

ATTACHMENT NO I: Categorical Exclusion (CE) Form

Note: This document takes the place of the environmental documents from previous grant applications. Please read the CE instructions on pages 46-56 before completing pages 42-44.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE) FORM (For Recreational Trails Program in Ohio)	Date:	February 1, 2015
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I) Project Information		
Name of Project: Village of Ashville's Roundabout Trail	Federal Project #:	
Project Sponsor: Village of Ashville	State Project #:	
Project Description: Refurbish Park ¼ Mile Track		
Purpose and Need for Action:	The purpose of this project is to {rehabilitate park track, see current track photos Exhibit}. The need for the project is to {allow residents and quest to continue walking, running, jogging, and wheel chair use}.	
Termini:		
Funding Source(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> federal	<input type="checkbox"/> state
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	<input type="checkbox"/> private
Estimated Cost: \$ 75,616		
Is there a completed ODOT Categorical Exclusion for the project?		
Yes		Environmental process is complete. Identify ODOT PID & forward ODOT CE to FHWA
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continue

II) Scope of the Proposed Action:			
(pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 206 and this section is applicable to RTP applicants, and not Clean Ohio applicants)			
	Yes	No	Comments
1) Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as related to recreational trails		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not part of Application but will help existing program called Fun-in-the-Sun which annually promotes safety including bicycle safety, see Exhibit G.
2) Purchase & lease of recreational trails construction and maintenance equipment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3) Acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4) Construction of ADA features to existing facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		The trail will be constructed compliant to standards, i.e. wheelchair access and use, see Exhibit O and Form 3
5) Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		The trail will be refurbish an existing track in the main village park, see Exhibit L.
6) Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		The trail will connect to an existing "School Trail" with the intent to connect to future trails along Walnut Creek and the Westside Park, see Exhibit B.
7) Construction of new recreational trails within parameters set forth by 23 U.S.C. 206 (d) (2) (D)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is part of long range planning see Exhibit B.

If Items 1, 2, 3, or 4 are checked yes above, then the environmental process is complete. Complete Section V and submit to ODNR for processing. {23 CFR 771.117 (c)}

If Items 5, 6, or 7 are checked yes above, then continue with Sections II through IV {23 CFR 771.117 (d)}

- **Maintenance & restoration of existing trails may be interpreted broadly to include any kind of trail maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation or relocation including the work to trail bridges or providing adequate signage on a trail.**
- **Development and rehabilitation of trailside facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails may be interpreted broadly to include development or rehabilitation of any trailside or trailhead facility that have a direct relationship to the recreational trail.**
- **Construction of new recreational trails should be self-explanatory, and including bridges and signage along a trail.**

III) Involvement with Resources:

	*No	Possible	Resources Present, Studies, Coordination, Comments and Commitments
1) Streams, Rivers, & Watercourses	✓		Based on field review on {date} by {person/title}, {environmental resource name & extent of impact} will be impacted by the proposed project. Coordination was conducted with {responsible agency} on {date}. A copy of the letter is attached. [If applicable] On {date} the {responsible agency} provided comments and/or environmental commitments related to the project. Environmental commitments include {explain, list, etc.}
2) National/State Scenic River Involvement	✓		
3) Other Surface Waters	✓		
4) Wetlands	✓		
5) Lake Erie Coastal Zone	✓		
6) *Threatened and Endangered Species	✓		
7) Cultural Resources		✓	See Exhibit Letter from Ohio Historical Society
8) *Air Quality Impacts	X		RTP projects will not result in any meaningful changes in traffic volumes, vehicle mix, location of the existing facility or any other factor that would cause an increase in emissions impacts relative to the no-build alternative pursuant to the Clean Air Act criteria for pollutants
9) *Environmental Justice	✓		See Exhibit Y EPA's Environmental Justice (EJ) Map
10) Public Involvement		✓	See Exhibit J & K on Facebook and Public Meeting
11) Hazardous Materials	✓		
12) Flood Plains	✓		See FEMA Flood Plain Map Exhibit Z
13) Waterway Permits	✓		

If "No" is checked above per resource, then no description is required in box to right

* Items 8 & 9 **DO NOT APPLY** to Clean Ohio Applicants

* Item 6 USFWS coordination **does not apply** to Clean Ohio applicants unless there is a federal action associated with the project like a USACE Section 404 Waterway Permit, or if federal money is associated with the project, however the ODNR Biodiversity Database Search always applies to Clean Ohio Applicants

IV) Environmental Commitments Made and Resources to be Avoided

- These **MUST BE** incorporated into the Contract and discussed with the contractor prior to construction

Were any commitments made during the project development process?

Yes No

Commitment:
Disposition:

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V) Required Attachments

- These items **MUST BE** submitted by the times shown below

At the time of initial application to ODNR;

- Project mapping
- Project photolog
- Pre-coordination letters with permitting agencies (OEPA, Army Corps, Floodplain Coordinator, etc.)
- Documentation of Public Involvement

By the time of federal NEPA approval for RTP projects;

- External resource agency coordination letters showing final agency concurrence with project (USFWS, OHPO, ODNR, etc.), which includes completion and agency approval of all requested additional resource studies by any resource agency

Prior to construction for all projects;

- Copies of all waterway permits
- Copies of all floodplain permits
- Evidence of all environmental commitments as shown in project plans and specifications

VI) Approval

This section must be signed by all parties and approved by FHWA prior to federal authorization of the next phase of the project

After reviewing the current status of this project, the Applicant and the Department of Natural Resources considers that the NEPA document remains valid. In our review, we have confirmed that there have been no changes to the proposed action, including its scope or location, which would result in environmental impacts not considered in the NEPA document or reevaluation, and that there is no new information or circumstances relevant to environmental concerns, and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts, which would result in substantial environmental impact not considered in the NEPA document or the reevaluation.

Form Prepared By:

Please Do Not Sign Without ODNR Approval

Applicant Name/Organization

Date

State Acceptance of Project:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Program Manager

Date

FHWA has reviewed the proposed action and it is our assessment that implementation of the proposed action will not result in any significant impacts to the human and/or natural environment. If during further development of the project there is a substantial change in the impacts of or the scope of the proposed action, the environmental effects need to be reevaluated. FHWA has determined that Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 is not applicable to the Recreational Trails Program.

Approval of CE:

For: Laura S. Leffler
Division Administrator

Date