

County Engineers Association of Ohio

2017 Ohio Storm Water Management & Drainage Conference



**Floodplain Coordination, H&H Analysis, and
Environmental Clearance for a Proposed Bridge over the
National and State Scenic River, Big Darby Creek, in
Franklin County, Ohio**

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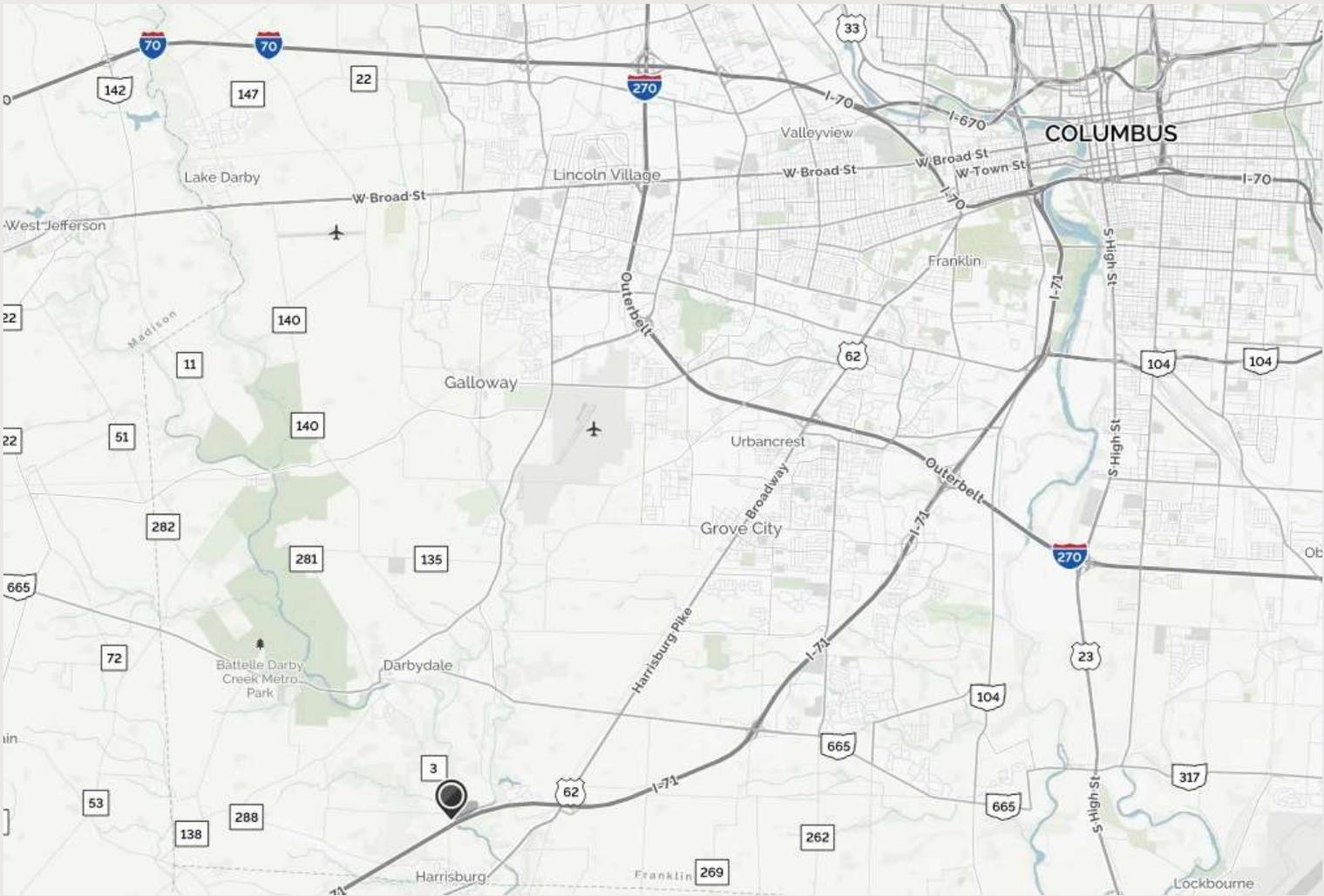
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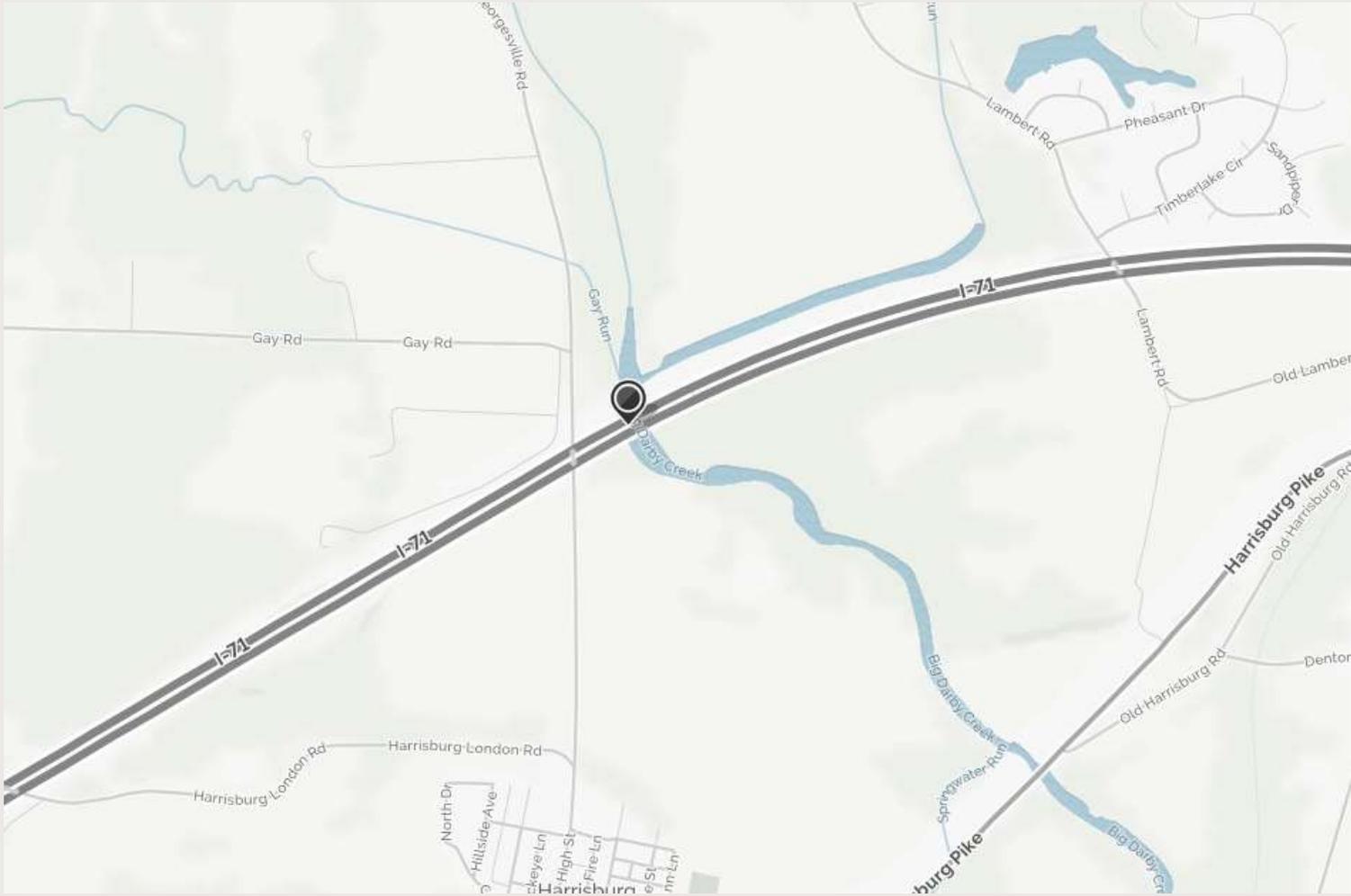
Project Overview

