

Belmont College Construction Trades Building Project

Environmental Review

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Environmental Narrative Requirements

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with proposed federal actions, including financial assistance.

Applicants are encouraged to contact their designated Economic Development Representative or the applicable EDA Regional Environmental Officer with questions (please see the EDA website or the applicable Federal Funding Opportunity for contact information) regarding this template and/or the appropriate level of documentation. Resources of available information are listed in many of the sections. If you are using a locally saved copy of this template, please check EDA's website to confirm this is the current version.

For further information regarding EDA's obligations under NEPA, please refer to the regulations for implementing NEPA at 40 C.F.R. 1500-1508. The Council on Environmental Quality's 2007 guidance document "A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA is another resource available online.

Several issues discussed in the environmental narrative below may require consultation with other State or Federal agencies at a later date (for example, the State Historic Preservation Office or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). While EDA does not require that applicants complete such consultations before submitting an initial application, applicants should be aware that in the event their project is selected for further evaluation for funding, EDA may delegate these consultations to the applicant and expect them to be completed in an expeditious manner and prior to approval of an award.

Applicants must provide information on the following items in the environmental narrative. For any area in which the applicant asserts that an item is not applicable to a project, provide an explanation.

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Beneficiaries

Identify any existing businesses or major developments that will benefit from the proposed project, and those that will expand or locate in the area because of the project.

Smith Family of Workshops LLC, Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc., The Western Reserve Preservation Company, LLC, Centennial Preservation Group, LLC., Bigfoot Restoration, The Durable Slate Company, Sevonty Restoration, LLC, Keystone Waterproofing, LLC, the Historic Preservation Training Center, and Gunn & Pegelow, Inc. will create a combined 268 jobs and retain 106 jobs as a result of the proposed project. These businesses listed will privately invest an estimated \$1,250,000 in their businesses as a result of the potential EDA investment in Belmont College's Construction Trades Building.

2. Proposed Construction

As an exhibit to this Narrative, provide a topographical map of the project area and a site map (with legend and north arrow) displaying the project location and boundaries, existing and proposed project components and location of all sites and/or companies benefitting from the proposed project. The documents should be of sufficient clarity for adequate interpretation of the Applicant's intentions.

Describe the project construction components in detailed, quantifiable terms. Describe the project location, proposed construction methods, and schedule. **It is sufficient to simply**

reference the **Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)** here if a PER containing this information has been submitted or will be submitted concurrently. See the mock example below for the level of specificity expected by EDA:

The City of _____ is proposing to construct a 30-inch (in) water line which would be constructed within an existing 50-foot City of _____ right-of-way (ROW) and measure 1,220 linear feet (lf). The project is located within Township 39N, Range 10E, Section 24 in the City of _____, _____ County, [[[State]]]. The project would be constructed over a three-month period from April June 2011. Construction of this project would entail trenching a 1 ft wide by 3 ft. deep ditch and installing the 30-in. pipe within the existing ROW. Total land disturbance will be 2.1 acres. The construction staging area would be located entirely within the existing ROW. Minor maintenance would occur during the operation of the waterline, but would not entail any ground disturbing activities.

The proposed Construction Trades Building will be a 26,000 square foot single story, steel frame building. The building will be constructed on a slab, with minimum excavation for footers and pilasters. Since the building is planned for a rolling/sloped area, typical grading and earthwork will be needed to provide a flat pad for the building. The building will be built to meet or exceed current stands of energy efficiency and air quality. The building will also include safely ventilated lab space, student study areas, administrative offices, and multi-use classrooms. For further details, the PER is available in the corresponding application.

3. **Need and Purpose**

Provide a brief summary of the underlying need and purpose of the proposal for EDA funding.

Over the past generation Belmont County and its neighbors have seen a significant decline in high wage jobs with benefits. This loss is primarily due to the departure of coal and steel jobs in the region, but also due to the area's rural nature. The decline in coal production has had significant negative effects on the region with a 29.92% loss in coal mining jobs in the region between 2011-2018. The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) County Economic Status Report FY 2022 has designated Guernsey and Jefferson counties as "at-risk" (ranking between the worst 10% and 25% of the nation's counties), Belmont, Harrison, Ohio (WV) and Marshall (WV) counties as "in transition" (ranking between the worst 25% and the best 25% of the nation's counties), and Monroe County as "in distress" (ranking in the worst 10% of the nation's counties). These designations come from a report that compiles data from 3-year unemployment rates, the per capita income, and the 5-year poverty designation. The area has also been adversely affected by the opioid epidemic. A 2015 study by the Ohio State University found that rural areas of Ohio with lagging economic growth had high overdose rates and low educational attainment. The same study found that if Ohio invested in education and training opportunities there could be long term success in reversing opioid's devastating effects. This project will really expand the in-demand need for skilled workforce, focusing on the HVAC and Building Preservation and Restoration programs at Belmont College.

4. **Alternatives to the Proposed Project**

Based in the Need and Purpose summary above, provide a detailed description of alternative actions that were considered during the project planning but were not selected (e.g., alternative locations, designs, other projects having similar benefits, and a "no project" alternative). Explain why this project/site was selected as the preferred alternative with respect to other choices. Provide detail on why others alternatives were rejected (e.g. did not meet the purpose and need of the project, implicated more environmental impacts than the proposed action). If the selected project would impact wetlands or floodplains, please provide a detailed description of alternatives to those proposed impacts.

Three alternatives were considered. The first proposed and preferred alternative is to build a new building with lab and classroom space which is designed specifically for Belmont College's Construction Trades programs in a convenient location. This option is ideal because it will provide the necessary infrastructure in a modern setting for education at the lowest cost for the college. It will also be conveniently located on campus where future development is intended to be located. This is the option ultimately chosen and is what is being applied for.

Alternative two was to remodel a historic building which would have been donated to the College. In 2009, a condition review and feasibility study of this alternative was done, and it was determined to be too costly and unable to provide the necessary space for the college's programs. A copy of this study is available upon request.

The third alternative is to do nothing. This was rejected due to the outdated facilities that house Belmont College's present programs. The current space is too small for the number of students and facilities do not meet the modern requirements needed for these programs as times change and buildings age. In addition, the College does not have adequate space to house the equipment needed for the Construction Trades programs.

B. HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Identify any known historic/archeological resources within the project site(s) or area of potential effect that are either listed on the National Register of Historic Places or considered to be of local or State significance and perhaps eligible for listing on the National Register. In many states, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) maintains GIS databases of historic properties and cultural resources. Delineate an Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the project. The APE is the geographic area or areas within which a proposal may cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, which would include (but is not limited to) any new development or renovation by the beneficiary facilitated by the proposed EDA project. Discuss the potential impacts of the project on culturally significant resources and provide a determination as to whether there will be: no historical properties/cultural resources present; no historical properties/cultural resources adversely affected; or historical properties/cultural resources adversely impacted. **Note that the applicant is not required to contact the SHPO until directed to do so by EDA.** If comments from the SHPO have already been received, they should be attached along with copies of the information provided to the SHPO. If you wish to initiate early consultation, please consult the website of the appropriate SHPO for instructions on required information. **No further actions are required as indicated in the attached letter from the SHPO. The submitted 106 Form is also attached.**

C. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

For the resource areas identified below, indicate potential direct and indirect impacts from proposed project activities and specify proposed measures to mitigate probable impacts. Direct impacts are caused by the action and occur at the same time and place. Indirect impacts are those that are caused by a proposed action, but that may occur later in time or farther removed in distance, relative to the primary impacts of the proposed action (40 C.F.R. Section 1508.8) Development induced by the proposed project would be an example of an indirect impact.

1. Affected Area

Describe the general project area, including topography, historic land usages, unique geological features, and economic history. Provide site photographs if available. Identify native vegetation and wildlife found in the project area or its immediate vicinity. Describe the amount and type of vegetation in the project area and indicate the impact to vegetation if removed (e.g., 1.2 acres of

early successional native hardwood forest). Identify any designated State and National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, or National Game Preserves located on or in the vicinity of the proposed project activities. Identify any Wilderness Areas, as designated or proposed under the Wilderness Act, or wild or scenic rivers, as designated or proposed under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, that are located on or in the vicinity of the proposed project activities.

1. Direct effects
2. Indirect effects

The project site for the proposed Construction Trades Building is located on the Belmont College Campus near the Ohio University Eastern Campus. Belmont College has been located at this site, near Interstate 70 and US Route 40 just west of the City of St Clairsville since 1971. Surrounding land uses include college buildings, open space, and parking lots. Prior to the construction of the Belmont College and Ohio University Eastern campuses, this area was mined for coal as shown on the attached map.

Major land uses include the Belmont College Campus and the Ohio University Eastern Campus, which both include buildings, parking lots and open space. There are some scattered single-family houses along the nearby township and county roads, and a few businesses and multi-family residential housing units. A state prison is located about one half mile to the west. Belmont County Jobs and Family Services and Board of Developmental Disabilities are located nearby as well.

2. Coastal Zones

Indicate whether the project is located within a designated coastal zone subject to the Coastal Zone Management Act. Information on coastal zone boundaries is available on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) website. Identify any shorelines, beaches, dunes, or estuaries within or adjacent to the project site(s). Also indicate if there are any proposed overwater structures that could impact navigable waters.

There are no coastal zones in or near the project site in Coshocton County. The nearest coastal zone is the Lake Erie shoreline, about 150 miles north of the project site. This is shown in the attached map.

3. Wetlands

Identify any wetlands within or adjacent to the project site(s). If available, provide an on-site wetland/waters delineation performed in accordance with the 1987 (or current version) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, as amended. Provide any correspondence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), including any jurisdictional determination or permit documents.

1. Provide a determination of direct and indirect effects including the amount of jurisdictional waters affected by type (e.g. 1.1 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands would be impacted by the proposed project).
2. If any wetlands would be impacted by the project, provide an analysis of alternatives to wetland impact in this section or in the Alternatives to the Project section above.
3. Describe any mitigation plans here or in Section D below.

If wetlands, streams, or navigable waters may be impacted, it is recommended that Applicants contact USACE concerning any jurisdictional waters resources.

No further action is necessary as indicated in the attached correspondence with USACE, There are no wetlands in the project area. Attached is the National Wetlands Inventory Map showing that there are no wetlands or water bodies in the project site.

4. Floodplains

Please state whether the project is located within a mapped 100- or 500-year floodplain. Provide a FEMA floodplain map (with the map number and effective date) displaying the project location and boundaries, existing and proposed project components, and location of all sites and/or companies benefiting from the proposed project. The document should be of sufficient clarity for adequate interpretation of the applicant’s intentions.

The project is not located within a floodplain – FEMA floodplain map demonstrating this is attached.

Floodplain maps can be viewed and printed from FEMA’s website. If FEMA floodplain maps do not exist in the project area, provide a letter from a Professional Engineer regarding the presence or absence of a 100-year floodplain.

- i) Describe direct and indirect effects to 100-year floodplains, if any.
- ii) If any 100-year floodplains would be impacted by the project, provide an analysis of alternatives to floodplain impact in this section or in the Alternatives to the Project section above.
- iii) Indicate whether the Applicant’s community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- iv) Indicate if a critical action (e.g., emergency response facility, hospital, wastewater treatment plant) is being located within the 500-year floodplain.

5. Climate Change

The Belmont College Construction Trades Building will have no known risks to climate change. Green products will be incorporated into the project as well. Thermally broken glazing, low VOC (volatile organic compound) paint, products with highly recycled content, etc. will be incorporated into the design. Energy efficient mechanical units will be used. Energy efficient plumbing fixtures will be included. LED light fixtures will be used as well. While LEED certification will not be pursued, a LEED certified level of performance will be achieved. Applicable energy codes such as ASHRAE will be either met or exceeded.

