

B.14 Section 4(f) Official with Jurisdiction Coordination

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- Miami Conservancy District
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 - City of Hamilton



North Hamilton CROSSING

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March 11, 2025

Re: **North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755; Re: Official With Jurisdiction Consultation**

Dear Margaret Baker:

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 **Figures 1A – 1C**.

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

Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the following property which **may be protected by Section 4(f)** and which may be impacted by NHX: **Fairwood Elementary School (baseball diamond).**

Please note: Portions of school property which are used for public recreation purposes (such as baseball diamonds) are only considered subject to Section 4(f) if they serve organized or substantial walk-on recreational activities that are considered significant. For example, significant use would include organized youth sports and/or the local parks and recreation department using the facilities after school hours or on weekends.

Detailed engineering and environmental analysis for the project is ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Impacts will also vary by alternative. While efforts are being made to avoid and minimize impacts to Section 4(f) resources, there are no alternatives that completely avoid Section 4(f) resources. Anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties based on the preliminary project footprint for each alignment are described in the table below. The location of 4(f) properties in relation to the NHX alternatives are shown in **Figures 2A-2C**.

Table: Fairwood Elementary School Anticipated Impacts By Alternative

Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
NW Washington Crossing	Not Applicable	None
Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Not Applicable	None
Miami Street Connection	Fairwood Elementary School	• Strip right-of-way acquisition along northern edge • No impacts to baseball field
North 9th Street Connection	Fairwood Elementary	• Strip right-of-way acquisition along northern edge • No impacts to baseball field
Vine Street Connection	Fairwood Elementary	• Strip right-of-way acquisition along northern edge • No impacts to baseball field
Joe Nuxhall Connection	Fairwood Elementary	• Strip right-of-way acquisition along northern edge • No impacts to baseball field
East Connection	Not Applicable	None

Coordination with all OWJs will continue as the project develops. Currently, either the Environmental Documentation is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2026. At this stage, the project sponsors are requesting any relevant information about Section 4(f) properties to inform project planning and decision making, and considerations for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for future impacts. Specifically, relevant information could include copies of school planning documents or master plans which provide boundaries of Section 4(f) resources, descriptions of recreational assets provided on the school property, and future plans for expansion of these resources. **Particularly, information about public recreational use of the baseball diamond will help the project team identify if this facility qualifies for Section 4(f) protection.** If available in

electronic format, please forward these materials and provide your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter by emailing our consultant Christine Stahlman with Stantec Consulting Services at christine.stahlman@stantec.com. If electronic files of these materials are not available, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to review these documents.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1A. Section 4(f) Map – West Section
Figure 1B. Section 4(f) Map – Central Section
Figure 1C. Section 4(f) Map – East Section
Figure 2A-2C. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps

*For more information, go to
northhamiltoncrossing.org,
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FIGURE 1

Figure 1A. Section 4(f) Map- West Section
Figure 1B. Section 4(f) Map- Central Section
Figure 1C. Section 4(f) Map- East Section