- ODOT Interstate 71 Improvement Project
- Three Bridge Alternatives Developed
 - One Span, Two Span, Three Span
- Impacts to National Scenic River
- Coordination with multiple agencies including:
 - ODOT
 - FHWA
 - NPS
 - ODNR
 - USFWS
 - Metroparks
 - OhioEPA
 - USACE

Project Location



Project Location



H&H Analysis

FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY



VOLUME 1 of 4

FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO AND INCORPORATED AREAS

COMMUNITY NAME	COMMUNITY NUMBER	COMMUNITY NAME	COMMUNITY NUMBER
BEXLEY, CITY OF	390188	VALLEYVIEW, VILLAGE OF	390485
BEULIE, VILLAGE OF	390258	WESTERVILLE, CITY OF	390178
CANAL WINCHESTER, VILLAGE OF	390149	WINTERHALL, CITY OF	390180
COLUMBUS, CITY OF	390176	WORTHINGTON, CITY OF	390181
DUBLIN, CITY OF	390273		
FRANKLIN COUNTY (UNINCORPORATED AREAS)	390187		
GASMANNA, CITY OF	390171		
GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS, CITY OF	390171		
GROVE CITY, CITY OF	390173		
GROVEPORT, VILLAGE OF	390174		
HARRISBURG, VILLAGE OF	390897		
HILLIARD, CITY OF	390171		
LOCKBOURNE, VILLAGE OF	390891		
MARBLE CREEK, VILLAGE OF	390896		
MENVERVA PARK, VILLAGE OF	390791		
NEW ALBANY, VILLAGE OF	390899		
OBETS, VILLAGE OF	390178		
REYNOLDSBURG, CITY OF	390177		
RYELEA, VILLAGE OF	390492		
UPPER ARLINGTON, CITY OF	390178		
URBANCREST, VILLAGE OF	390283		



* NO SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS IDENTIFIED WITHIN COMMUNITY

REVISED:
June 16 2011



Federal Emergency Management Agency
FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY NUMBER
J984PCV081D