6. Endangered Species

Provide a list of all threatened, endangered, and candidate species located in or near the project area, including any proposed development by the beneficiary, and the immediate vicinity. Identify these species’ potential or existing habitat, and critical habitat designations in the project area. Identify the potential for direct or indirect impacts on these species. Critical habitat designations, lists of protected species by county, and information on effect determinations are available on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (FWS) website. The FWS’ web-based Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPaC) may also be useful for the early planning stage of a project. If an Effect Determination or Biological Assessment has been completed for any of the species listed, please provide. Attach any correspondence with FWS that exists related to their proposal. For projects with possible impacts to fisheries and marine/coastal species, provide any correspondence with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

As documented in the attached correspondence from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's, no threatened, endangered, or candidate species will be affected by the project.

7. Land Use and Zoning

Describe the present formal zoning designation and current land use of the specific project site and adjacent land parcels. The areas include: the site of construction activities, adjacent areas, and areas affected by the primary beneficiaries. Land uses to be considered include, but are not limited to, industrial, commercial, residential, agriculture, recreational, woodlands, mines/quarries, and open spaces. Please indicate whether the project is located entirely within a city limit. Identify agriculture land parcels designated as "prime/unique agriculture lands" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Federal Farmlands Protection Act or a local equivalent. Additional information may be found at the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service website. The project is located in Richland Township, an unincorporated area of Belmont County that does not have any zoning. The project will be located on the campus of Belmont College and is consistent with adjacent land uses which include Ohio University - Eastern Campus and the Belmont-Harrison Career Center. There are no agriculture land parcels in or around the project site. This project fits perfectly in the intended scope for the space as indicated in the College's Master Plan. In the attached pages of the Master Plan, the space where the Construction Trades Building will be located is listed as "future development".

8. Solid Waste Management

Indicate the types and quantities of solid wastes to be produced by the project facilities and primary beneficiary. Describe local solid waste collection and disposal methods and the expected useful life of the disposal facility. Indicate if recycling or resource recovery programs are currently being used or will be used in the future.

Minimal solid waste materials will be generated by this new facility and will be consistent with solid waste generated by office space. All waste will be disposed of or recycled using existing established disposal facilities now in place. Belmont College's disposal contractor is Kimble Recycling and Disposal. Kimble removes solid wastes from the campus on a weekly and as requested basis for disposal at their landfill which has ample capacity. Kimble takes all items with the exception of paper which goes to a company called Shred-It. This building will produce a standard amount of waste for a school building. Only sanitary wastewater from the students, faculty, and staff who will be attending or working in the new Construction Trades Building will be generated. Ample capacity at the existing wastewater treatment plant is available for the minimal amount of sanitary wastewater that will be generated at this building.

9. Hazardous or Toxic Substances

Describe any toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that will be utilized or produced by the proposed project facilities and primary beneficiaries. Describe the manner in which these substances will be stored, used, or disposed. Complete and sign one "Applicant Certification Clause" for each co-applicant (see Appendix A). Indicate if hazardous or toxic substances have been or must be remediated prior to construction, demolition, or renovation. If a recent Phase I or Phase II Environmental Site Assessment has been performed, please provide a copy of the executive summary (a full copy may be requested at a later date).

The proposed facility is being built on greenspace. There are no hazardous or toxic substances to be remediated. Attached are two maps from U.S. EPA demonstrating that no hazardous or toxic substances exist at the project site. No hazardous or toxic substances are expected to be produced by this new facility.

10. Water Resources

There are none and will be no impacts of the project to any surface or underground water resources. No groundwater will be used, and there will be no discharges to surface water. The proposed project is not located with a sole source aquifer recharge area.

11. Water Supply and Distribution System

Indicate the source, quality, and supply capacity of local domestic and industrial/commercial water resources, and the amount of water that project facilities and primary beneficiaries are expected to utilize. Note whether the water that is being supplied is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and if not, what steps are being taken to ensure compliance.

This project will utilize the Belmont County Water and Sewer Department. The water supplied is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The capacity available is more than enough to serve the Construction Trades Building.

12. Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities

Describe the wastewater treatment facilities available for processing the additional effluent including usage by the beneficiary(s). Indicate design capacities and current loading (both daily average and peak), and adequacy in terms of degree and type of treatment required. Describe all domestic class or process wastewater or other discharges associated with the project facilities and its primary beneficiaries, and the expected composition and quantities to be discharged either to a municipal system or to the local environment. Indicate all discharges that will require on-site pre-treatment. Note whether the wastewater treatment plant is in violation of the Clean Water Act, and if so, what steps are being taken to ensure compliance. If local treatment and sewer systems are or will be inadequate or overloaded, describe the steps being taken for necessary improvements and their completion dates.

The Belmont County Water and Sewer Department is currently in compliance with the Clean Water Act and has ample capacity to serve the proposed project. Available capacity is significantly higher than the minimal volume of wastewater that will be generated by the Belmont College Construction Trades Building. The wastewater plants is actually located just a couple miles east of the property and is undergoing a major upgrade that is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2022.

13. Environmental Justice (Executive Order 12898)

Describe whether the proposed project will result in disproportionate adverse human health or environmental impacts relative to minority and low-income populations. Sufficient detail should be provided to enable EDA to determine whether the project will comply with Executive Order 12898.

This project will not result in adverse human health or environmental impacts relative to minority or low-income populations. The project will result in a well-rounded Construction Trades program at a local community college that will benefit low-income and minority populations by connecting them to well-paying jobs in high demand fields in the area and providing them with the skills and knowledge to perform those jobs successfully. The Environmental Justice Map of Belmont County from EPA is attached.

14. Transportation (Streets, Traffic and Parking)

Briefly describe the local street/road system serving the project site(s) and describe any new traffic patterns that may arise because of the project. Indicate if land use in the vicinity, such as residential, hospital, school, or recreational, will be affected by these new traffic patterns. Indicate if any existing capacities of these transportation facilities will be exceeded as a direct or indirect result of this project implementation, particularly in terms of car and truck traffic, and what the new Level of Service designation will be.

No land use in the vicinity of the project will be affected by the roads serving this project. The location of the project is on Belmont College's existing campus, utilizing existing roads.

15. Air Quality

Indicate types and quantities of air emissions (including odors) to be produced by the project facilities **and its primary beneficiaries**, and any measures proposed to mitigate adverse impacts. Indicate the impact that the project would have on greenhouse gas emissions. Is the proposed project site classified as a "non-attainment" area for any criteria pollutants? If so, what are those pollutants? Indicate any local topographical or meteorological conditions that hinder the dispersal of air emissions.

The project site will be a training center, emitting minimal to no odors. The project site is an attainment area for air quality. There are no topographical or meteorological conditions that hinder the dispersal of air emissions.

16. Noise

Will operation of project facilities or primary beneficiaries' facilities increase local ambient noise levels? If yes, indicate the estimated levels of increase, and the areas and sensitive receptors (e.g., residences) to be affected.

Noise levels may temporarily increase during construction, and then return back to pre-project levels once the construction is completed. Construction will be restricted to daylight hours to minimize impacts to ambient noise levels.

17. Permits

Identify any Federal, State, or local permits of an environmental nature needed for the project (e.g., USACE, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Coastal Zone Management/Shoreline Management, Air Quality, State Environmental Policy Act, NPDES, etc.) and the status of any such permits. Attach copies of any such permits and all associated correspondence, including the permit applications.

Permits will be submitted upon grant award and project initiation.

Mid-East Ohio Building Department Building Permit – Permit is issued by the Mid-East Ohio Building Department for compliance with the 2017 Ohio Building Code, 2017 Ohio Plumbing Code, 2017 Ohio Mechanical Code, 2017 NEC (NFPA 70), 2016 NFPA 13: Automatic Sprinkler System Handbook, 2017 NFPA 72: National Fire Alarm and Signaling Handbook, 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2009 ICC A117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, and the 2017 Ohio Fire Code.

Status: Not yet submitted.

Timeframe for obtaining permit: Up to 30 days from time of submission.

State of Ohio Plumbing Permit - Permit is issued by the State of Ohio for compliance with the 2017 Ohio Plumbing Code and public health guidelines.

Status: Not yet submitted.

Timeframe for obtaining permit: Up to 30 days from time of submission.

The Cumberland Trail Fire Department - Permit is issued for compliance with Fire Code and life safety guidelines.

Status: Not yet submitted. Timeframe for obtaining permit: Up to 30 days from time of submission.

18. Public Notification/Controversy

Provide evidence of the community's awareness of the project, such as newspaper articles or public notification and/or public meetings, as applicable. If a formal public hearing has been held, attach a copy of the minutes. Fully describe any public controversy or objections which have been made concerning this proposed project and discuss steps taken to resolve such objections.

The project has not been heavily publicized at this point, with no public meeting held or newspaper articles published.

19. Cumulative Effects

Please list projects (public and private, whether or not directly related to the proposed project described above) that have occurred or will occur in the past, present, and future in and around the project area that could result in significant cumulative impacts when considered in aggregate with the proposed EDA project. Cumulative impacts result from the incremental impacts of a proposed action when added to other past, present and reasonable foreseeable future actions

(40CF.R. Section 1508.7). In other words, cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant impacts. Based on the direct and indirect impacts identified in Sections C1-18, identify which resources, ecosystems, and human communities are affected; and which effects on these resources are important from a cumulative effects perspective.

This project is currently the only activity to take place in this area of Belmont College's campus, The new Construction Trades building will be in close proximity to the Health Science Building, and in the area of the CDL pad, both of which have been constructed recently. The college has been developing this part of the campus recently for workforce development activities, and the new building will be a complementary use. The Environmental Narrative also noted that some additional noise and traffic is to be expected during construction of the project. Upon project completion, traffic will only be slightly redirected towards the new building but will occur on existing campus roads. The noise level of the campus will not be affected by the completion of this project.

The OHPO determined that no action was necessary for this project in regard to historical properties. The only mitigation measure recommended by any state or federal agency was the ODNR Division of Wildlife comments about the Indiana Bat and the Northern Long-Eared Bat. Because Belmont County, Ohio is within the bats' habitat, all clearing of trees (the bats' habitat) should take place between October 1 and March 31. There are no trees on the project site, however, if trees need to be cut down, this will take place between October 1 and March 31. U.S. Fish and Wildlife determined that no action was necessary for this project.

There are no known controversies regarding the proposed project, and no Environmental Justice concerns. The Belmont College Construction Trades Building will be available to all students regardless of race, color, creed, religion, or handicap. The project is located on a greenspace owned by Belmont College and does not infringe on any other person's or group's facilities or activities. In summary, the environmental review has found no major adverse effects of this project, with mitigation measures recommended to prevent any effects on wildlife in the area. This project will have a positive cumulative effect by creating better educational opportunities for students and incumbent workers leading to job opportunities for in-demand careers with businesses offering competitive wages.

D. MITIGATION

Describe methods to be employed to reduce impacts to any and all adverse impacts identified in Section C. List all mitigation measures that would be implemented to minimize impacts to environmental resources from project implementation.

The OHPO determined that no action was necessary for this project in regard to historical properties. Should any archaeological remains or artifacts be uncovered during construction, then all work will be stopped and OHPO notified for further guidance. The only mitigation measure recommended by any state or federal agency was the ODNR Division of Wildlife comments about the Indiana Bat and the Northern Long-Eared Bat. Because Belmont County, Ohio is within the bats' habitat, all clearing of trees (the bats' habitat) should take place between October 1 and March 31. There are no trees on the project site, however, if trees need to be cut down, this will take place between October 1 and March 31. U.S. Fish and Wildlife determined that no action was necessary for this project. U.S. Fish and Wildlife determined that no action was necessary for this project. The project location is not in a floodplain and no wetlands are present in the project area. Standard best management practices will be implemented during construction to control storm water runoff including appropriate storm water pollution prevention measurements. Safety and environmental stewardship will be of utmost importance during the entire process.

E. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

The following checklist is a list of required and optional attachments to the Environmental Narrative as described in the sections above. The items listed in the optional section may be required by EDA at a later date to complete the project review and selection process, so it is recommended that you provide them now if they are currently available. While the documents listed below are the most frequently required for scoping determinations, EDA reserves the right to request additional items that are not listed below when necessary. Applicants are not required to contact other governmental agencies for environmental or historical resources consultation until directed by EDA, though any interagency coordination letters that may be currently available should be provided. **EDA expects that all Applicants whose projects are selected for further evaluation will proceed with consultations in an expeditious manner. As such, Applicants should have the required information prepared for submission immediately upon notification of selection by EDA.** If you determine prior to application that your project may affect environmental or historical resources, you may contact the appropriate Regional Environmental Officer to determine if early interagency consultation is appropriate. Please refer to the applicable Federal Funding Opportunity for unique requirements for each individual grant competition and a list of documents required for submittal with the application. Checklist of Optional Environmental Documents that should be submitted with Application if available (will expedite review and selection process):

- SHPO/THPO and Tribal leader comments and copy of submittals (see Section B)
- Site photographs (see Section C1)
- Coastal Zone consistency determination (see C2)
- Wetland delineation and/or Jurisdictional Determination (see C3)
- Preliminary wetland info (see C3)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers comments, Section 404 Permit, Section 10 Permit, and/or Water Quality Certification (401 approval) (see C3)
- Biological Assessment and/or survey for federally protected species (see C5)
- Correspondence with US Fish and Wildlife Service and/or National Marine Fisheries Service (see C5)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service determination of Prime Farmland, Form AD-1006, if applicable (see C6)
- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment (see C8)
- Sole Source Aquifer review by US Environmental Protection Agency, if applicable (see C9)
- Other federal, state and local environmental permits (see C16)
- Copies of public notices, public hearing minutes, etc. (see C17)

Appendix A: Applicant Certification Clause

The applicant represents and certifies that it has used due diligence to determine that the description of the project site described herein is accurate with respect to the presence or absence of contamination from toxic and hazardous substances. The term “site” includes the entire scope of the project, including future phases of the project and all areas where construction will occur.

1. Is the site currently, or has it in the past 50 years, been used for any of the following operations or activities:
 - a. Generation of hazardous substances or waste?
 Yes No
 - b. Treatment, storage (temporary or permanent), or disposal of solid or hazardous substances or waste?
 Yes No
 - c. Storage of petroleum products?
 Yes No
 - d. Used/waste oil storage or reclamation units?
 Yes No
 - e. Research or testing laboratory?
 Yes No
 - f. Ordinance research, testing, production, use, or storage?
 Yes No
 - g. Chemical manufacturing or storage?
 Yes No
 - h. Weapons or ammunition training, use, or testing?
 Yes No
 - i. Iron works/foundry?
 Yes No
 - j. Railroad yard?
 Yes No
 - k. Industrial or manufacturing operation?
 Yes No

If any of the above operations ever occurred at the site, and if appropriate cleanup or other mitigation actions were performed in accordance with the local, State, and federal laws, please attach documentation of these actions.

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- 2. Do wells draw from an underlying aquifer to provide the local domestic water supply?
 Yes No

- 3. Has a federal, State, or local regulatory authority ever conducted an environmental assessment, environmental impact statement, or a preliminary assessment/site inspection, or similar environmental surveyor inspection report at the site? If yes, please list here and attach copies of these reports or results.
 Yes No
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - 5) _____

- 4. Have any environmental or OSHA citations or notices of violation been issued to a facility at the site? If yes, please attach copies.
 Yes No

- 5. Have any unauthorized releases of hazardous substances occurred at any facility at the site which resulted in notification of the EPA's National Response Center?
 Yes No

- 6. Is any material containing asbestos or lead paint located at the site? If yes, please attach information concerning State and federal regulatory compliance.
 Yes No

- 7. Is there any equipment (electrical transformers, etc.) containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) on the site? If yes, please attach a description of the equipment.
 Yes No

- 8. Are there underground or above ground storage tanks on the site? If yes, please attach a detailed description, including the number of underground storage tanks on the site, whether the tanks have been inspected (or removed) and the results of such inspections.
 Yes No

- 9. Has the site been tested for radon? If yes, please attach results.
 Yes No

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1. Have there been, or are there now any environmental investigations by federal, State or local government agencies that could affect the site in question? If yes, please attach available information.

_____ Yes X No

The applicant acknowledges that this certification regarding hazardous substances and/or waste is a material representation of fact upon which EDA relies when making and executing an award. EDA reserves the right to terminate any award made in conjunction with the representations contained herein if, at any time during the useful life of the project, EDA becomes aware of the presence of hazardous materials or waste at the site, or that hazardous materials or waste have been inappropriately handled thereon.

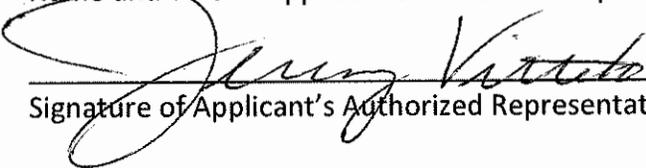
Further, if it is determined at any time that the presence of hazardous materials or waste, or handling thereof, has been misrepresented, EDA may pursue other available legal remedies against the applicant.

Belmont College

Applicant's Name

Jeremy Vittek, Provost

Name and Title of Applicant's Authorized Representative


Signature of Applicant's Authorized Representative

3-7-2022
Date

Correspondence with SHPO & Tribes & 106 Form



In replies, please use
2021-BEL-53074

December 6, 2021

Alan J. Knapp
ARC Program Manager
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
326 Highland Avenue, Suite B
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Dear Mr. Knapp:

Re: Belmont College Industrial Trades Building, 68094 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio

This letter is in response to your correspondence, received on November 9, 2021, regarding the proposed Belmont College Industrial Trades Building, 68094 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. The comments of Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the associated regulations at 36 CFR Part 800 and Ohio Revised Code 149.53.

A review of the SHPO GIS database reveals that there are no archaeological sites or archaeological surveys within the APE. Additionally, a review of the soils within the immediate APE are described as very poorly drained or heavily disturbed due to past mining activities, which area typically regarded as being poorly suited for identification of cultural resources.

The proposed project area has not been previously surveyed. We are unable to determine whether any properties in the area of potential effect (APE) are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. **However, based on the information submitted, the SHPO agrees that the work would not affect any historic properties. No further coordination is necessary unless the project changes or new or additional historic properties are discovered during the implementation of the project.** In such a situation, the SHPO should be contacted as per 36 CFR 800.13. Please be advised that this is a Section 106 decision. This review decision may not extend to other SHPO programs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 614-297-2000 or via email at dgagliano@ohiohistory.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Walter Gagliano".

Dawn Walter Gagliano, Project Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review
State Historic Preservation Office

RPR Ser. No. 1090809

From: [Alan Knapp](#)
To: gwallace@estoo.net; PBarton@estoo.net; dlinkford@miamination.com; dhunter@miamination.com; wfisher@sctribe.com; wtarrant@sctribe.com
Subject: FW: Section 106 Review Belmont College EDA Grant Application
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:06:00 PM
Attachments: [106 ProjectSummaryForm.pdf](#)

Request for Section 106 Review

From: Alan Knapp
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:05 PM
To: section106@ohiohistory.org
Subject: Section 106 Review Belmont College EDA Grant Application

Attached is a Section 106 Review Form for the Belmont College EDA application requesting funding for the new Industrial trades Building at the Campus near St. Clairsville, Ohio in Belmont County. The college is requesting EDA grant funding to construct a 26,000 square foot building on property that the college owns. There are no other structures in the Area of Potential Effects, and the only building close by was constructed in 2015 and not historic. Based on a review of the map from the Online Mapping Tool, this project will have no impacts on any historic structures. Since the project site was formerly a coal mine, there are not likely archaeological or cultural resources at the site which would be disturbed by the building construction.

We would very much appreciate any comments you may have on this project. Please let us know if you have any questions or need more information.



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**OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE:
RESOURCE PROTECTION AND REVIEW**

Section 106 Review - Project Summary Form

For projects requiring a license from the Federal Communications Commission, please use FCC Forms 620 or 621. DO NOT USE THIS FORM.

SECTION 1: GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

All contact information provided must include the name, address and phone number of the person listed. Email addresses should also be included, if available. Please refer to the Instructions or contact an OHPO reviewer (mailto:Section106@ohiohistory.org) if you need help completing this Form. Unless otherwise requested, we will contact the person submitting this Form with questions or comments about this project.

Date:	November 10 2021
Name/Affiliation of person submitting form:	Alan Knapp, OMEGA
Mailing Address:	326 Highland Avenue, Suite B, Cambridge, Ohio 43725
Phone/Fax/Email:	740-439-4471 ext. 211

A. Project Info:

1. This Form provides information about:

New Project Submittal:
YES NO

Additional information relating to previously submitted project:
YES NO

OHPO/RPR Serial Number from previous submission:

2. Project Name (if applicable):

Belmont College Industrial Trades Building

3. Internal tracking or reference number used by Federal Agency, consultant, and/or applicant to identify this project (if applicable):

Not Applicable

B. Project Address or vicinity:

68094 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

C. City/Township:

Richland Township

D. County:

Belmont County, Ohio

E. Federal Agency and Agency Contact. *If you do not know the federal agency involved in your project, please contact the party asking you to apply for Section 106 Review, not OHPO, for this information. HUD Entitlement Communities acting under delegated environmental review authority should list their own contact information.*

**Ellen Heinz, Economic Development Representative
Economic Development Administration (EDA)
eheinz@eda.gov**

F. Type of Federal Assistance. *List all known federal sources of federal funding, approvals, and permits to avoid repeated reviews.*

Belmont College is requesting a grant from the EDA

G. State Agency and Contact Person (if applicable):

Not Applicable

H. Type of State Assistance:

Not Applicable

I. Is this project being submitted at the direction of a state agency **solely** under Ohio Revised Code 149.53 or at the direction of a State Agency? *Answering yes to this question means that you are sure that no federal funding, permits or approvals will be used for any part of your project, and that you are seeking comments only under ORC 149.53.*

YES **NO**

J. Public Involvement- Describe how the public has been/will be informed about this project and its potential to affect historic properties. Please summarize how they will have an opportunity to provide comments about any effects to historic properties. (This step is required for all projects under 36 CFR § 800.2):

The project has not been heavily publicized to this point, with no public meetings held or newspaper articles published.

K. Please list other consulting parties that you have contacted/will contact about this project, such as Indian Tribes, Certified Local Governments, local officials, property owners, or preservation groups. (See 36 CFR § 800.2 for more information about involving other consulting parties). Please summarize how they will have an opportunity to provide comments:

For the Environmental Review of the Belmont College EDA Grant Application, the following Agencies were contacted:

- **Ohio History Connection**
- **Tribes with an Interest in Belmont County**
- **US Army Corps of Engineers**
- **US Fish and Wildlife Service**
- **ODNR Division of Wildlife**

SECTION 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS (APE)

Provide a description of your project, its site, and geographical information. You will also describe your project's Area of Potential Effects (APE). Please refer to the Instructions or contact an OHPO reviewer if you need help with developing the APE or completing this form.

For challenging projects, provide as much information as possible in all sections, and then check the box in Section 5.A. to ask OHPO to offer preliminary comments or make recommendations about how to proceed with your project consultation. This is recommended if your project involves effects to significant historic properties or if there may be challenging procedural issues related to your project. Please note that providing information to complete all Sections will still be required and that asking OHPO for preliminary comments may tend to delay completion of the review process for some projects.

A. Does this project involve any Ground-Disturbing activity: **YES** NO
(If **Yes**, you must complete all of Section 2.A. If **No**, proceed directly to Section 2. B.)

