



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 12  
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## **Environmental Document**

for

## **D12 MNT FY2019 Tree Removal PID 107329**

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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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**C1**

**PID:** 107329  
**Project Sponsor:** ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY  
**ODOT District:** 12  
**Funding Source:** Non-Federal  
**Private Funding:** No

**Project Description:**

ODOT is initiating the general tree and brush clearing along the freeway corridors in District 12.

No excavation is required. All work to be within existing right-of-way. There is no work within streams or wetlands.

The project is funding using 100% state funds.

OES has determined that the project is non-notifying to ODNR and USFWS because it is 100% state funded. See Level 1 Ecological Survey in Project File/Ecological/Reports/Level 1 Ecological Survey D12 MNT FY2019 SR. ODOT has committed tree cutting restriction dates in order to avoid impacts to the federally endangered Indiana bat, Northern Long-eared bat and Kirtland's warbler.

Tree clearing will be performed at many locations within District 12, all work is within existing roadway right-of-way, therefore OHPO database mapping has not been uploaded. However, the project meets the criteria for Minimal Potential to Cause Effect per in the Appendix A.

The C1 Approval is based on Stage 3 Plans. A copy of Stage 3 plans are in Project File/General/Project Information/Stage 3 Design.pdf.

**STIP Reference #** SLI 12  
**Cultural Resources Coordination:** Minimal Potential to Cause Effect - Appendix A  
**Cultural Resources Coordination Date:** 06/15/2018  
**Supporting documentation has been uploaded to Project File:** No  
**Select the appropriate project type (more than one can be selected):**



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(7) Landscaping. *Examples include: Herbicidal spraying; Mowing or brush removal/trimming projects; Beautification or facility improvement projects (i.e. landscaping, curb and gutter replacement, installation of park benches, decorative lighting, etc.).*

**Environmental Commitments:**

Yes



## **Environmental Commitments**

### **C1**

- 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.
- 2) The Project Designer shall incorporate the following note into the plans: The project is within the migration range of the federally endangered Kirtland's warbler. In order to avoid impacts to any vegetation that the Kirtland's warbler would use as habitat during migration, trees and woody vegetation that is greater than 3-feet tall cannot be removed between April 22nd and June 1st or between August 15th and October 15th.



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### **Preparers and Approvals**

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### **Approvals & Electronic Signatures**

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## **Appendix**