



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Craig W. Butler, Director

**Re: Cycle Way ATF aka Freedom Way
Permit - Intermediate
Correspondence
401 Wetlands
Fairfield
DSW401042036**

February 10, 2015

Rebecca Medinger, Parks and Recreation Director
City of Pickerington
100 Lockville Road
Pickerington, Ohio 43147

Subject: Freedom Way on-site stream restoration – Mitigation Compliance Letter
Ohio EPA # 042036; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers #2002-01389

Dear Ms. Medinger,

Ohio EPA issued the City of Pickerington a Section 401 After-the-Fact (401 ATF) Water Quality Certification for the above referenced project on September 6th, 2005. The performance criteria detailed within Section D (as modified) of that certification are as follows:

1. Within five (5) years after completion of construction of the mitigation on Lees Run for the after the fact impacts associated with the Cycle Way project, the mitigation stream shall develop a minimum QHEI score of 60.
2. Within five (5) years after completion of construction of the mitigation on Lees Run for the after the fact impacts associated with the Cycle Way project, the mitigation stream shall develop a minimum of 1,062 linear feet of warmwater habitat.
3. Within five (5) years after completion of construction of the mitigation stream, the riparian zone will be 80% native Ohio woody cover.

Ohio EPA has reviewed the 2011 (Year 5) monitoring report for mitigation for stream impacts at the above site and compliance with the 401 ATF. Also, on June 17th, 2014 a 5th year site visit to the mitigation area was conducted by Megan Wolf, with the division of Surface Water 401 WQC, Isolated Wetland and Mitigation Compliance Section. During that site visit, sewage was observed to be discharging into Lees Run due to a vandalized man-hole. This sanitary sewer overflow was quickly cleaned up and several reports were submitted by Fairfield County Utilities that documented the remediation activities.

Based upon our observations at the site, discussions with your consultant during that site visit, and a thorough review of all monitoring data, it has been determined that the mitigation project has met the above conditions of the 401 ATF. You are hereby released from further monitoring activities.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Wolf at 614-914-4243 or by e-mail at Megan.Wolf@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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