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FIRM

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 383 OF 465

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
FRANKLIN COUNTY	390167	0383	K
HARRISBURG, VILLAGE OF	390897	0383	K

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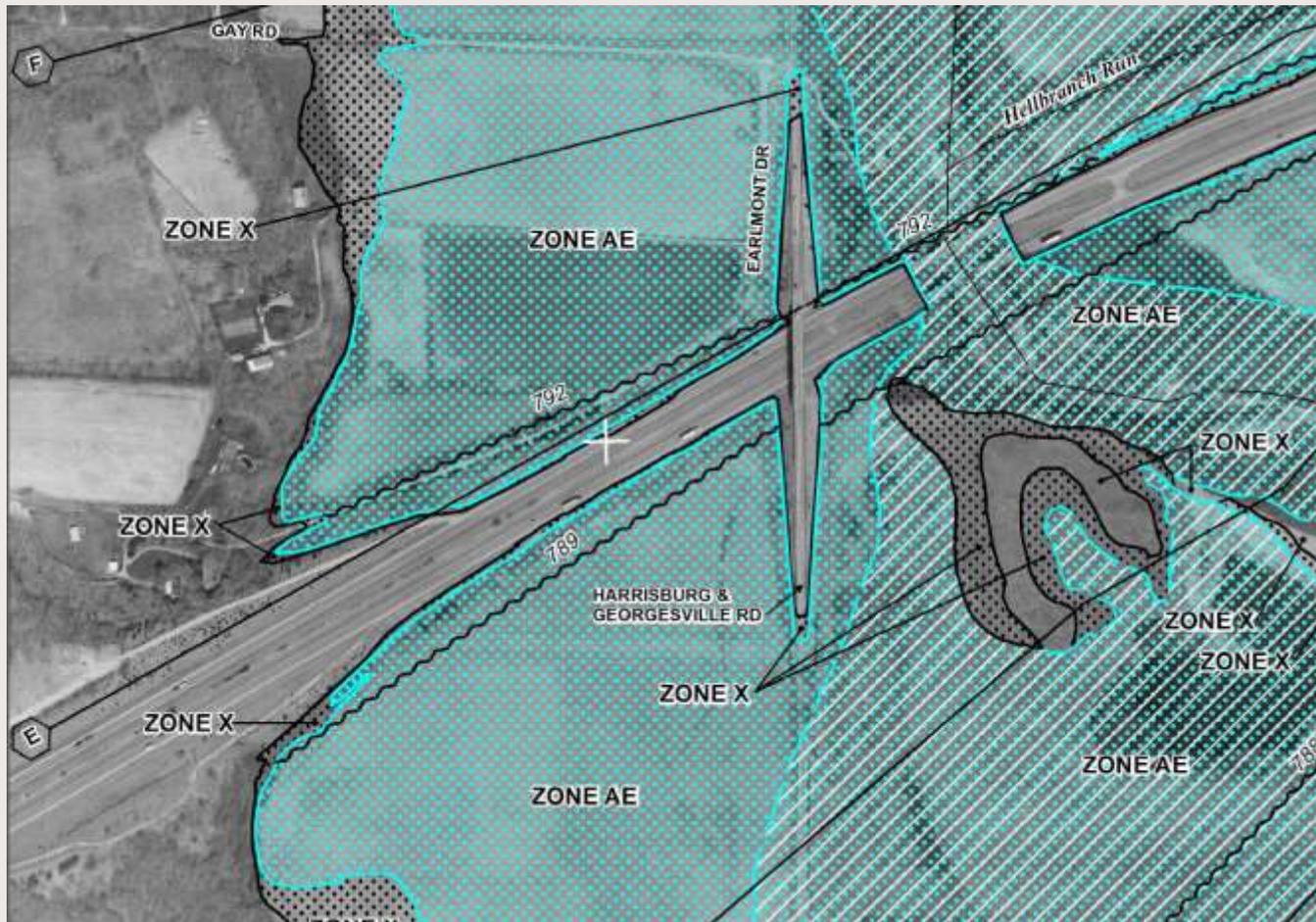
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MAP REVISED
JUNE 17, 2008

Federal Emergency Management Agency

H&H Analysis

- FEMA Zone AE - An area inundated by 1% annual chance flooding, for which BFEs have been determined.