1. General description of width, length and depth of proposed ground disturbing activity:

The proposed Industrial trades Building will be 100 feet by 260 feet, for a total of 26,000 square feet. The building will be constructed on a slab, with minimum excavation for footers and pilasters. Since the building is planned for a rolling/sloped area, typical grading and earthwork will be needed to provide a flat pad for the building. The College is proposing to construct a single-story industrial style building of metal construction.

2. Narrative description of previous land use and past ground disturbances, if known:

The project site for the proposed Industrial Trades Building is located on the Belmont College Campus near the Ohio University Eastern Campus. Belmont College has been located at this site, near Interstate 70 and US Route 40 just west of the City of St. Clairsville since 1971. Surrounding land uses include college buildings, open space and parking lots. Prior to the construction of the Belmont College and Ohio University Eastern campuses, this area was mined for coal as shown on the attached map.

3. Narrative description of current land use and conditions:

The largest single land use in this area is Interstate 70, which runs just south of the Belmont College Campus. Other major land uses include the Belmont College Campus and the Ohio University Eastern Campus, which both include buildings, parking lots and open space. There are some scattered single-family houses along the nearby township and county roads, and a few businesses and multi-family residential housing units. A state prison is located about one half mile to the west.

4. Does the landowner know of any archaeological resources found on the property?
YES **NO** If yes, please describe:

B. Submit the exact project site location on a USGS 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map for all projects. Map sections, photocopies of map sections, and online versions of USGS maps are acceptable as long as the location is clearly marked. Show the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE). It should be clearly distinguished from other features shown on the map:

1. USGS Quad Map Name: **St. Clairsville, Ohio**

2. Township/City/Village Name: **Richland Township, Belmont County, Ohio**

- C. Provide a street-level map indicating the location of the project site; road names must be identified and legible. Your map must show the exact location of the boundaries for the project site. Show the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE). It should be clearly distinguished from other features shown on the map:

Attached is a street-level map showing the Area of Potential Effects (APE).

- D. Provide a verbal description of the APE, including a discussion of how the APE will include areas with the potential for direct and indirect effects from the project. Explain the steps taken to identify the project's APE, and your justification for the specific boundaries chosen:

The Area of Potential Effects for this project includes the building site and property surrounding it that may be disturbed for the building, access road and parking lot. The new building will be constructed on a 44.75 acre parcel owned by Belmont College. The only existing building on the property is a 27,000 square foot building used by Ohio University Eastern for college courses, built in 2015 and valued at \$4,500,000. The new building is proposed to be constructed just south of the existing building, and would require an access road and parking lot. Based on the similar sized building to the north, all of the improvements could be located in the southeast corner of the Belmont College property at the intersection of Hammond Road and Hammond Road Connector. Belmont College acquired the property in 2001, and it was owned by the Y & O Coal Company until 1987.

- E. Provide a detailed description of the project. This is a critical part of your submission. Your description should be prepared for a cold reader who may not be an expert in this type of project. The information provided must help support your analysis of effects to historic properties, not other types of project impacts. Do not simply include copies of environmental documents or other types of specialized project reports. If there are multiple project alternatives, you should include information about all alternatives that are still under active consideration:

Belmont College is proposing to construct a new, 26,000 square foot building on property owned by the college, to be used as the Industrial Trades Building. The college is applying for a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to fund 80% of project costs and is preparing an environmental review as part of the grant application. The new building will be constructed on a 44.75 acre property, just south of the only other building on that property, which was constructed in 2015 and is used by Ohio University Eastern Campus for classrooms. The construction of the building will require some excavation for footers and pilasters, and some grading and leveling work. In addition, there will need to be an access drive or road, and a parking lot for students. This site was formerly used for coal mining.

SECTION 3: IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Describe whether there are historic properties located within your project APE. To make that determination, use information generated from your own Background Research and Field Survey. Then choose one of the following options to report your findings. Please refer to the Instructions and/or contact an OHPO reviewer if you are unsure about how to identify historic properties for your project.

If you read the Instructions and you're still confused as to which reporting option best fits your project, or you are not sure if your project needs a survey, you may choose to skip this section, but provide as much supporting documentation as possible in all other Sections, then check the box in Section 5.A. to request preliminary comments from OHPO. After reviewing the information provided, OHPO will then offer comments as to which reporting option is best

suited to document historic properties for your project. Please note that providing information to complete this Section will still be required and that asking OHPO for preliminary comments may tend to delay completion of the review process for some projects.

Recording the Results of Background Research and Field Survey:

- A. **Summary of discussions and/or consultation with OHPO** about this project that demonstrates how the Agency Official and OHPO have agreed that no Field Survey was necessary for this project (typically due to extreme ground disturbance or other special circumstances). Please **attach copies** of emails/correspondence that document this agreement. You must explain how the project's potential to affect both archaeological and historic resources were considered.
- B. **A table that includes the minimum information** listed in the OHPO Section 106 Documentation Table (which is generally equivalent to the information found on an inventory form). This information must be printed and mailed with the Project Summary Form. To provide sufficient information to complete this Section, you must also include summary observations from your field survey, background research and eligibility determinations for each property that was evaluated in the project APE.

Attached is a map from the Online Mapping Tool which shows historic and potentially historic structures near the project site and the Area of Potential Effects (APE). There are no existing buildings in the APE, although an existing 27,000 sf. building constructed in 2015 is near to the APE. The building used for college classrooms by Ohio University Eastern campus is not historic or potentially historic.

The closest historic structure to the APE is a Belmont County Courthouse Annex Building located at 68323 Bannock-Uniontown Road, about a half mile southwest of the APE. This building will not be affected at all by this project. The next closest historic structure is an historic bridge located on the west side of Bannock-Uniontown Road, about a mile southwest of the APE. This bridge will not be affected at all by this project.

Further than a mile away from the APE are historic structures along US Route 40 (National Road) south of Interstate 70 and a few historic structures to the east along County Road 56. These structures would not be affected at all by the proposed EDA project.

- C. **OHI (Ohio Historic Inventory) or OAI (Ohio Archaeological Inventory) forms-** New or updated inventory forms may be prepared using the OHI pdf form with data population capabilities, the Internet IForm, or typed on archival quality inventory forms. To provide sufficient information to complete this Section, you must include summary observations from your field survey and background research. You must also include eligibility determinations for each property that was evaluated in the project APE
- D. **A historic or archaeological survey report** prepared by a qualified consultant that meets professional standards. The survey report should meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Identification and OHPO Archaeological Guidelines. You may also include new inventory forms with your survey, or update previous inventory forms. To complete this section, your survey report must include summary observations from your field survey, background research and eligibility determinations for each property that was evaluated within the APE.
- E. **Project Findings.** Based on the conclusions you reached in completing Section 3, please choose one finding for your project. There are (mark one):

Historic Properties Present in the APE:
No Historic Properties Present in the APE:

SECTION 4: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

This information must be provided for all projects.

- A. Photographs must be keyed to a street-level map, and should be included as attachments to this application. Please label all forms, tables and CDs with the date of your submission and project name, as identified in Section 1. You must present enough documentation to clearly show existing conditions at your project site and convey details about the buildings, structures or sites that are described in your submission. Faxed or photocopied photographs are not acceptable. See Instructions for more info about photo submissions or 36 CFR § 800.11 for federal documentation standards.
1. Provide photos of the entire project site and take photos to/from historic properties from/towards your project site to support your determination of effect in Section 5.
 2. Provide current photos of all buildings/structures/sites described.

Attached are photographs of the project site.

- B. Project plan, specifications, site drawings and any other media presentation that conveys detailed information about your project and its potential to affect historic properties.

A Preliminary Engineering Report is being prepared.

- C. Copies or summaries of any comments provided by consulting parties or the public.

Not Applicable.

SECTION 5: DETERMINATION OF EFFECT

- A. **Request Preliminary Comments.** For challenging projects, provide as much information as possible in previous sections and ask OHPO to offer preliminary comments or make recommendations about how to proceed with your project consultation. This is recommended if your project involves effects to significant historic properties, if the public has concerns about your project's potential to affect historic properties, or if there may be challenging procedural issues related to your project. Please be aware that providing information in all Sections will still be required and that asking OHPO for preliminary comments may tend to delay completion of the review process for some projects.

1. We request preliminary comments from OHPO about this project:
YES **NO**
2. Please specify as clearly as possible the particular issues that you would like OHPO to examine for your project (for example- help with developing an APE, addressing the concerns of consulting parties, survey methodology, etc.):

- B. **Determination of Effect.** If you believe that you have gathered enough information to conclude the Section 106 process, you may be ready to make a determination of effect and ask OHPO for concurrence, while considering public comments. Please select and mark one of the following determinations, then

explain the basis for your decision on an attached sheet of paper:

No historic properties will be affected based on 36 CFR § 800.4(d) (1).

Please explain how you made this determination:

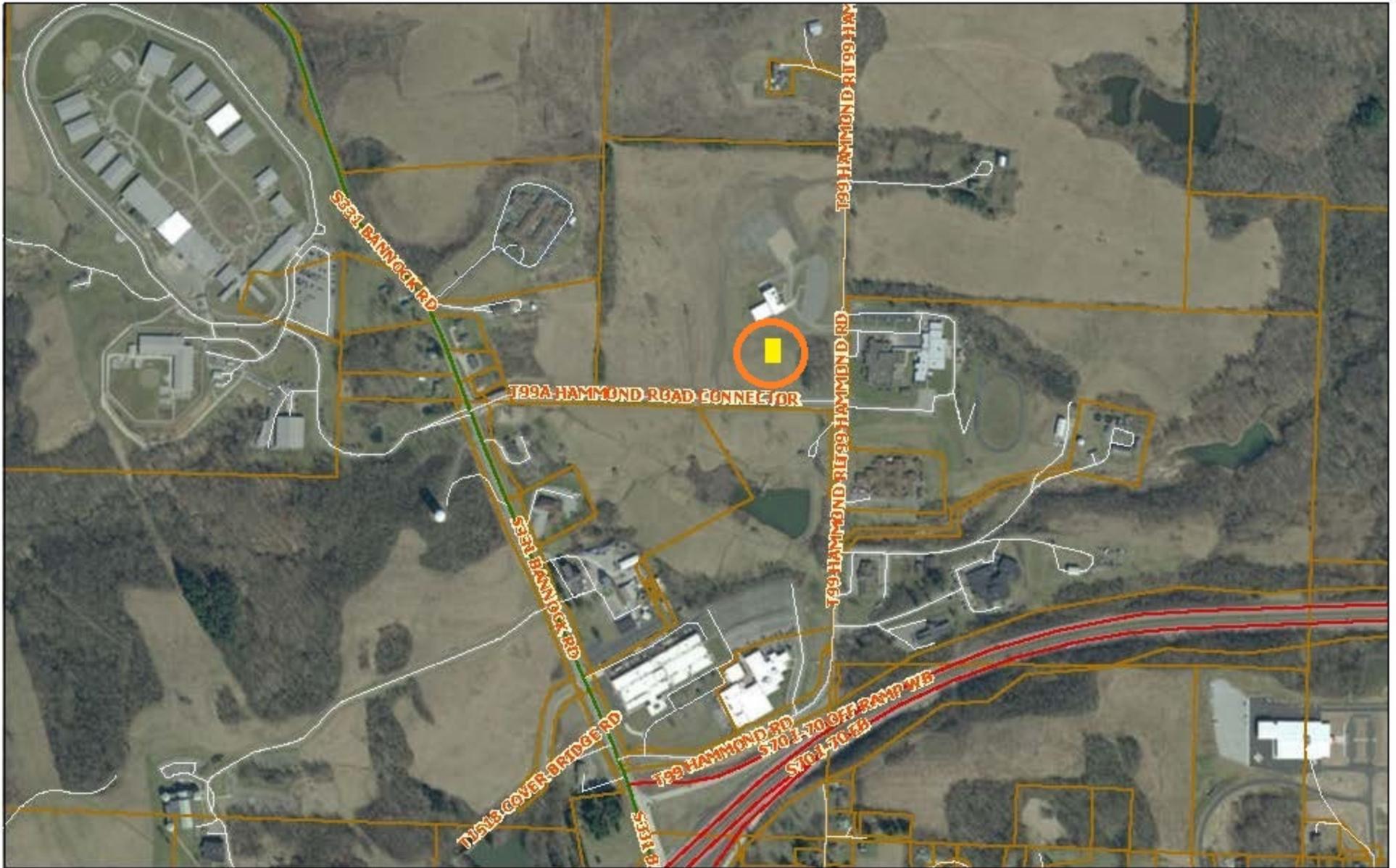
Based on the Online Mapping Tool, there are no historic or potentially historic structures in the APE. The only building close to the APE was constructed in 2015, and is in no way historic. The project site was formerly used as a coal mine, and therefore, there is unlikely to be archaeological or cultural resources still at or under the site.

