Conditions

USFWS/ODNR Ecological MOA Conditions

Section 4(f)

OES Recreational 4(f) Determination.pdf

Permits

FEMA FIRM.pdf