H&H Analysis

- Regulatory Floodway

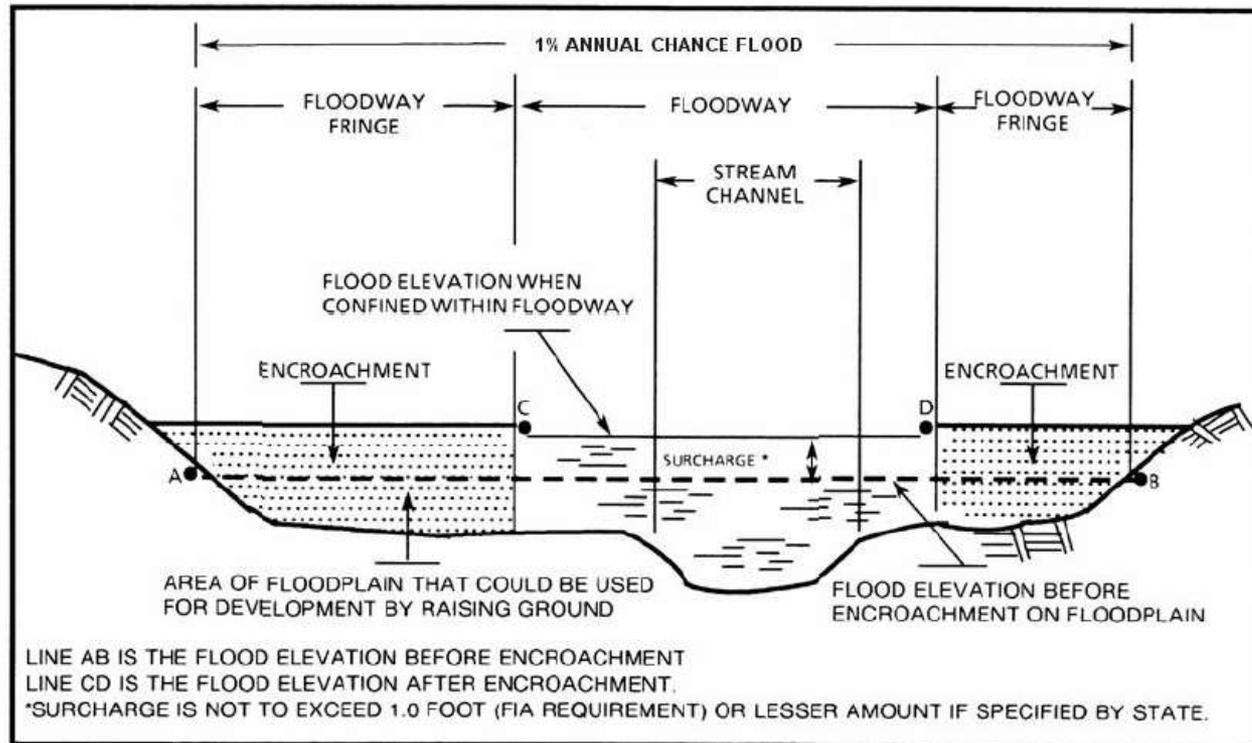


Figure 1. Floodway Schematic

H&H Analysis

- Administered by Franklin County Development and Planning Department
- No increase in Base Flood Elevations (BFE) Permitted
 - ZERO - 0.00' increase permitted
 - Unless CLOMR or LOMR

H&H Analysis

- ODOT Self-Permit Process
 - Location and Design Manual, Volume 2
 - Zone AE requires documentation through the ODOT self-permit process, coordination with FEMA, ODNR, and the Local Floodplain Coordinator
 - Hydraulic Calculations
 - Letter of Compliance
 - No-Rise Certification

H&H Analysis

- Duplicate Effective Model
 - Copy of the hydraulic analysis used in the effective FIS
 - aka Effective Model
- Corrective Effective Model
 - Add or Delete cross sections to model the bridge
 - Other corrections, such as adjustments for Datum

H&H Analysis

NGVD29. With the finalization of the NAVD88, many FIS reports and FIRMs are being prepared using NAVD88 as the referenced vertical datum.

All flood elevations shown in this FIS report and on the FIRM are referenced to NAVD88. Structure and ground elevations in the community must, therefore, be referenced to NAVD88. It is important to note that adjacent communities may be referenced to NGVD29. This may result in differences in Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) across the corporate limits between communities.

- $\text{NAVD88} = \text{NGVD29} - 0.60 \text{ feet}$

H&H Analysis

- Existing Model
 - Surveyed Cross Sections added
- Proposed Model
 - Proposed Bridge model

H&H Analysis

- Obtain Effective Model
 - FEMA
 - Franklin County
 - ODOT
 - ODNR
 - USACE
 - Others
- Ideally, HEC-RAS Model or HEC-2 Model
- No electronic model was available
- HEC-2 Input provided by FEMA in PDF

