

B.11 Consulting Party Coordination and Responses

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April 9, 2025

Re: **North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755; Re: Section 106 Consulting Parties**

Dear Stakeholder:

The City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), have proposed the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project to improve traffic flow and travel safety in the northeast part of Hamilton. The concept for NHX is a four-lane, boulevard-style road (two travel lanes in each direction) with a turn lane or landscaped median in the middle and a speed limit of 35 MPH. There will be a sidewalk on one side of the new street and a shared-use path on the other side. The project will include a new bridge over the Great Miami River and a new railroad overpass. Bump-outs and crosswalks will be included at street corners to make crossing the street easier and safer. NHX will improve connections between the east and west sides of Hamilton, improve mobility and reduce congestion, make travel across the Great Miami River easier, and provide opportunities to improve and expand sidewalks, bike paths, and public transportation options. More information on the NHX project is available at: www.northhamiltoncrossing.org.

The study area begins at NW Washington Boulevard and North B Street on the west side of the Great Miami River and extends east to US 127 (North 3rd Street), SR 4 (Erie Boulevard), and SR 129 at Hampshire Drive, all north of SR 129/High Street. Environmental studies are currently being prepared for multiple potential project alternatives. These alternatives have been divided into West, Central, and East Sections for further study, as listed below. These alternatives are shown on the attached Project Alternatives Map.

West Section Alternatives (North B Street to US 127)

NW Washington Crossing*

Gordon/Rhea Crossing

Central Section Alternatives (US 127 to North Fair Avenue)

Miami Street Connection

North 9th Street Connection

Vine Street Connection

Joe Nuxhall Connection

East Section Alternative (North Fair Avenue to SR 129)

East Connection

**The connections proposed at NW Washington Boulevard/W Elktion Road/North B Street have been separated into a standalone project (NW Washington Roundabouts – PID 120771)*

Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. You have been identified as an individual or representative with a demonstrated interest in the effects of the project on historic properties. As such, we would like to invite you to apply to become a Consulting Party. As a Consulting Party, you will be given an opportunity to review related studies and provide early input into areas of concern/interest.

If you are interested in becoming a Consulting Party for this project, please complete the attached application form and forward it to the address listed on the form. Applications can be submitted at any time; however, to ensure you are included in all upcoming consulting party communications, we suggest applying by May 9, 2025. If you require interpretation services or other accommodation to participate in this process please contact me as soon as possible. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Detailed engineering and environmental analysis for the project is ongoing. We anticipate coordinating with Consulting Parties in the Summer of 2025. Currently, the Environmental Documentation is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2026. We sincerely appreciate your involvement.

Respectfully,



Allen Messer, P.E.
Director of Engineering
City of Hamilton, Ohio



Dan Corey, P.E.
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Project Alternatives Map