No Adverse Effect [36 CFR § 800.5(b)] on historic properties. This finding cannot be used if there are no historic properties present in your project APE. Please explain why the Criteria of Adverse Effect, [36 CFR Part 800.5(a) (1)], were found not to be applicable for your project:

Adverse Effect [36 CFR § 800.5(d) (2)] on historic properties. Please explain why the criteria of adverse effect, [36 CFR Part 800.5(a) (1)], were found to be applicable to your project. You may also include an explanation of how these adverse effects might be avoided, reduced or mitigated:

Please send completed form and supporting documentation to our office through the section106@ohiohistory.org e-mail address. Note that file size is limited to 30 MB. The Ohio SHPO has a federally mandated review time of 30 calendar day. To check your submission was received and logged in for our review, please visit <https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/state-historic-preservation-office/hpreviews/section-106-project-status>.

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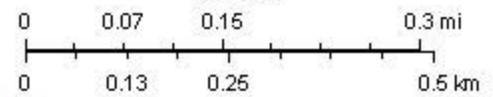
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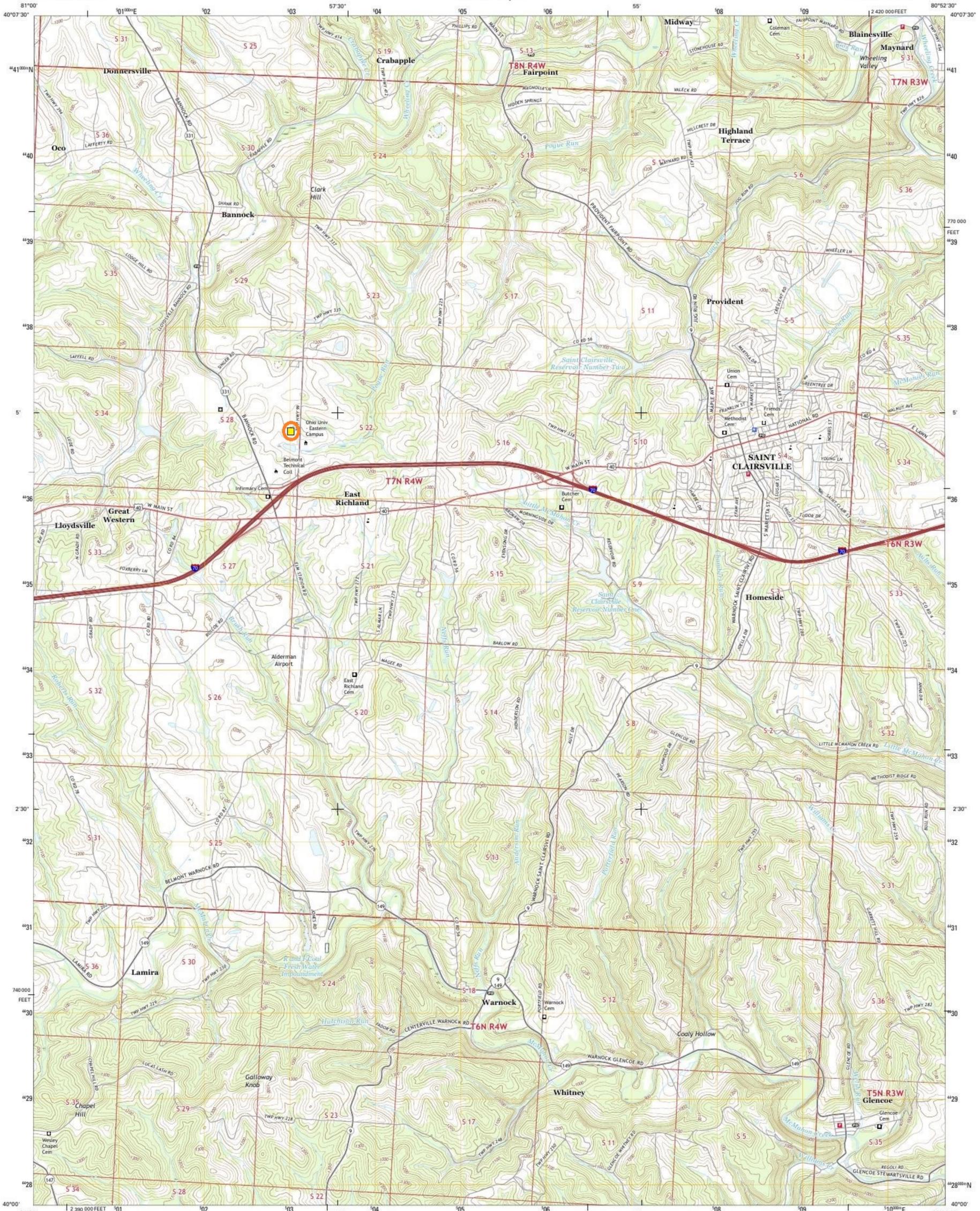
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PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL TRADES BUILDING

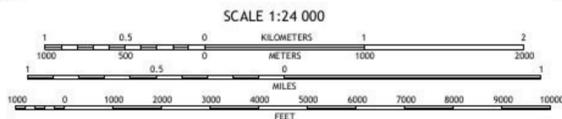
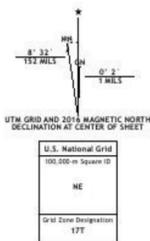
AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS (APE)

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Wetlands: FWS National Wetlands Inventory 1977 - 2014



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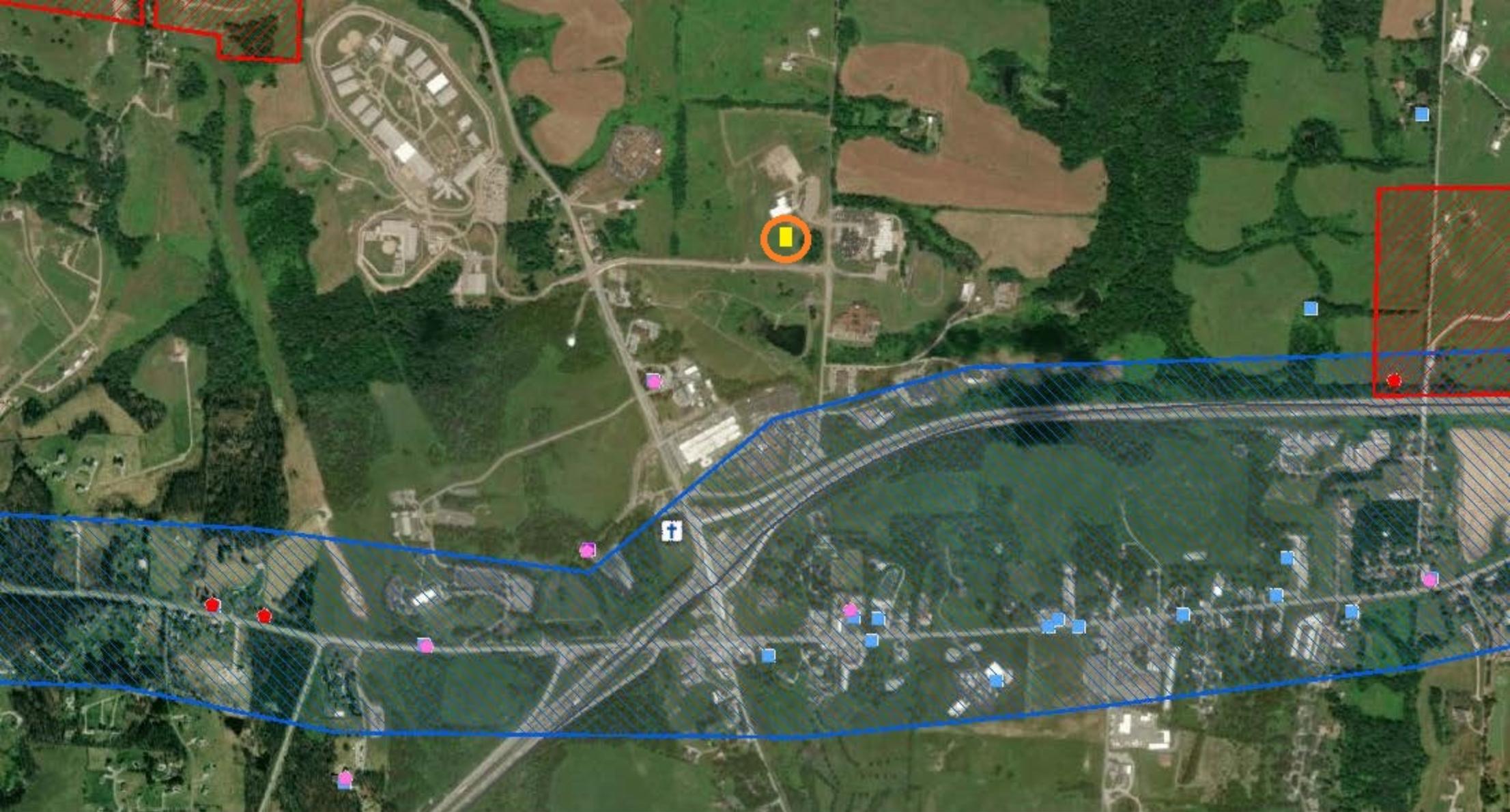
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PROPOSED SITE OF INDUSTRIAL TRADES BUILDING
AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS (APE)