H&H Analysis

Big Darby Creek

H&H Analysis

T1	BIG DARBY CREEK FRANKLIN CO D. FIS 1977									
T2	BIG DARBY SECTIONS 1 THRU 84 MILE 23.644 TO 46.865									
T3	BIG DARBY CREEK RUN 15									
J1	-10	6								783.
J2	1		-1			0.856				
J3	38	42	1	2	4		3	13	14	15
J3	10	53	54	202	150		696			43
NC	0.08	0.07	0.045	0.1	0.5					
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NH2050.0		.045	2090.0	.060	4550.0	.065	6100.0	.075	6890.0	0.
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GR 769.0		519.0	771.0	527.0	771.5	530.0	775.0	551.0	772.0	569.0
GR 781.0		600.0	781.0	620.0	781.0	632.0	781.0	800.0	781.0	1000.0
GR 781.0		1200.0	781.0	1400.0	781.0	1600.0	781.0	1800.0	781.0	1940.0
GR 781.0		2000.0	781.0	2050.0	781.0	2090.0	781.0	2200.0	781.0	2400.0
GR 781.0		2730.0	795.0	2731.0	795.0	2820.0	781.0	2820.0	781.0	3100.0
GR 781.0		3290.0	795.0	3291.0	795.0	3340.0	781.0	3341.0	781.0	3500.0
GR 781.0		3710.0	786.0	3761.0	786.0	3830.0	786.0	3860.0	786.0	4100.0
GR 786.0		4300.0	786.0	4410.0	790.0	4493.0	790.4	4550.0	791.0	4622.0
GR 792.0		4849.0	793.0	4916.0	793.0	4925.0	793.0	4950.0	825.0	4951.0
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GR 793.0		5951.0	793.0	6100.0	793.0	6210.0	794.0	6218.0	794.0	6348.0
GR 793.0		6546.0	794.0	6721.0	793.0	6750.0	793.0	6885.0	794.0	6890.0
NH	13	.080	330.0	.050	1372.0	.060	1435.0	.045	1470.0	.050
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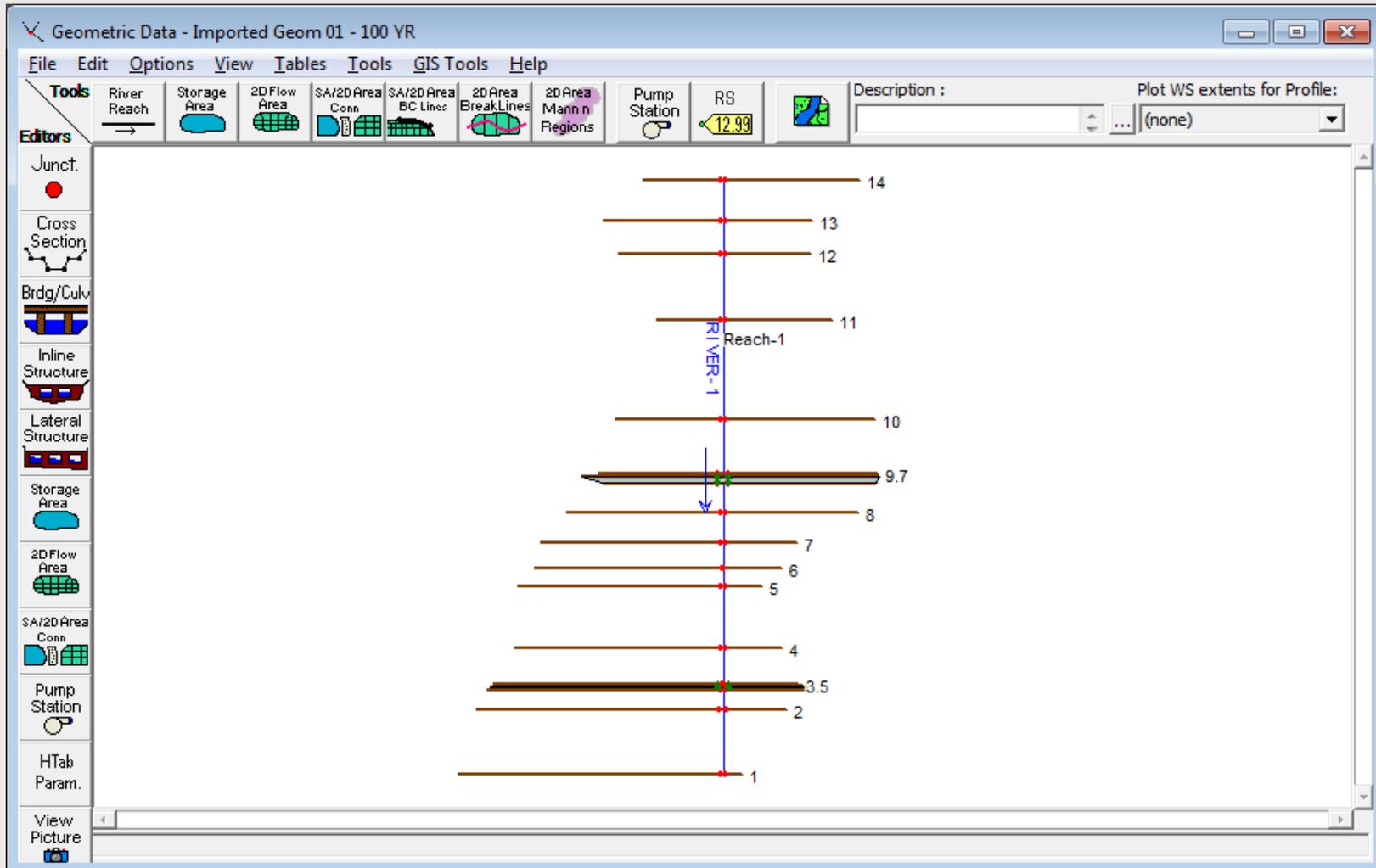
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H&H Analysis