Consulting Party Application

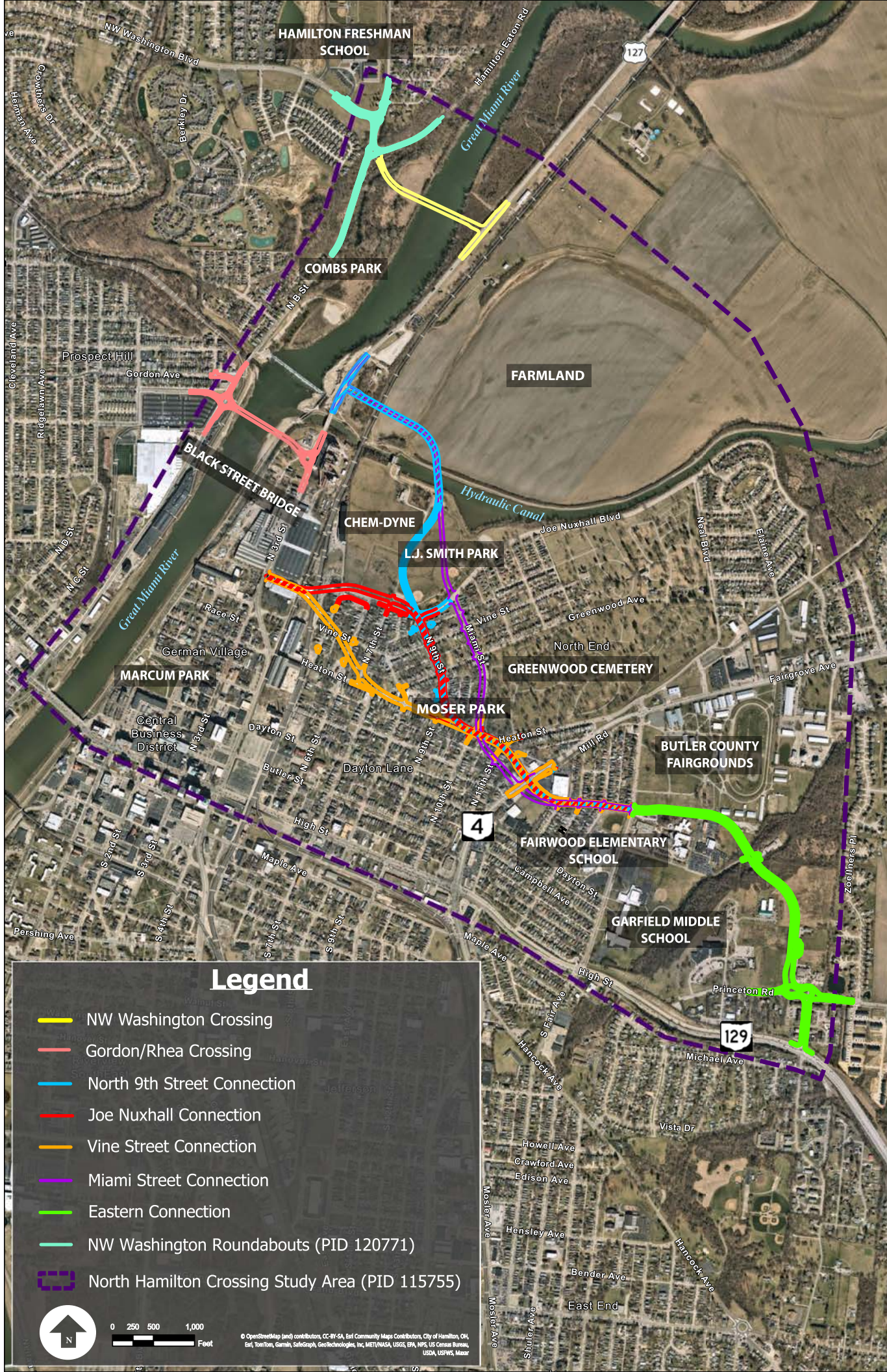
*For more information, go to
northhamiltoncrossing.org,
or scan the QR code below.*



Questions or comments? Contact:

Allen Messer: 513-785-7286 | Allen.Messer@hamilton-oh.gov

Dan Corey: 513.431.1229 | danc@bctid.org





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APPLICATION: SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTY

FOR THE UNDERTAKING BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires agency officials to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties. The Section 106 process seeks to incorporate historic values into project planning through consultation among agencies, and other parties, with an interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties can become a Section 106 consulting party. The various consulting parties work together to discuss options, provide multiple viewpoints, and strive to seek common agreement on the incorporation of historic preservation values into the project. If you are interested in becoming a Section 106 consulting party for the undertaking, please provide your information to this form and forward to:

Ohio Department of Transportation – District 8
Attn: Keith Smith, District Environmental Coordinator
Email: keith.smith@dot.ohio.gov Phone: 513-933-6590

Name:

Address:

Email:

Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties:



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Mike DeWine, Governor
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December 23, 2025

Chris Kraska, President
Ohio Archaeological Council
P. O. Box 82012
Columbus, OH 43202-0812

Project: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755
Subject: Section 106 Consultation for an ODOT project on which an archaeological site was identified

Attention: Al Tonetti, Government Affairs Committee

Dear Mr. Tonetti:

Per your organization's standing request, we are notifying the Ohio Archaeological Council (OAC) that the Phase I archaeology survey for the North Hamilton Crossing highway improvement in Butler County, identified through the literature review one multi-component pre-contact and historic period archaeological site (33BU0631) and one pre-contact American Indian burial mound (33BU0006) within or adjacent to the project corridor.

