

B.8 Threatened and Endangered Species Records Requests

- USFWS Records Request
- ODNR Records Request

Gonzo, Raymond

From: Korfel, Lindsey M <lindsey_korfel@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 3:06 PM
To: Gonzo, Raymond; Hallberg, Karen I
Cc: Rahtz, Christine; de Villiers, Michael
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Bat Buffer, Eastern Massasauga polygon and Bald Eagle Known Nest Location Request for ODOT Project: North Hamilton Crossing (PID 115755)

Hello! Please see my response below. Have a wonderful day!

Best,

Lindsey Korfel ([She/her](#))

Wildlife Biologist

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From: Gonzo, Raymond <Raymond.Gonzo@stantec.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 11:41 AM
To: Hallberg, Karen I <Karen_Hallberg@fws.gov>; Korfel, Lindsey M <lindsey_korfel@fws.gov>
Cc: Rahtz, Christine <Christine.Rahtz@stantec.com>; de Villiers, Michael <Michael.deVilliers@stantec.com>
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Karen/Lindsey,

This project is a federal aid highway project and will be coordinated with your office (if coordination is required) through the ODOT-OES Ecological MOA process and OHPBO. This is a request for bat buffer, eastern massasauga polygon, and known bald eagle nest buffer information only, and a technical guidance letter is not required.

Project Coordinates:

North End	South End
Lat: 39.42315	Lat: 39.38969
Long: -84.55308	Long: -84.53256

This project is located within the following bat buffer:

___ BLUE (IBAT hibernaculum)

- ☐ PURPLE (NLEB hibernaculum)
- ☐ RED (IBAT swarming)
- ☐ YELLOW (Acoustic IBAT detection)
- ☐ GOLD (IBAT maternity colony)
- ☐ BROWN (NLEB maternity colony)
- ☐ GREEN (Male/non-reproductive female IBAT)
- ☒ Project not located in a bat buffer

The project is located within an eastern massasauga range polygon:

- ☐ YES
- ☒ NO

This project is located within a known bald eagle nest buffer

- ☐ YES
- ☒ NO

Note: Neither the Service nor the Ohio Division of Wildlife maintains a complete database of current BAEG nest locations.

Therefore, the project sponsor (or representative acting on their behalf) is still responsible for surveying the project area and consulting further with this office, prior to commencement of any project activity, if a nest is identified within a 0.5-mile radius of the project site.

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June 28, 2024

Raymond Gonzo
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Re: OR24_090

Dear Raymond,

After reviewing the Natural Heritage Database, I find we have no records of rare or endangered species in the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (PID 115755) project area, including a one-mile radius, in Saint Clair and Fairfield Townships, Butler County, Ohio.

Records searched date from 1980. Features searched include locations of rare and endangered plants and animals determined to be of value to the conservation of their species, high quality plant communities, animal breeding assemblages, and outstanding geological features. Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area.

This letter only represents a review of rare species and natural features data within the Ohio Natural Heritage Database. It does not fulfill coordination under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S. C. 661 et seq.) and does not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

Please contact me by email or voicemail at 614-265-6818 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kendra Millam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Kendra Millam
Ohio Natural Heritage Program