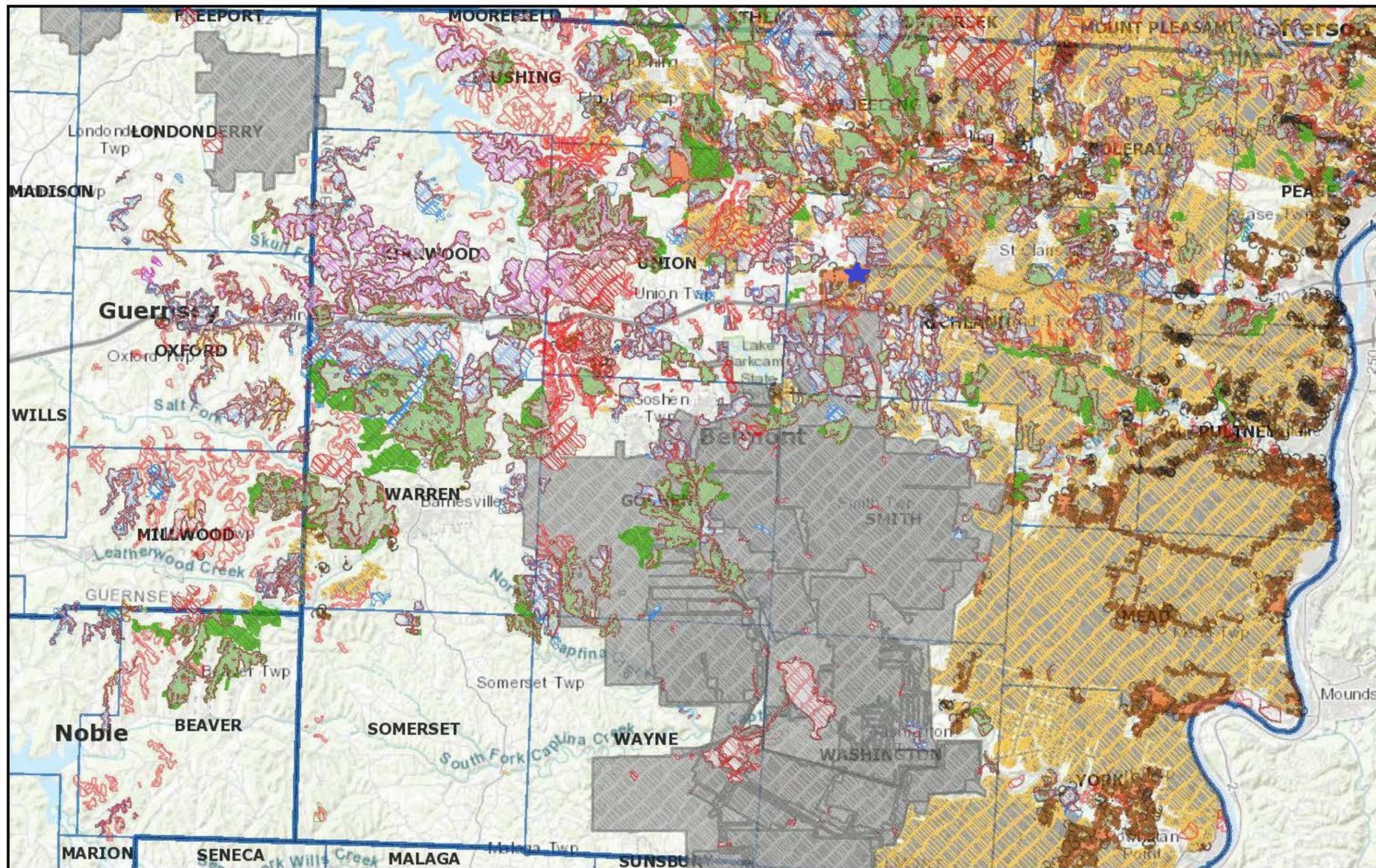


 LOCATION OF PROPOSED NEW BUILDING

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 HISTORIC AND POTENTIALLY HISTORIC STRUCTURES

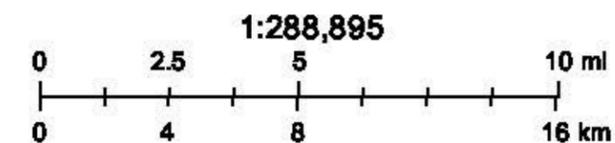
Mines of Ohio



October 7, 2021

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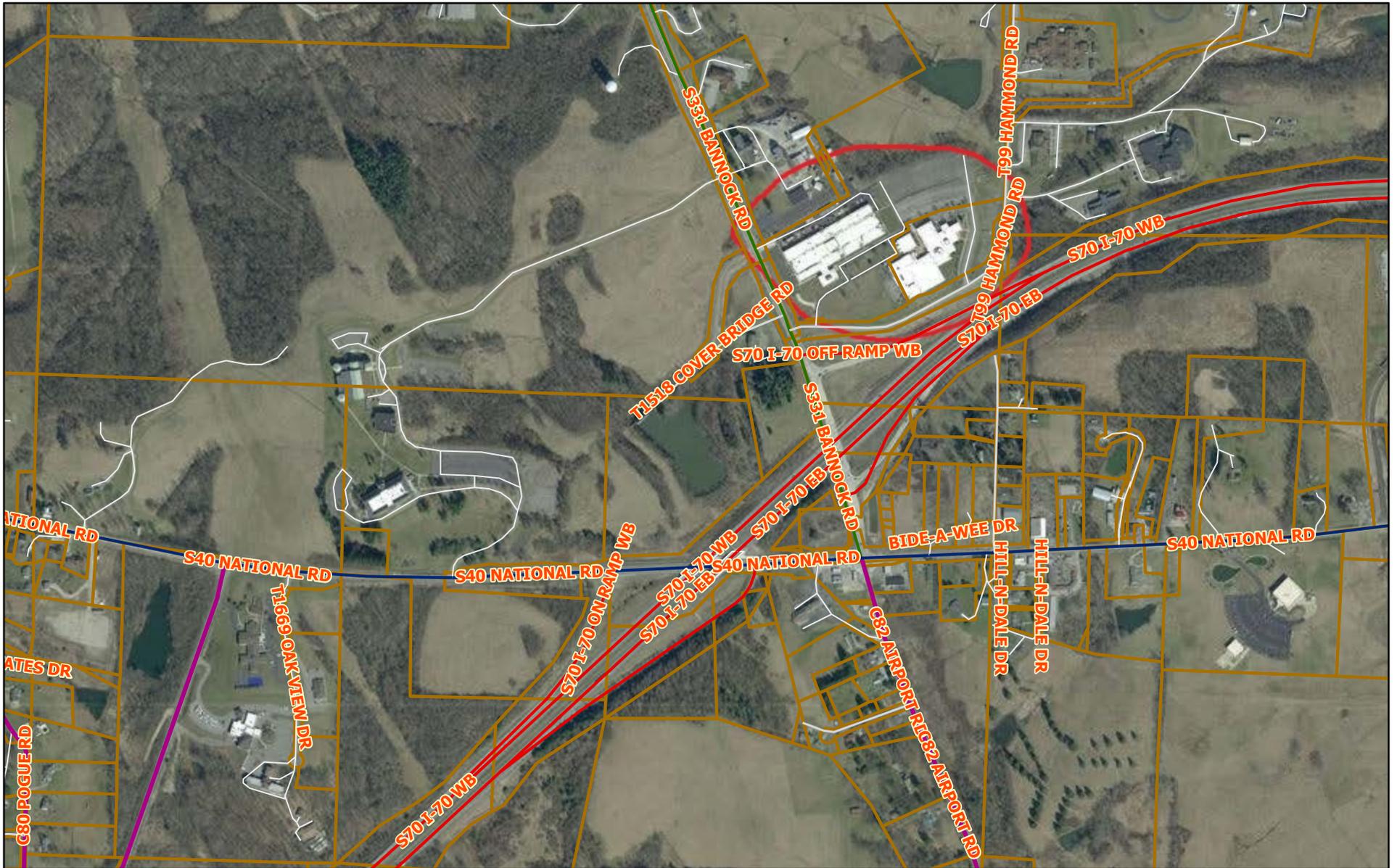
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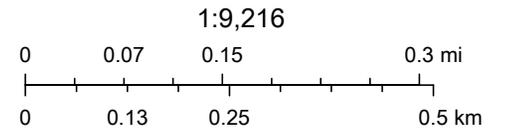
Belmont College Location Map – Project Location Map

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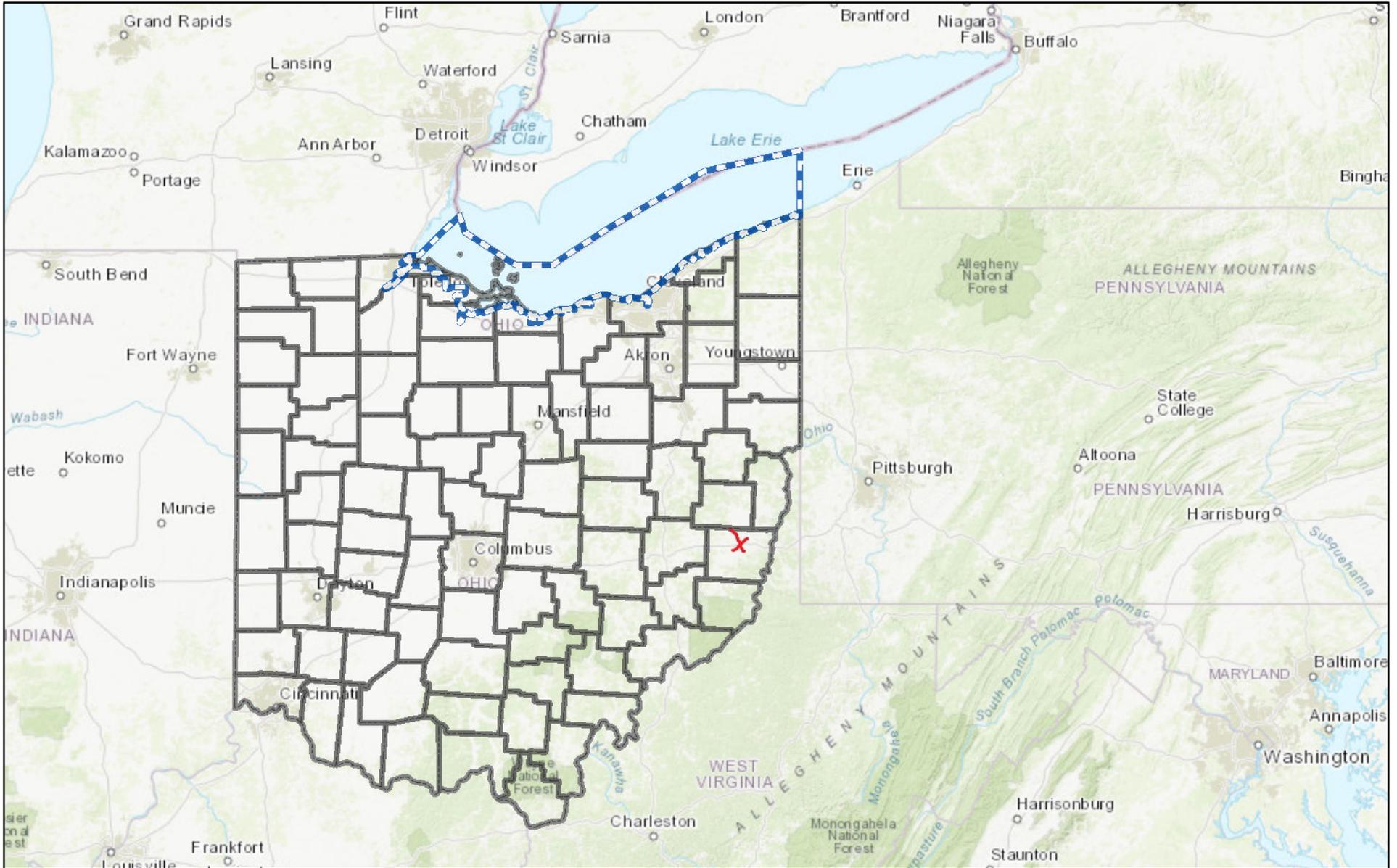
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Coastal Zones Map

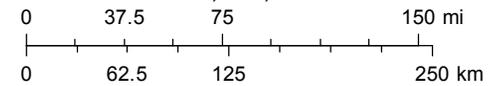
Ohio Coastal Atlas Map Viewer



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 Coastal Management Area Boundary

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Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri

Wetlands Map & Correspondence with Army Corp of Engineers

From: [Hannah Stillions](#)
To: lrh.permits@usace.army.mil
Subject: Environmental Review - Belmont College Industrial Trades Building
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 12:45:00 PM
Attachments: [EDA Project Site.jpg](#)
[image001.png](#)
[Building Site.jpg](#)
[FEMA Floodplain Map.pdf](#)
[National Wetland Inventory Map.pdf](#)

To whom it may concern,

OMEGA is assisting Belmont College with an Environmental Review required for an EDA grant application for their Industrial Trades Building Project. Belmont College is requesting EDA grant funding to construct a 26,000 square foot building on property that the college owns. The project site was formerly a coal mine site before being obtained by the college. I've attached a wetlands map, a floodplain map, a map of the project site, and a picture of the building site. The construction of this grant project will have no impact on the rivers or wetlands near the project site. We are providing this project description to the US Army Corp of Engineers, to provide an opportunity to comment on potential environmental impacts of this project. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you,