- Common HEC-2 Errors
 - First challenge is getting the HEC-2 to run
 - Filename must be 8 characters or less
 - All fields must be filled out and right justified
 - Comments must be made using an *
 - After getting it to run, match the model output to the published FIS data table
 - There were several versions of HEC-2
 - 1971
 - 1976
 - 1988
 - 1991
 - 1995 – Windows version named HEC-RAS

H&H Analysis



H&H Analysis

FLOODING SOURCE		FLOODWAY				1-PERCENT-ANNUAL-CHANCE FLOOD WATER SURFACE ELEVATION (FEET NAVD)			
CROSS SECTION	DISTANCE ¹	WIDTH (FEET)	WIDTH REDUCED FROM PRIOR STUDY	SECTION AREA (SQUARE FEET)	MEAN VELOCITY (FEET PER SECOND)	REGULATORY	WITHOUT FLOODWAY	WITH FLOODWAY	INCREASE (FEET)
Big Darby Creek									
A	23.644	2,700		14,687	2.6	784.9	784.9	785.4	0.5
B	24.065	3,541		28,674	1.3	787.4	787.4	787.9	0.5
C	24.522	2,985		18,048	2.1	787.9	787.9	788.4	0.5
D	24.727	2,670		16,581	2.3	788.3	788.3	788.8	0.5
E	25.044	2,847		21,707	1.8	792.1	792.1	792.3	0.2
F	25.298	3,555		16,588	1.1	792.4	792.4	792.6	0.2
G	25.765	1,889		10,229	3.5	794.9	794.9	795.4	0.5
H	26.073	1,288		8,024	4.5	797.0	797.0	797.5	0.5
I	26.415	1,708		9,365	3.9	799.4	799.4	799.9	0.5
J	26.712	2,192		7,850	4.6	802.3	802.3	802.8	0.5
K	27.008	2,146		11,141	3.2	805.3	805.3	805.7	0.4
M	27.104	2,795		15,013	2.4	805.9	805.9	806.3	0.4
N	27.253	2,322		12,705	2.8	806.2	806.2	806.6	0.4
O	27.997	365		4,183	8.5	809.7	809.7	810.1	0.4
P	28.173	564		6,376	5.6	812.3	812.3	812.8	0.5
Q	28.534	1,240		11,906	3.0	814.3	814.3	814.7	0.4
R	29.012	393		4,731	7.5	816.2	816.2	816.4	0.2
S	29.310	1,466		11,152	3.2	818.8	818.8	819.0	0.2
T	29.791	1,862		13,461	2.6	820.9	820.9	821.2	0.3
U	30.089	1,525		12,877	2.8	821.8	821.8	822.2	0.4
V	30.398	827		4,569	7.8	822.6	822.6	822.8	0.2
W	30.688	957		8,254	4.3	826.8	826.8	827.3	0.5
X	30.995	1,299		13,643	2.6	828.2	828.2	828.7	0.5
Y	31.180	984		11,152	3.2	828.7	828.7	829.2	0.5
Z	31.487	679		7,543	4.7	829.5	829.5	830.0	0.5

¹Miles above mouth

Table 9	FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO AND INCORPORATED AREAS	FLOODWAY DATA
		Big Darby Creek

Flood Hazard Evaluation

Section	FEMA Lettered Section	FEMA FIS NAVD88 Datum	FEMA FIS NGVD29 Datum	Duplicate Effective HEC-2 NGVD29 Datum	Duplicate Effective HEC-RAS NGVD29 Datum	Corrected Effective HEC-RAS NAVD88 Datum	Existing Conditions HEC-RAS NAVD88 Datum	Proposed Two Span 307' Face to Face	Difference*
									(+/-)
1	A	784.9	785.5	785.50	785.50	784.90	784.90	784.90	0.00
2	-			786.41	786.42	785.82	785.82	785.82	0.00
3.1	-			786.64	786.66	786.06	786.06	786.06	0.00
3.2	-			786.64	786.63	786.03	786.03	786.03	0.00
Bridge over Harrisburg Road									
3.4	-			787.81	788.28	787.87	787.87	787.87	0.00
3.5	B	787.4	788.0	787.83	788.28	787.87	787.87	787.87	0.00
4	-			787.95	788.38	787.96	787.96	787.96	0.00
5	C	787.9	788.5	788.34	788.71	788.26	788.26	788.26	0.00
6	-			788.52	788.87	788.41	788.41	788.41	0.00
7	D	788.3	788.9	788.82	789.13	788.65	788.65	788.65	0.00
8	-			789.19	789.45	788.94	788.94	788.94	0.00
9.1	-			789.71	789.89	789.94	790.02	790.01	-0.01
9.2	-			789.24	789.44				
Bridge over Big Darby Creek									
9.6	-			789.78	789.87				0.00
9.7	E	792.1	792.7	792.71	792.75	792.31	791.22	791.04	-0.18
10	F	792.4	793.0	793.02	793.07	794.06	793.60	793.55	-0.05
11	G	794.9	795.5	795.54	795.67	795.51	795.38	795.37	-0.01
12	H	797.0	797.6	797.55	797.64	797.10	797.08	797.07	-0.01
13	-			798.78	798.88	798.31	798.30	798.30	0.00
14	I	799.4	800.0	800.03	800.10	799.51	799.50	799.50	0.00