Hamilton Mound (33BU0006) was leveled during road construction for the northern expansion of Hamilton sometime between the 1850s and 1870s. The road crew recovered skeletons and associated grave goods. The current provenance of these remains is unknown. Likewise, the precise location of the mound is unknown since it could be under a segment of any one of more than a dozen roads. Its location in the Ohio SHPO GIS is a poor estimate, since it places the mound in the backyard of small residential lot adjacent to the proposed highway corridor. The SHPO database records the mound as destroyed.

The previous evaluation of the multicomponent open site (33BU0631) found it to be a non-significant archaeological resource with the remains confined to the plowzone. Subsequently, the construction of the Animal Friends Human Society's facility destroyed more than half of the site. Archaeological testing for the highway corridor in a previously unsurveyed field found this open site did not extend any further to the south.

Urban development and redeveloped extensively disturbed the remainder of the highway corridor leaving no appreciable areas for potentially intact sealed archaeological deposits. Visual inspection documented the extant conditions of the highway corridor. Attached for your review and consideration is a copy of the Phase I archaeological survey report.

Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the OAC may request to participate as a consulting party. As an invited consulting party, your organization is entitled to share its views, receive and review pertinent information, offer ideas and comments, and consider possible solutions for the identified archaeological resources with ODOT and the Ohio SHPO. Following the federal regulations, if you wish to be a consulting party for this project, we request the OAC provide a written request. A Section 106 Consulting Party Application form is attached.

If the OAC would like to be a Section 106 consulting party for this highway project, we would appreciate a response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Please address your written response to the attention of Dr. Bruce W. Aument, Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services, 1980 W. Broad Street, Mail Stop 4170, Columbus, OH 43223 or by e-mail at bruce.aument@dot.ohio.gov.

If you have any questions about this Section 106 consulting party notification, please contact Dr. Aument at his e-mail address.

Respectfully,

 , for

Timothy M. Hill
ODOT-OES Administrator

TMH:ES:LO:bwa

Attachments

c. EnviroNet project file.



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Pamela Boratyn, *Director*

***APPLICATION TO BECOME A SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTY FOR THE UNDERTAKING
BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755***

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Ohio Department of Transportation –Office of Environmental Services
1980 W. Broad Street, Mail Stop 4170, Columbus, OH 43223
Attn: Bruce W. Aument, staff archaeologist
or
Email: Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties	



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April 15, 2025

Brian Smith, Executive Director
Butler County Historical Society
327 N. Second Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
Email: brian@bchistoricalociety.com

Subject: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755
Application to Become A Section 106 Consulting Party

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES) is formally acknowledging your request to become a Section 106 consulting party. As a Section 106 consulting party, you are provided with opportunities to participate in the Section 106 process for the subject project. Opportunities may include but are not limited to reviewing cultural resource reports and the identification of resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the determination of effects, and the identification of measures to mitigate adverse effects. Consultation may include emails, phone conversations, and consulting party meetings. Please forward questions and comments to:

Keith Smith
District 8 Environmental Coordinator
505 S. SR 741
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
D: 513-933-6590 Email: Keith.smith@dot.ohio.gov

Respectfully,

Timothy M. Hill, Administrator
Office of Environmental Services

TMH:sg

C: Project File, M. Fisher, Ohio State Historic Preservation Office



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Ohio Department of Transportation – District 8
Attn: Keith Smith, District Environmental Coordinator
Email: keith.smith@dot.ohio.gov Phone: 513-933-6590

Name: Butler County Historical Society – Brian Smith, Executive Director

Address: 327 N. Second Street, Hamilton Ohio 45011

Email: brian@bchistoricalsociety.com

Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties:

It appears that the project(s) will largely skirt concentrations of historic structures/areas, however without a listing of specific addresses that could possibly be affected, it is difficult to say what the ramifications might be. We would be happy to consult with all of the entities involved regarding the identification of possible historic structures and/or areas as the planning phases of the project(s) progress.



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April 28, 2025

Alicia Bowman
9 Booth Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
Email: aliciabowmanctu@gmail.com

Subject: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755
Application to Become A Section 106 Consulting Party

Dear Ms. Bowman:

Thank you for submitting the *Section 106 Consulting Party Application* for this project, which we received April 21, 2025. The Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES) is formally acknowledging your request to become a Section 106 consulting party. As a Section 106 consulting party, you are provided with opportunities to participate in the Section 106 process for the project. Opportunities may include but are not limited to reviewing cultural resource reports and the identification of resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), determination of effects, and identification of measures to mitigate adverse effects. Consultation may include emails, phone conversations, and consulting party meetings. Throughout the consultation process, your point of contact will be:

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Respectfully,

Timothy M. Hill, Administrator
Office of Environmental Services

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Enclosures

- c. M. Fisher, Ohio SHPO,
K. Smith, District 8, and
EnviroNet project file.

