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Environmental Document

for

D12 MNT FY2027 Tree Removal PID 123646

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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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PID	123646
Project Sponsor	ODOT Sponsoring Agency
ODOT District	12
Funding Source	Non-Federal
Does this project require a Federal permit or approval?	No
Project Description:	



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Categorical Exclusion (CE) "Certified" C List.

The following project types do not require detailed documentation for NEPA compliance. These projects meet the criteria for CEs in paragraph (a) of 23 CFR 771.117, and based on 23 CFR 771.117 (c), normally do not require any further NEPA documentation.

Note: the following is a modified 771.117(c) list. Some descriptions have been modified to align with ODOT's program and typical project types which are highlighted below.

(7) Landscaping. Examples include:

- Herbicidal spraying
- Mowing or brush removal/trimming projects
- Beautification or facility improvement projects (e.g. landscaping, curb and gutter replacement, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.)
- Mowing and tree removal (Tree removal necessary to address safety concerns.)

ODOT hereby confirms that the above project types are identified in 23 CFR 771.117(c) and as listed, certify that the following criteria have been met:

1. The action does not have any significant environmental impacts as described in 23 CFR 771.117(a).
2. The action does not involve unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b).
3. The action does not involve the following:
 1. The acquisition of any temporary or permanent right-of-way.
 2. The use of properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303).
 3. Require coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer per ODOT's Section 106 PA.
 4. Any U.S. Coast Guard construction permits or any US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permits, 408 actions or Flowage Easement impacts.
 5. Any work in streams or wetlands.
 6. Any work encroaching on a regulatory floodway or any work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake.
 7. Construction in, across or adjacent to a river designated as a component or proposed for inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers.
 8. Any changes in access control.
 9. The use of a temporary road, detour or ramp closure unless the use of such facilities satisfies the following conditions:
 1. Provisions are made for access by local traffic and so posted.
 2. Through-traffic dependent business will not be adversely affected.
 3. The detour or ramp closure, to the extent possible, will not interfere with any special local event or festival.
 4. The temporary road, detour or ramp closure does not substantially change the environmental consequences of the action.
 5. There is no substantial controversy associated with the temporary road, detour, or ramp closure.
 6. Any known hazardous materials sites, not including solid waste, or previous land uses with potential for hazardous materials remain within the right-of-way.
 7. The action will not impact suitable habitat for a federally listed endangered or threatened species within the occupied range or critical habitat for the species.

If one or more of the above conditions are not satisfied, a C1, C2, or D level CE must be prepared in accordance with ODOT's NEPA Assignment Categorical Exclusion Guidance. Appropriate environmental documentation must be completed in EnviroNet. The project only involves general tree and brush clearing throughout the District, which has no potential to cause effects to historic properties. No further coordination is required in accordance with ORC 149.53 Appendix A. District approval date 03/06/26. Location 14 same as Location 11 from last year's tree clearing (PID 122334), scenic river coordination completed. Location 15 same as Location 17 from last year's tree clearing (PID 122334). Location 15 same as Location 19 from last year's tree clearing (PID 122334).

If the above conditions are met, the following certification will be uploaded to the Project File Tab in EnviroNet (until further updates can be made to enhance the system):

ODOT certifies that this action meets 23 CFR 771(c) and will not result in significant impacts to the environment. This project will not result in any of the following: (repeat the above conditions).

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

Yes



Ellis STIP Details

Phase	Current STIP Reference
CO	123646: 26-29 STIP

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

Cultural Resources Coordination: ORC 149.53 Appendix A

Cultural Resources Coordination Date: 03/06/2026

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

Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File: Yes

Select the appropriate project type (more than one can be selected):

(31) Activities that do not utilize federal monies or require federal actions.

Environmental Commitments: Yes



Environmental Commitments

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1) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: NO TREES SHALL BE REMOVED UNDER THIS PROJECT FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. ALL NECESSARY TREE REMOVAL SHALL OCCUR FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO FEDERALLY AND STATE LISTED BAT SPECIES AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. FOR THE PURPOSE 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.



Preparers and Approvals

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