* Difference = Proposed Conditions - Existing Conditions

Floodplain Coordination



Hydrology and Hydraulics (H&H) Report

[Stage One]



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Floodplain Coordination

Form LD-50
Revised January 2015

No-Rise Certification

This is to certify that I am a qualified licensed professional engineer in the State of Ohio. It is to further certify that the attached analysis supports the fact that the proposed Roadway project:

FRA-71-0.00, PID No. 93496 in the floodway will not increase the
(Name of Project)

Base Flood Elevation (100-year flood), floodway elevation, or floodway widths on

Big Darby Creek at published sections in the Flood Insurance
(Name of Stream)

Study for Franklin County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas, dated June 16, 2011
(Name of Community)

and will not increase the Base Flood Elevations (100-year flood), floodway elevations, or floodway widths at unpublished cross-sections in the vicinity of the proposed roadway project.

Engineer's Name: James A. Bumgarner, Jr.

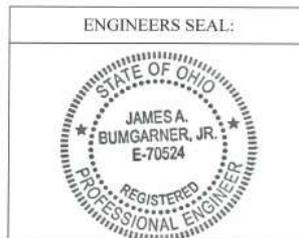
Signature:  Date: February 20, 2015

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Environmental Clearance for New Bridge over Big Darby Creek

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Project Background

Project Development:

- ✓ **2013** – Started Environmental Studies and Completed Feasibility Study
- ✓ **2014**- Structure Type Study Completed, Preliminary Design
- ✓ **2015**- Preliminary Design Complete, Environmental Technical Studies Complete, Biological Assessment (BA) Prepared
- ✓ **2016**- Detailed Design Complete, Biological Opinion (BO) Issued by USFWS
- ✓ **2017**- Final Design, Environmental Document Approval, Waterway Permitting, Mussel Survey
- ✓ **2018**- Begin Construction



Alternatives for I-71

Interstate 71

Alternative 1: Two lanes in each direction south of US-62 interchange and three lanes north of US-62 using the two lane bridge over Big Darby Creek.

Alternative 2: Two lanes in each direction south of US-62 interchange and three lanes north of US-62 widening to a three lane bridge over Big Darby Creek.

Alternative 3: Widening to three lanes in each direction throughout the entire project length, which would include widening to a three lane bridge over Big Darby Creek.

***Alternative 3 was chosen as the Preferred Alternative for the project. This alternative was the only alternative that fully meets the project's goals.**



Alternatives for Big Darby Bridges

Big Darby Creek Bridges

Bridge Alternative 1:

- Single span bridge
- No piers
- Would require I-71 to be raised up by 6 feet and Harrisburg-Georgesville Road to be raised up by 4 feet.

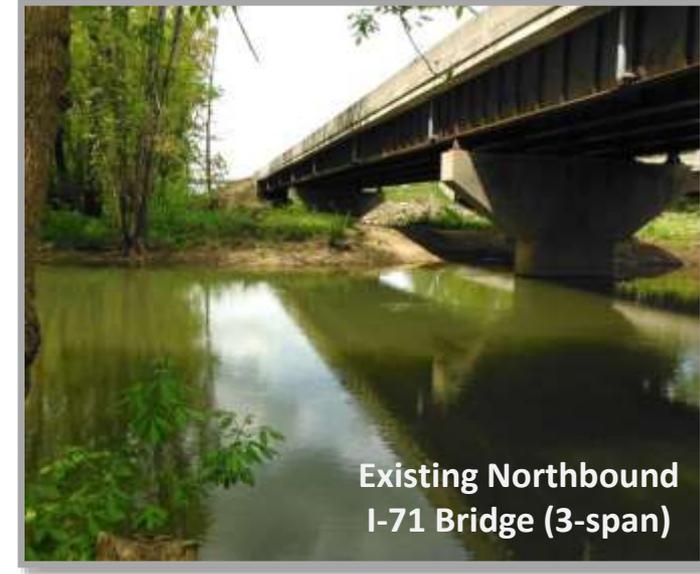
Bridge Alternative 2:

- 2- span bridge
- New piers to be located on the island. No piers in the stream channel.

Bridge Alternative 3:

- 3- span bridge
- New piers would be located within the stream channel (similar to existing conditions).

*** Bridge Alternative 2 was chosen as the Preferred Alternative for the project.**



Existing Northbound
I-71 Bridge (3-span)



Ecological Process- Step 1

Level 2 Ecological Survey

- ✓ Alternatives presented in report
- ✓ 10 wetlands and 16 streams identified
- ✓ High Quality ecological resource (Big Darby Creek)
- ✓ Section 7(a) Supplemental Package required and included within ESR
 - Detailed discussion about project BMPs was needed as a part of the package.