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Ohio Department of Transportation – District 8
Attn: Keith Smith, District Environmental Coordinator
Email: keith.smith@dot.ohio.gov Phone: 513-933-6590

Name: Alicia Bowman

Address: 9 Booth Ave, Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Email: alciabowman.cdu@gmail.com

Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties:



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April 28, 2025

George Bowman
9 Booth Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
Email: bowmang3@gmail.com

Subject: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755
Application to Become A Section 106 Consulting Party

Dear Mr. Bowman:

Thank you for submitting the *Section 106 Consulting Party Application* for this project, which we received April 21, 2025. The Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES) is formally acknowledging your request to become a Section 106 consulting party. As a Section 106 consulting party, you are provided with opportunities to participate in the Section 106 process for the project. Opportunities may include but are not limited to reviewing cultural resource reports and the identification of resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), determination of effects, and identification of measures to mitigate adverse effects. Consultation may include emails, phone conversations, and consulting party meetings. Throughout the consultation process, your point of contact will be:

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Attn: Keith Smith, District Environmental Coordinator
Email: keith.smith@dot.ohio.gov Phone: 513-933-6590

Name: George Bowmen

Address: 9 Booth Ave, Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Email: bowmang3@gmail.com

Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties:



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Mary 1, 2025

Jennifer Albinus
806 Dayton Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
Email: J.albinus@lanepl.org
Albinus.jl@gmail.com

BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755
Application to Become A Section 106 Consulting Party

Dear Ms. Albinus,

Thank you for submitting the *Section 106 Consulting Party Application* for this project, which we received April 29, 2025. The Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES) is formally acknowledging your request to become a Section 106 consulting party. As a Section 106 consulting party, you are provided with opportunities to participate in the Section 106 process for the project. Opportunities may include but are not limited to reviewing cultural resource reports and the identification of resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), determination of effects, and identification of measures to mitigate adverse effects. Consultation may include emails, phone conversations, and consulting party meetings. Throughout the consultation process, your point of contact will be:

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Enclosures c. M. Fisher, Ohio SHPO, K. Smith, District 8, and EnviroNet project file.



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Ohio Department of Transportation – District 8
Attn: Keith Smith, District Environmental Coordinator
Email: keith.smith@dot.ohio.gov Phone: 513-933-6590

Name:

Jennifer Albinus

Address:

806 Dayton St. Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Email:

j.albinus@lanepl.org ; albinus.jl@gmail.com

Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties:

Destruction of buildings. A majority of these buildings date back to the late 1880's. Every house in this area was affected by the 1913 Flood. The ball fields have history due to Joe Nuxhall having grown up & played baseball there. One suggested pathway runs along the historic section of Greenwood Cemetery. Those gravesites will be affected. I am a resident of Dayton Lane Historic Area and part of the Lane Library History Research Team.



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May 6, 2025

Bethany Spaeth
228 N. 7th Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
Email: bethanylspaeth@gmail.com

Subject: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755
Application to Become A Section 106 Consulting Party

Dear Ms. Spaeth,

The Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Environmental Services (ODOT-OES) is formally acknowledging your request to become a Section 106 consulting party. As a Section 106 consulting party, you are provided with opportunities to participate in the Section 106 process for the subject project. Opportunities may include but are not limited to reviewing cultural resource reports and the identification of resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the determination of effects, and the identification of measures to mitigate adverse effects. Consultation may include emails, phone conversations, and consulting party meetings. Please forward questions and comments to:

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Ohio Department of Transportation – District 8
Attn: Keith Smith, District Environmental Coordinator
Email: keith.smith@dot.ohio.gov Phone: 513-933-6590

Name: Bethany Spaeth

Address: 228 N 7th Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

Email: bethanyspaeth@gmail.com

Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties: As a resident of the Dayton Lane Historic District, I am invested in the preservation of our community's historic character. I am actively involved in several organizations that support the betterment of Hamilton, including 17Strong, the Dayton Lane Historic District Association, and the Rotary Club of Hamilton. Through this involvement, I have developed a strong appreciation for the importance of protecting our city's historic assets.