Hannah Stillions (she/her)

Development Specialist/EDA Program Manager

Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association

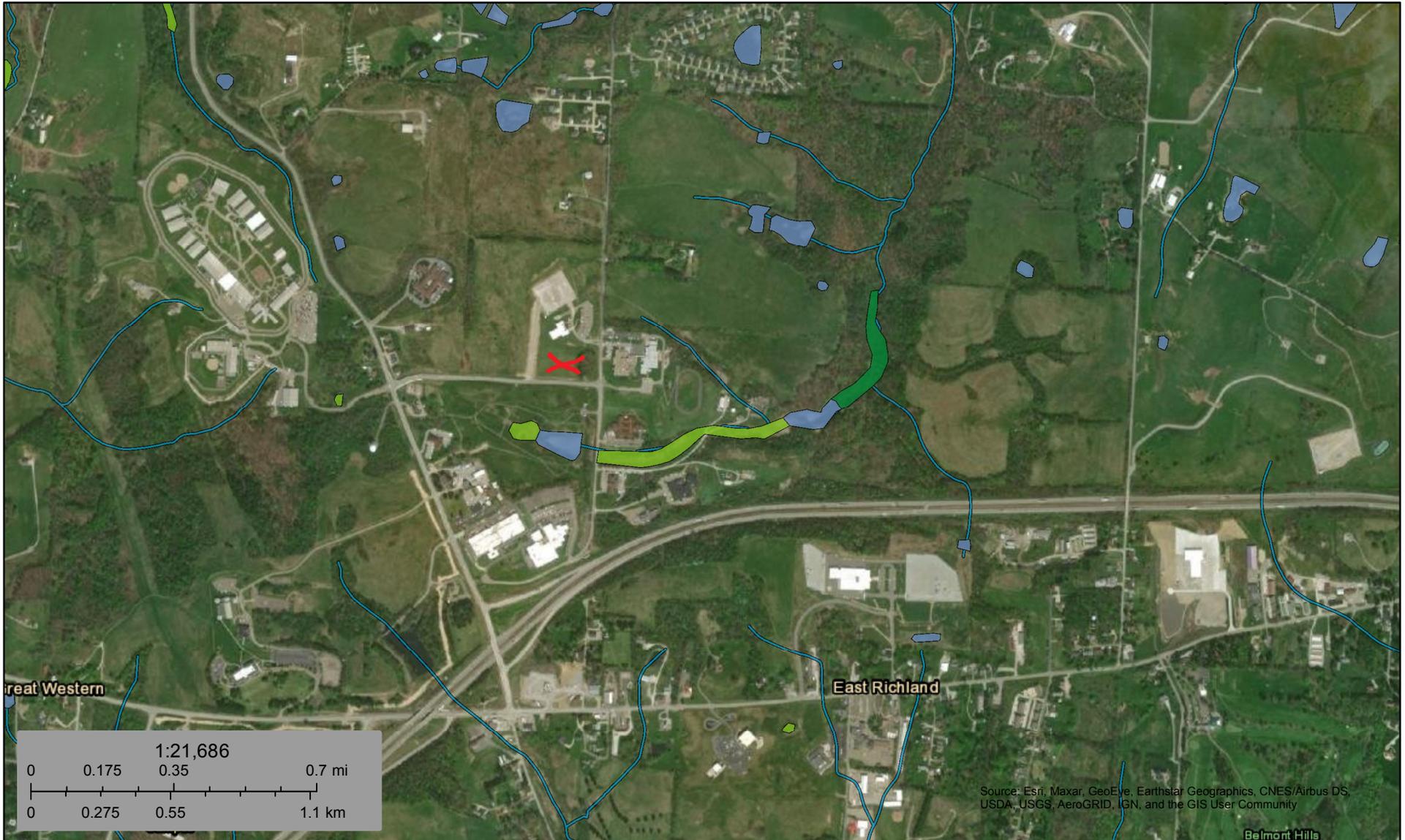
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Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Lake
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Other
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Riverine

This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.

Floodplain Map



- PIN**
- Approximate location based on user input and does not represent an authoritative property location
 - Selected FloodMap Boundary
 - Digital Data Available
 - No Digital Data Available
 - Unmapped
- MAP PANELS**

- SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS**
- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
Zone A, V, A99
With BFE or Depth
 - Regulatory Floodway Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
 - 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
 - Future Conditions 1% Annual

- OTHER FEATURES**
- 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance
 - 17.5 Water Surface Elevation
 - Coastal Transect
 - Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
 - Limit of Study
 - Jurisdiction Boundary
 - Coastal Transect Baseline
 - Profile Baseline
 - Hydrographic Feature

FWS Affected Species List – FWS Comments

Belmont College Industrial Trades Building, Belmont County, Ohio

Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov>

Fri 3/4/2022 9:39 AM

To: Hannah Stillions <hstillions@omegadistrict.org>



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Office
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Columbus, Ohio 43230
(614) 416-8993 / Fax (614) 416-8994



Project Code: 2022-0007249

Dear Ms. Stillions,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. We offer the following comments and recommendations to assist you in minimizing and avoiding adverse effects to threatened and endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq), as amended (ESA).

Federally Threatened and Endangered Species: Due to the project, type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or proposed or designated critical habitat. If there are any project modifications during the term of this action, or additional information for listed or proposed species or their critical habitat becomes available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, then please contact us for additional project review.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or ohio@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Patrice M. Ashfield
Ohio Field Office Supervisor



United States Department of the Interior



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In Reply Refer To:
Project Code: 2022-0007249
Project Name: Belmont College Industrial Trades Building

February 14, 2022

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see <https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations.php>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see <https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/threats-to-birds.php>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations/executive-orders/e0-13186.php>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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Project Summary

Project Code: 2022-0007249

Event Code: None

Project Name: Belmont College Industrial Trades Building

Project Type: New Constr - Above Ground

Project Description: Belmont County - 26,000 square foot building from the ground up - project completion anticipated December 2023

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@40.0829312,-80.9661323,14z>



Counties: Belmont County, Ohio

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 3 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Indiana Bat <i>Myotis sodalis</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949	Endangered
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incidental take of the northern long-eared bat is not prohibited at this location. Federal action agencies may conclude consultation using the streamlined process described at https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/s7.html Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045	Threatened

Insects

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Candidate

Critical habitats

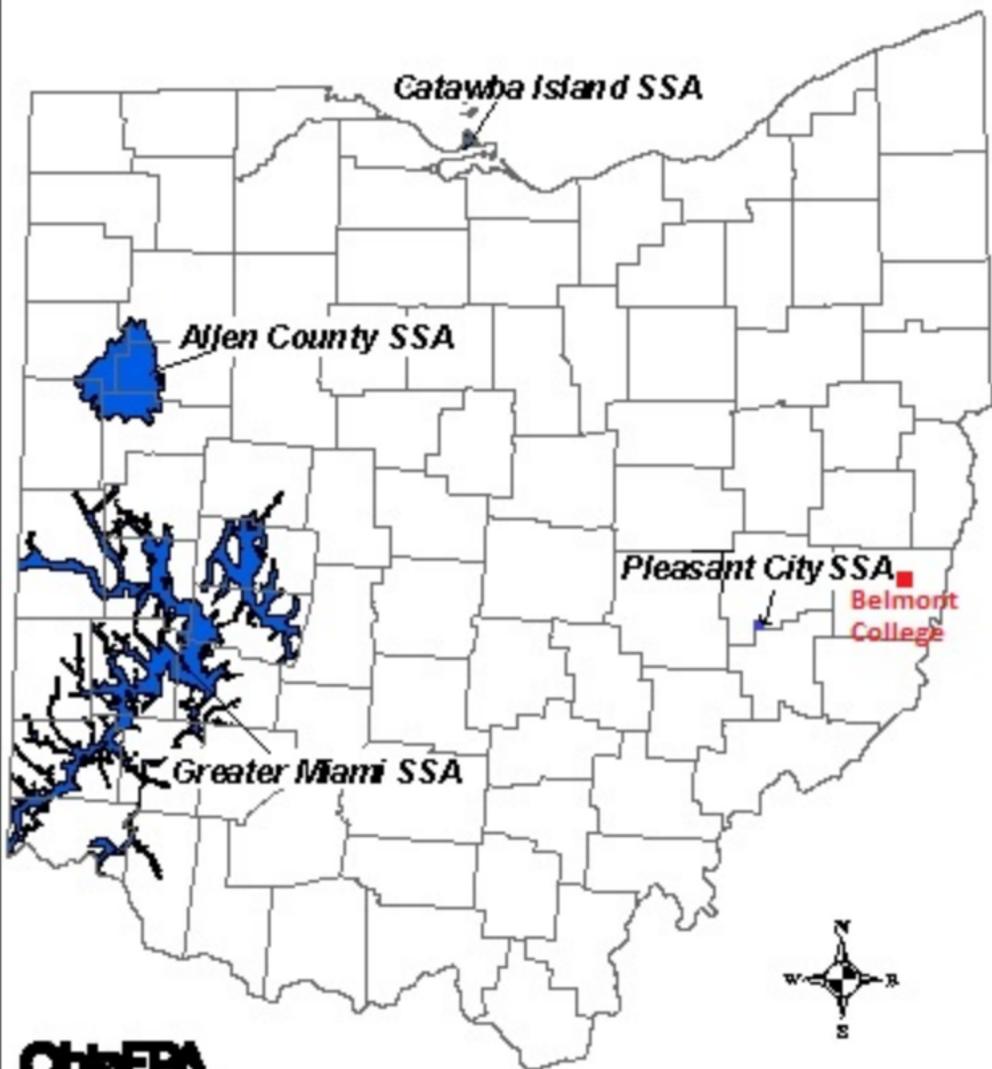
THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

IPaC User Contact Information

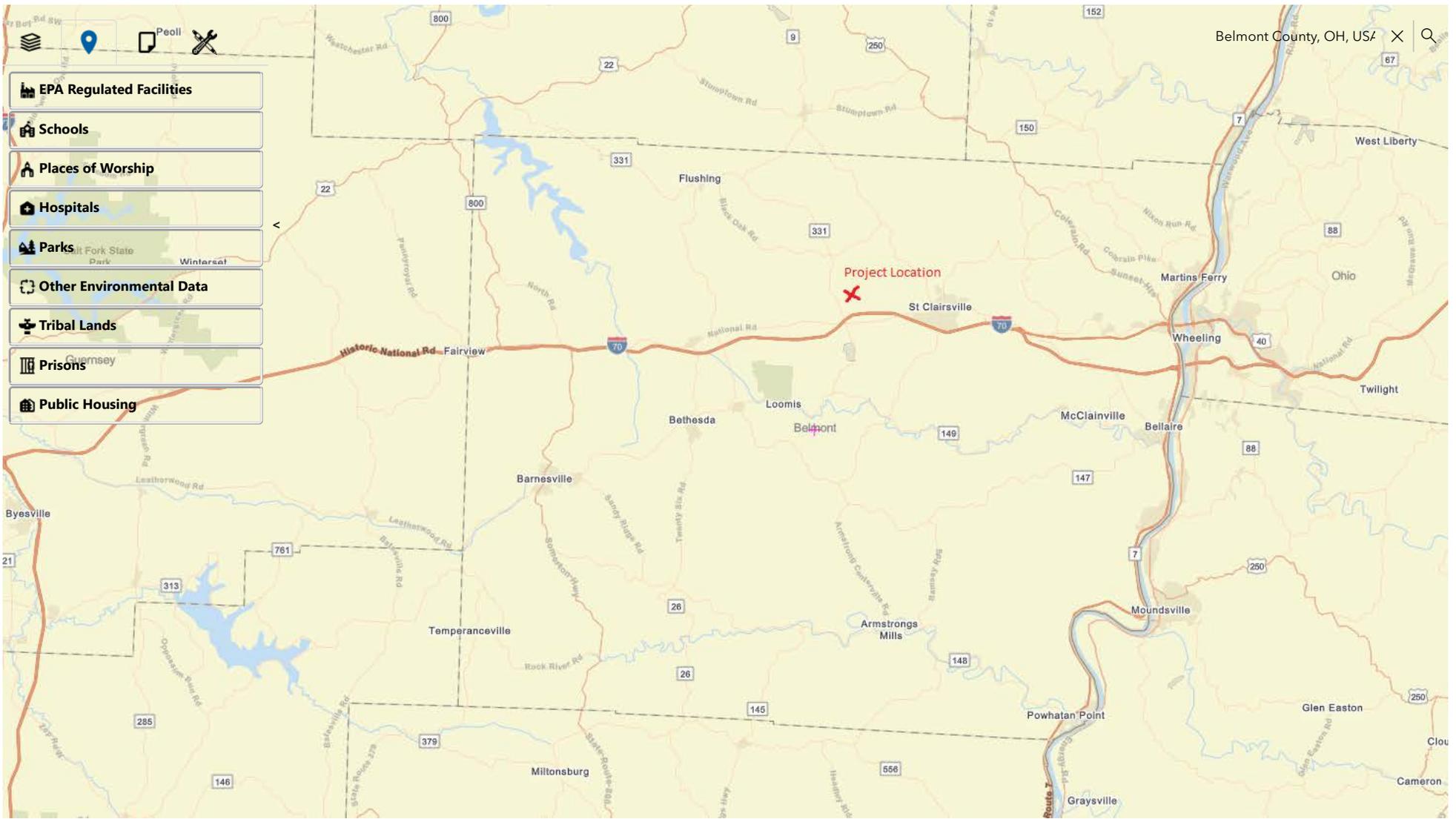
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Sole Source Aquifer Map

