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Environmental Document

for

ATB Harpersfield Spire Trail Ph1 PID 104268

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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 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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Project Sponsor:	Harpersfield, Township of (Ashtabula County)
ODOT District:	4
Funding Source:	Federal
Private Funding:	No
Project Description:	

Harpersfield Township is proposing to construct the first phase of a new trail known as the ATB 534 Corridor multi-use trail in Ashtabula County. The future ATB 534 Corridor multi-use trail is a 10 foot-wide, off-road path for walking, bicycling and other modes of non-motorized active transportation. The ATB 534 Corridor multi-use trail will begin at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge Park and proceed north going directly through Harpersfield Township, the city of Geneva, Geneva Township and terminating at Geneva-on-the-Lake.

The Harpersfield Spire Trail Phase 1 project proposes to construct approximately 1.5 miles of asphalt trail from State Route (SR) 534/South Broadway Street to Clay Street within the developed commercial Spire Institute and a suburban residential area in Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County. The construction limits include 0.5 acre of second growth forest, 0.03 acre of wetlands, and 5.17 acres of developed/disturbed open space from roadway/housing construction, development of the Spire Institute or placement of a sewer line. A total of 2.9702 acres of permanent right-of-way and 0.9483 acre of temporary right-of-way is needed to construct the project.

Two-way traffic on a minimum of two 11-foot lanes shall be maintained by use of the existing pavement on SR 534, Clay Street and along Spire Circle. Based on the project scope of work, its Path 1 Preliminary Development Process (PDP) Classification and the proposed maintenance of traffic measures, emergency/public services contact activities were not conducted for the project.

Proposed trail construction will impact 30 feet of one headwater stream and a total of 0.03 acre of two Category 2 wetlands. Approximately 0.5 acre of suitable wooded habitat for the endangered Indiana bat and the endangered Northern long-eared bat will also be impacted to construct the project. Coordination with the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service resulted in a May Affect Not Likely to Adversely Affect determination for both the Indiana and Northern long-eared bats with a commitment to seasonal tree cutting restrictions. See the Level 1 Ecological Survey and associated ecological documentation in the Project File/Ecological section. The project will not impact any other environmentally sensitive resources within the project study area.

Public involvement activities conducted for the project included a project notification letter mailing to solicit comments from nearby property owners and residents potentially affected by the project. One comment was received from a resident concerned about the proximity of the proposed trail to their home. A Harpersfield Township Trustee responded by letter to the resident. See the public involvement documentation for the project in the Project File/Public Involvement section.

Existing utilities within the project study area will not be impacted/relocated to construct the project. Final plans were utilized to evaluate environmental impacts by and obtain NEPA approval for the project. The final plans for the project are located in the Project File/General/Project Information subsection as Final Plan.pdf.



STIP Reference #

Statewide Line Item (SLI) Number 26
 and is fiscally constrained.

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 (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.)*

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:	Nationwide Permit
Waterways Permit Approval Date	12/08/2017
Isolated Wetland Permit	No
Endangered Species:	Present; No finding of May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination	May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect
Endangered Species - Coordination Date	12/28/2017
Endangered Species - Critical Habitat Present/Impacted	

Indiana bat



Northern long-eared bat

Endangered Species - Other Critical Habitat Present/Impacted:	No
100-Year Floodplain:	No Encroachment Within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
Section 4(f):	Not present
Section 6(f):	Not present
Cultural Resources:	Present; No Finding of Adverse Effect
Cultural Resources Coordination:	Minimum Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix B
Cultural Resources Coordination - ODOT Approval Date:	10/16/2017
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:	10/11/2017
Hazardous Materials - ESA Screening Conducted	Yes
Hazardous Materials - OES Approval Date:	10/11/2017
Phase I ESA Warranted Based on Coordination with OES:	No Further Studies Warranted
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 note into the plans: The project is located within the known habitat ranges of the federally listed and protected Indiana bat and Northern long-eared bat. The Contractor shall not remove trees 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 these species as required by the Endangered Species Act. 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.



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Appendix

General

County Map.pdf

USGS Map.pdf

ESA

District 4 Approval of RMR Form.pdf

Cultural Resources

Minimal Potential to Cause Effects - A or B.pdf

Ecological

USFWS Comments consultation form.docx

USFWS Comments.pdf

Underserved Populations

Underserved Populations Documentation Form.pdf

Census Mapping.pdf

Public Involvement

Public Comments Received.pdf

Trustee Letter to Residents with Map.pdf

Trail Twp Trustee Response Letter to Resident w Attachments.pdf

Spire Trail Trustee Letter to Residents Mailing Address List.pdf