Additionally, I would like to ensure that the district's unique architectural and cultural heritage is carefully considered and safeguarded throughout all phases of planning and construction associated with the North Hamilton Crossing project. The potential impact of the project on the surrounding historic environment deserves thorough review and community input to ensure that preservation values are upheld. Additionally I would like to ensure that the unique architectural and cultural heritage of the district is considered and protected throughout the planning and construction phases of this project.



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Ohio Department of Transportation –Office of Environmental Services
1980 W. Broad Street, Mail Stop 4170, Columbus, OH 43223
Attn: Bruce W. Aument, staff archaeologist
or
Email: Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov

Name:	Al Tonetti
Address:	Ohio Archaeological Council, PO Box 82012, Columbus, OH 43202
Email:	actonetti@att.net
Concerns regarding the effect of the project on historic properties	
Concerned that the Phase 1 archaeological survey does not meet the reasonable and good faith standard required by Section 106 of the NHPA for identifying and evaluating historic properties archaeological in nature. Comments forthcoming.	

DeGroote, Taylor

From: Diane Morrissey <diane@bchistoricalsociety.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 9:44 AM
To: DeGroote, Taylor
Subject: Re: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

I forwarded this message to him. It looks like you have his correct e-mail address. We've been experiencing some e-mail glitches this week so it might have just been during one of those times.

Thanks!

Diane Morrissey
Office Manager



From: Taylor.Degroote@dot.ohio.gov <Taylor.Degroote@dot.ohio.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 8:52 AM
To: Diane Morrissey <diane@bchistoricalsociety.com>
Cc: Brian@bchistoricalsociety.com <brian@bchistoricalsociety.com>
Subject: FW: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

Hello Diane,

I saw that the email sent to Brian bounced back. Do you have a different email address for him?

Thanks,
Taylor

Taylor DeGroote, E.I.

Environmental Engineer

ODOT District 8 Planning and Engineering
505 South State Route 741, Lebanon Ohio 45036
513.933.6597

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From: DeGroote, Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:00 AM
To: Brian@bchistoricalsociety.com; Aliciabowmancdu@gmail.com; Bowmang3@gmail.com; j.albinus@lanepl.org; albinus.jl@gmail.com; bethanylspaeth@gmail.com; Miranda Fisher <mfisher@ohiohistory.org>
Subject: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

Dear Consulting Party,

The identification of the Recommended Preferred Alternative (preferred alternative) for the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 triggered a review of the project's effect on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed and eligible resources. As a Section 106 consulting party, the following electronic documents are provided for your review:

Addendum Phase I History/Architecture Survey for the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID (115755), Located in Butler County, Ohio (October 2025);
Phase I Archaeology Survey BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) Roadway Improvements Project (PID 1515755) City of Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio (October 2025);
Memo-to-File, History/Architecture Review (December 23, 2025); and
Section 106 Determination of Effect, submitted to the Ohio SHPO (December 23, 2025).

Comments are requested within 30 days of receipt. Forward comments and questions to:

Taylor DeGroote, E.I.
Environmental Engineer
ODOT District 8 Planning and Engineering
505 South State Route 741, Lebanon Ohio 45036
Phone: 513.933.6597 Email: Taylor.DeGroote@dot.ohio.gov

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DeGroote, Taylor

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Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:02 AM
Subject: Undeliverable: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

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<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=389361>.

Diagnostic information for administrators:

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Brian@bchistorialsociety.com
Remote server returned '550 5.4.310 DNS domain bchistorialsociety.com does not exist
[Message=InfoDomainNonexistent] [LastAttemptedServerName=bchistorialsociety.com]
[SA2PEPF00003022.namprd09.prod.outlook.com 2026-01-14T15:01:47.593Z 08DE50B73C4E8CEB]'

Original message headers:

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s=arcselector10001;
h=From:Date:Subject:Message-ID:Content-Type:MIME-Version:X-MS-Exchange-AntiSpam-
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MessageData-1;
bh=LOC3c5xeQi0Lk38PHAFy1GGr+mjTqWhK98zHSMbwgcs=;

DeGroote, Taylor

From: Thomas Grooms <tgrooms@ohiohistory.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 9:36 AM
To: DeGroote, Taylor; Kristen Koehlinger
Subject: Re: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

Thank you, Taylor. SHPO has received and reviewed the attached documentation. Our concurrence is documented in EnviroNet.