Sole Source Aquifers in Ohio



Environmental Justice Map



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Email to Ohio Department of Natural Resources

From: [Hannah Stillions](#)
To: ["environmentalreviewrequest@dnr.ohio.gov"](mailto:environmentalreviewrequest@dnr.ohio.gov)
Subject: Environmental Review - Belmont College Industrial Trades Building
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 12:35:00 PM
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[FEMA Floodplain Map.pdf](#)
[National Wetland Inventory Map.pdf](#)
[EDA Project Site.jpg](#)
[Building Site.jpg](#)

Good afternoon,

OMEGA is assisting Belmont College with an Environmental Review required for an EDA grant application for their Industrial Trades Building Project. Belmont College is requesting EDA grant funding to construct a 26,000 square foot building on property that the college owns. The project site was formerly a coal mine site before being obtained by the college. I've attached a wetlands map, a floodplain map, a map of the project site, and a picture of the building site. We are requesting comments that ODNR may have on the environmental effects of the proposed EDA grant project. I will also be reaching out to Fish and Wildlife Services as well as the Army Corp of Engineers.

I would appreciate any comments you may have on this project Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,



Hannah Stillions (she/her)

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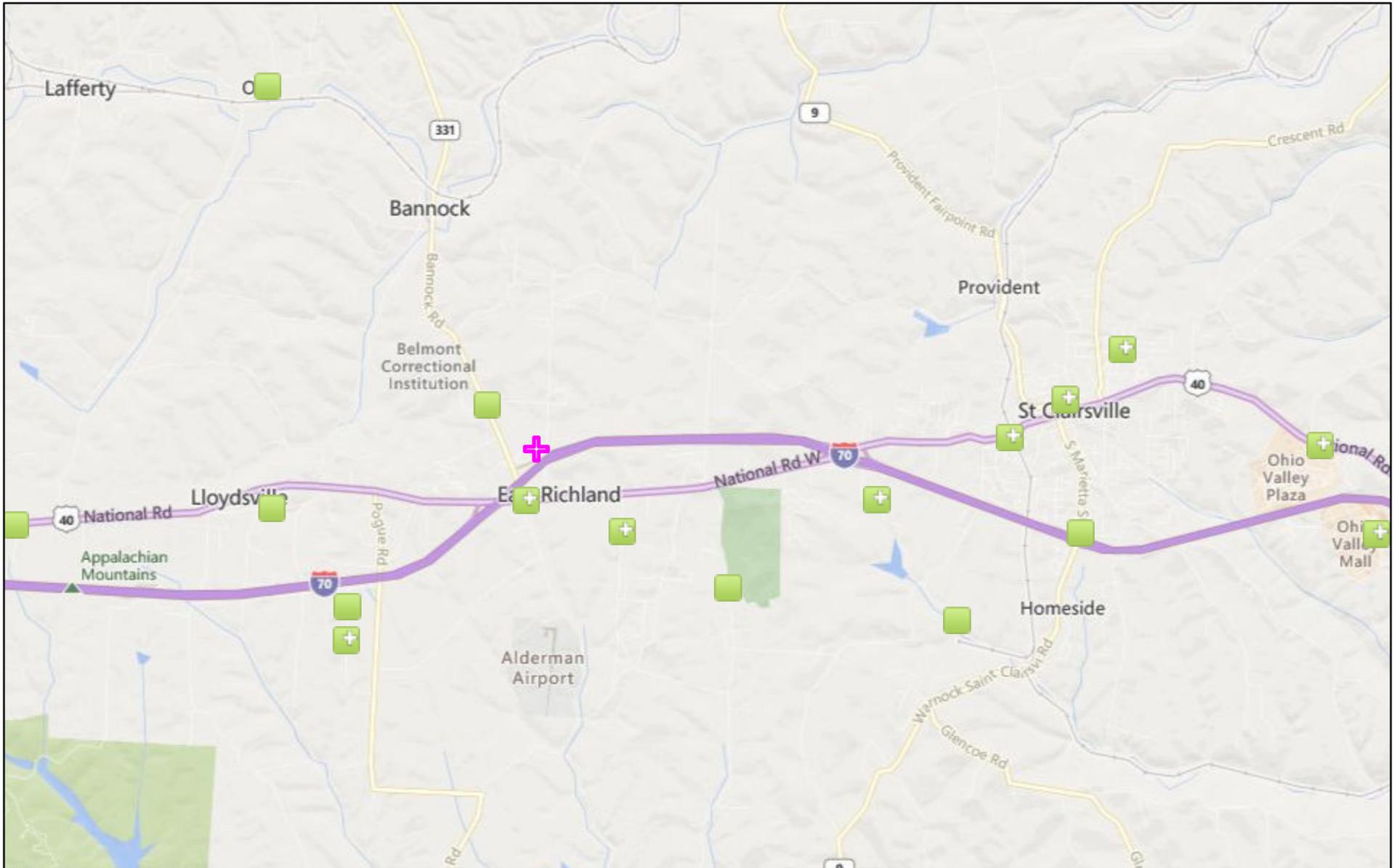
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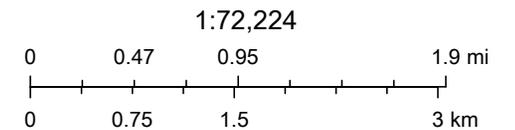
Hazardous Waste and Toxic Substances Maps

Hazardous Waste

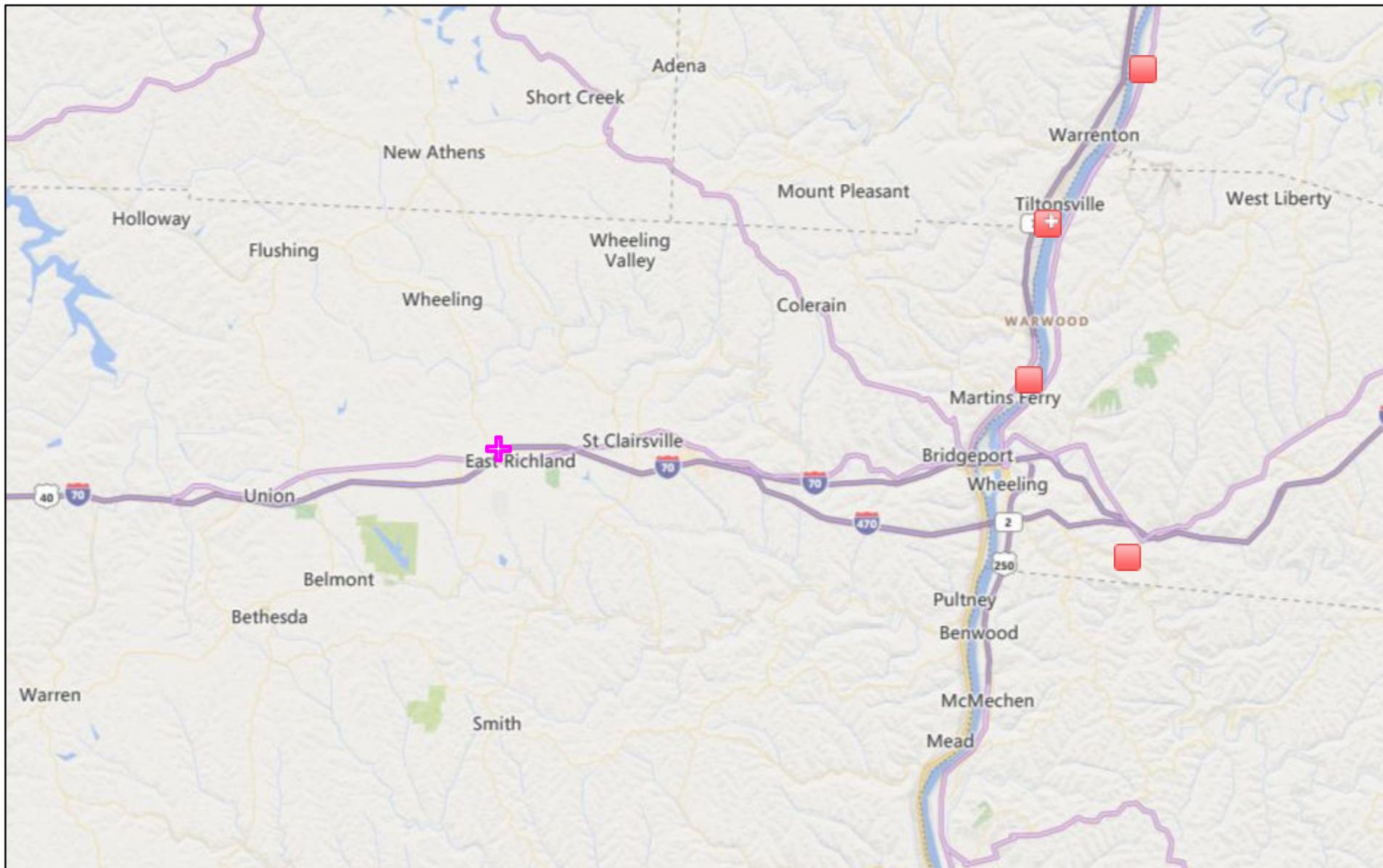


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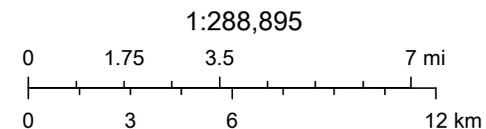


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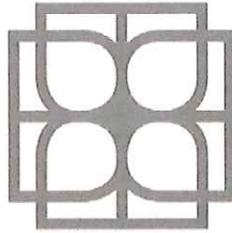


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2019 Belmont College Master Plan



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Campus Plan - Overall

5.7 Site Plan and Program Layout

Recommended Site

As described under Campus Master Plan recommendations in section 4.0 of this report, the 44-acre campus property to the north is ideally positioned to accommodate new campus

buildings. The Master Plan recommends locating the new Industrial Trades Center in close proximity to Belmont’s Health Sciences Center, south of the new loop road as shown in the illustrative plan below.



Campus Plan - North Campus Area - Showing Recommended Site for the New Industrial Trades Center