Ecological Process- Step 2

Initiate Agency Coordination

- ✓ Coordination with multiple agencies including: ODOT, NPS, ODNR, USFWS, Columbus Metro Parks, Ohio EPA, USACE



Ecological Process- Step 3

1. Agency Coordination Responses

- 12 pages of comments received

2. Preparation of Biological Assessment (BA)

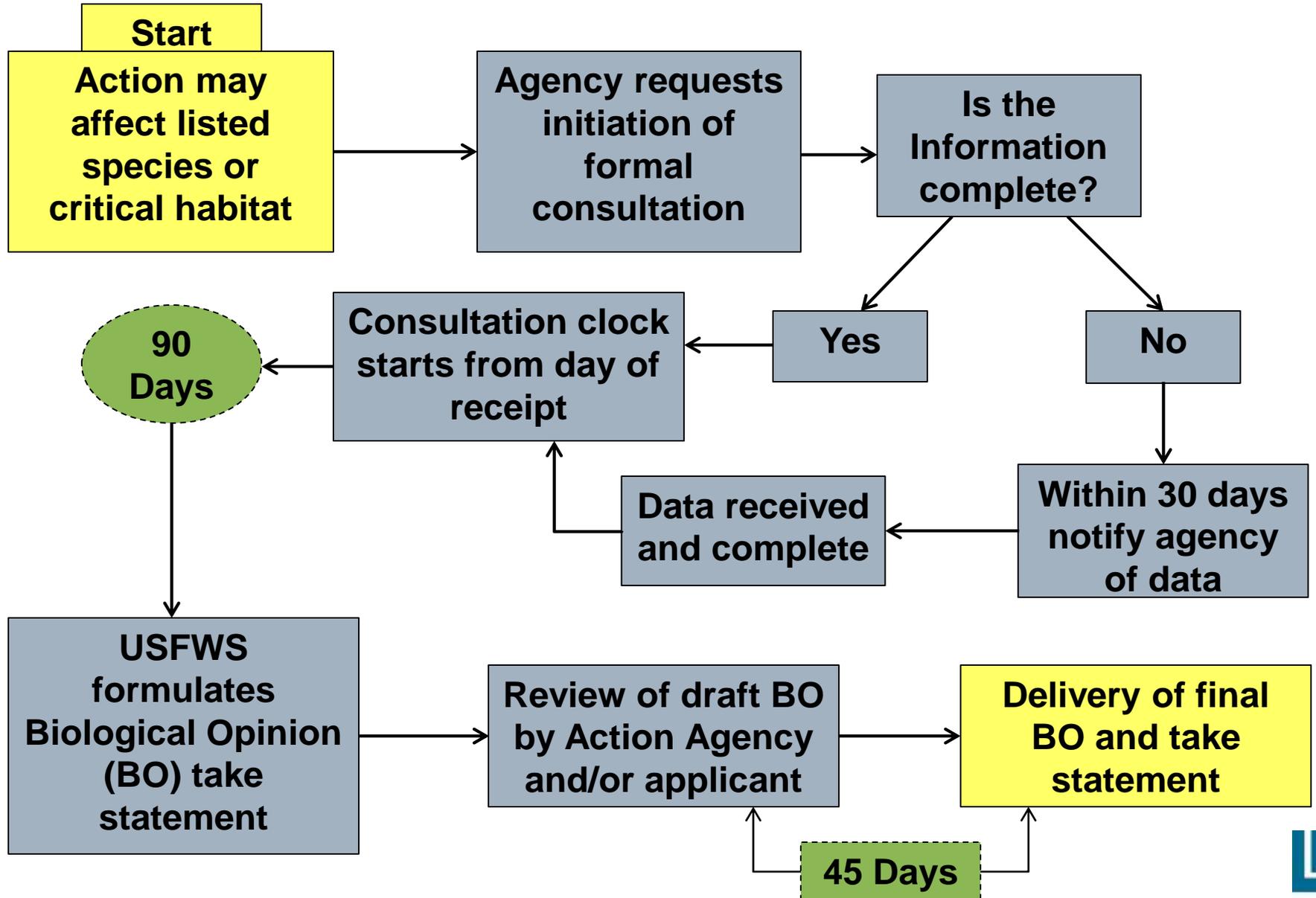
- Section 7 Endangered Species Act
- Required because of potential impacts to Federally Listed mussel species

3. Development of Environmental Commitments

- What can the project team commit to?
 - Lots of separate meetings with project team
 - Lead to detailed discussions about project construction phasing
- To date 43 Ecological Environmental Commitments have been developed



BA & BO Process



Ecological Process- Step 4

- **Biological Opinion (BO) is received**
 - March 2016
 - More environmental commitments!

- **Draft and Finalize Environmental Commitments**
 - Some of these will be plan notes

- **Waterway Permitting**
 - Individual 404/401 and Isolated Wetland Permits needed
 - Section 7(a) will be finalized with issuance of permit from USACE
 - Permitting will take approximately 9-12 months



Ecological Process- Step 5

And We're Almost There....

- **NEPA Document Approval**
 - Spring 2017

- **Mussel Survey and Relocation**
 - Summer 2017

- **Environmental Commitments Monitoring**
 - This process will be initiated during construction



Questions and Contact Information

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