**Thomas Grooms | Senior Project Reviews Manager,
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Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 8:45 AM
To: Kristen Koehlinger <kkoehlinger@ohiohistory.org>; Thomas Grooms <tgrooms@ohiohistory.org>
Subject: FW: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

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Hello Kristen and Thomas,

Forwarding you this email since you are Miranda's out of office contacts.

Thank you,
Taylor

Taylor DeGroote, E.I.

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From: DeGroote, Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:00 AM
To: Brian@bchistorialsociety.com; Aliciabowman@cd@gmail.com; Bowmang3@gmail.com; j.albinus@lanepl.org; albinus.jl@gmail.com; bethanylspaeth@gmail.com; Miranda Fisher <mfisher@ohiohistory.org>
Subject: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

Dear Consulting Party,

The identification of the Recommended Preferred Alternative (preferred alternative) for the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 triggered a review of the project's effect on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed and eligible resources. As a Section 106 consulting party, the following electronic documents are provided for your review:

Addendum Phase I History/Architecture Survey for the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID (115755), Located in Butler County, Ohio (October 2025);
Phase I Archaeology Survey BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) Roadway Improvements Project (PID 1515755) City of Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio (October 2025);
Memo-to-File, History/Architecture Review (December 23, 2025); and
Section 106 Determination of Effect, submitted to the Ohio SHPO (December 23, 2025).

Comments are requested within 30 days of receipt. Forward comments and questions to:

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From: Miranda Fisher <mfisher@ohiohistory.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:04 AM
To: DeGroote, Taylor
Subject: Automatic reply: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Consulting Party Consultation

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I am currently on maternity leave and will not be monitoring emails or calls during this time. I will return on April 27, 2026.

For ODOT related inquiries, please contact Kristen Koehlinger at kkoehlinger@ohiohistory.org or Thomas Grooms at tgrooms@ohiohistory.org. For all other inquiries or projects, please call 614-298-2000.

I will be in touch once I return to the office.

Kind regards,
Miranda

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To: [Alan Tonetti](#)
Cc: ["Ohio Archaeological Council"](#); [DeGroot, Taylor](#); [Oldershaw, Leigh](#); [Gasbarro, Susan](#); [Schneider, Erica](#)
Subject: RE: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Sec 106 CP invitation
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 7:43:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Al,

I will routinely check EnviroNet beginning 02March2026 for the submission of the draft Stage 1 plans and will forward them when available. District might forward a copy of them to you when they receive it. Either way the plans will go through several months of engineering refinement which could result in additional environmental surveys including a reevaluation of the Sec 106 effect determination, if necessary. To make matters clear, this is also the first time our office will have detailed information on depth of construction.

In scoping the consultant for the Phase I archaeology survey we took into account the available information from the literature review. The USDA soil survey indicated the entire preferred alignment contains no undisturbed natural soils but crosses several mixtures of urban and natural soils depending on the landforms. Industrial development and redevelopment along the railway line covers the narrow alluvial terrace at the northwest end of project corridor. Dense urban residential development with all its buried infrastructure covers the glacial outwash terrace, the broadest landform crossed by the project corridor. The county facilities occupy the bluff of ground moraine at the southeast end of the project corridor and has the best potential for intact pockets of undisturbed natural soils. In fact, the only recently inventoried site (33BU0631) occurs on this facility in an open field which is the only large pocket of undisturbed natural soil adjacent to the entire project corridor. The potential for additional smaller pockets of undisturbed soil is why we focused archaeological testing on the open areas at this facility.

Our current opinion is that sufficient open spaces for encountering intact and interpretable buried archaeological deposits do not exist within the preferred alignment through the residential and industrial parcels. However, as we receive further refinements in the design, we will determine if additional archaeological investigation is needed based on the vertical APE and potential for intact deposits.

Hopefully, this address the OAC's concern with the vertical APE. We look

forward to continued consultation.

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Subject: RE: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Sec 106 CP invitation

Bruce,

Please make them available when you can. We will have further comments thereafter.

As you know, we are always concerned about how an agency determines and documents the scope of identification efforts and the efficaciousness of the methods used to identify historic properties archaeological in nature, beginning with determining and documenting the APE, most importantly for us the vertical APE represented by the proposed or likely depth of impacts below ground surface across the horizontal APE, sometimes referred to as the project “footprint”. While this often manifests itself in our questioning why geophysical survey methods are not used to adequately examine/sample the sub-plow zone, see below, our concern can also pertain to why portions of the APE to be only impacted at the (near) ground surface/above plow zone only, or to be filled and constructed upon without adversely effecting possibly (deeply) buried archaeological resources, are investigated for NRHP eligible archaeological resources because past experience and studies indicate that (almost) all NRHP eligible archaeological resources in Ohio require “intact” archaeological deposits/features under Criterion D. We are very concerned that scopes of work are being determined without carefully/reasonably considering the project’s nature and other related factors. Scoping appropriate identification efforts is the most important part of the identification process.

“In setting the APE’s lower limits, the federal agency should rely on scientific and engineering

analyses to define a depth beyond which alteration to any eligible or listed archaeological site, if present, is not reasonably expected to occur. This analysis should demonstrate that any such site, if present, would not be affected by the undertaking through changes in soil compaction or soil chemistry, for example. The challenge is to determine a vertical limit below which a knowledgeable person can reasonably say there will be no effect to the integrity of a site, should one be present.” <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/guidance/2017-02/ACHP%20ARCHAEOLOGY%20GUIDANCE.pdf>

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Hi again Al,

I checked the project milestones and preliminary plans aren't due for submission until 02March2026. So I guess we're all waiting for that to happen.

Bruce

From: Alan Tonetti <actonetti@att.net>
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Bruce,

I don't find a reply to the cross section plans. If I missed it, please resend.

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From: Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov <Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 2:34 PM
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Subject: RE: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing PID 115755 Sec 106 CP invitation

Good afternoon Al,

Here are the reports. There is also a recent Phase 1 H/A addendum report that has the preferred alignment.

I'm checking with District to see if there are any cross section plans available.

Here's the attachment as a link for your review:

[Phase+I+History+Architecture-REV.6.4.2025 \(1\).pdf](#)

Add your comments and collaborate with others in real time. You don't need to download Acrobat or sign up to access the file.

Here's the attachment as a link for your review:

[Phase I HA ADDENDUM.pdf](#)

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Dr. Aument,

We are unable to provide meaningful comments on the report's archaeological fieldwork and the effort to examine and document modern land use in the preferred corridor primarily because the report fails to adequately define and document the project's vertical APE. We need to know where fill will be placed and where the ground will be excavated and otherwise impacted and to what depths, i.e., the vertical APE needs to be documented. Until we receive information about the depth of proposed ground disturbance across the entire horizontal APE, we cannot provide meaningful comments regarding if report meets the level of effort required to make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify NRHP eligible archaeological resources

in the APE using appropriate methods. In order to better understand the archaeological investigation for 33BU631, we would like to receive the Phase I Survey report by Walley.

Additionally, in order to better understand the conclusions and recommendations for archaeological investigations contained in the report's modern land use visual inspection effort, we need to receive the full historical context and related maps for the City of Hamilton referenced in the Phase I History/Architecture report (Carmichael and Elliott 2025).

We will reply with our views and concerns within 30 days of receipt of these items.

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From: Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov <Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 12:58 PM
To: Alan Tonetti <actonetti@att.net>
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That's what I thought. Let me know if you want copies of the two older reports discussed in the literature review section.

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We are working on them. Will be a couple of weeks.

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Sent from my mobile device

On Dec 29, 2025, at 12:21 PM, Bruce.Aument@dot.ohio.gov wrote:

Good morning Al,

Got the CP application. Waiting for OAC's comments.

Bruce

From: Alan Tonetti <actonetti@att.net>
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See attached.

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Good afternoon Al and Chris,

Here is another project where we identified archaeological sites within or adjacent to the project's footprint. Please find attached a Sec 106 CP invitation letter, a Sec 106 CP application form, and a copy of the Phase I archaeology survey report. Let me know if you have any trouble downloading them. It's a new ShareFile system we have and it's the first time I'm using it. Good luck

Here are the attachments as links for your review:

[Sec 106 CP application.pdf](#)

[Sec 106 CP invitation letter OAC signed.pdf](#)

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[Phase I Archaeology revised.pdf](#)

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