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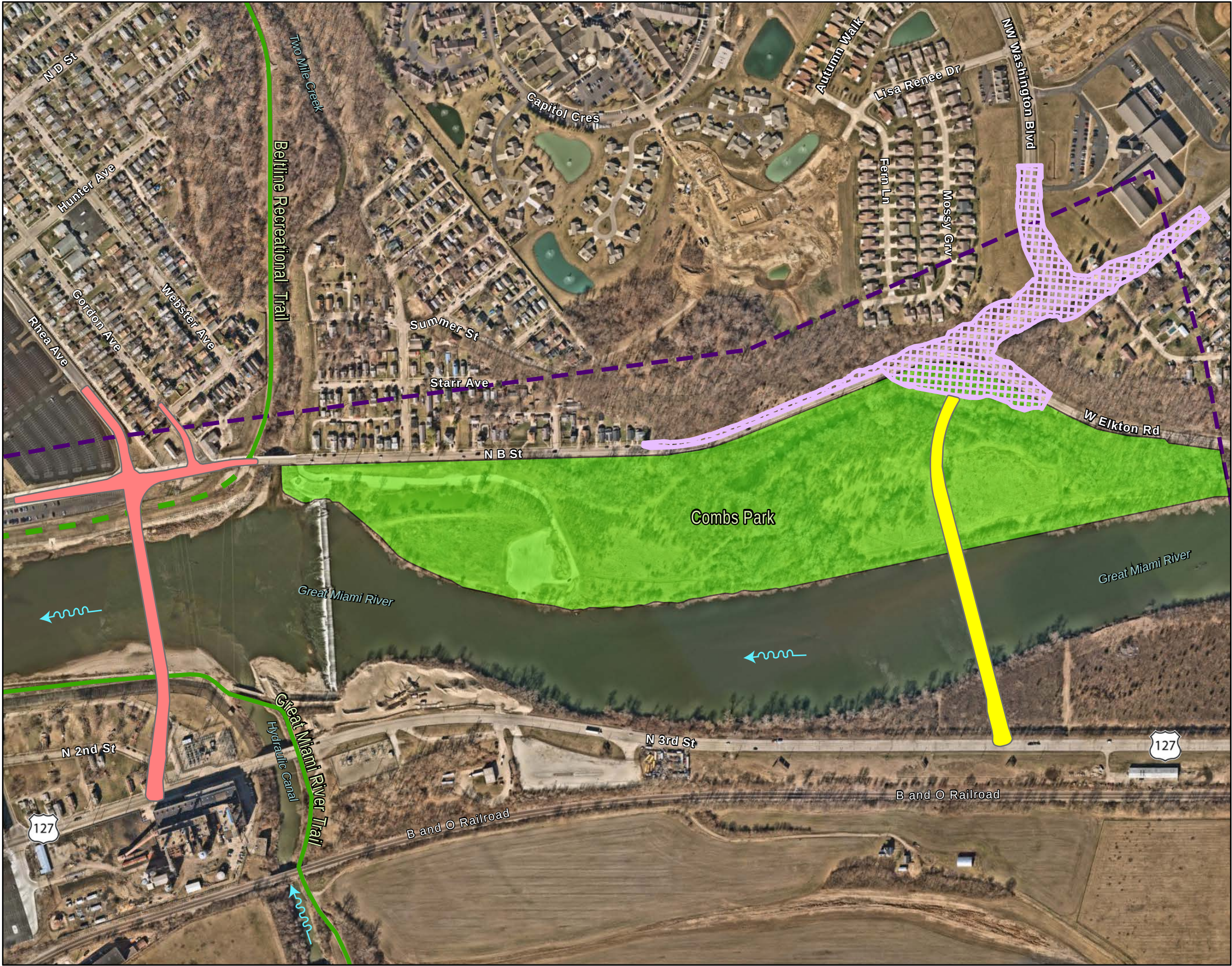


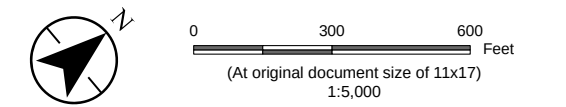
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Section 4(f) Properties Map**

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PID 115755

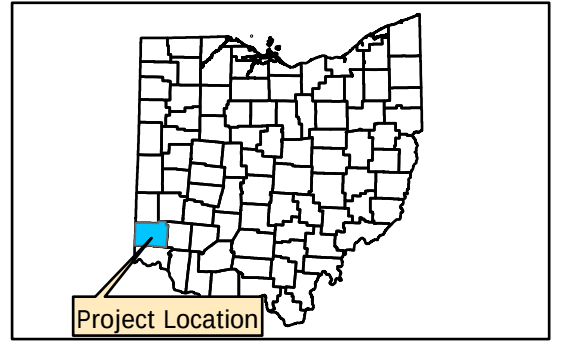
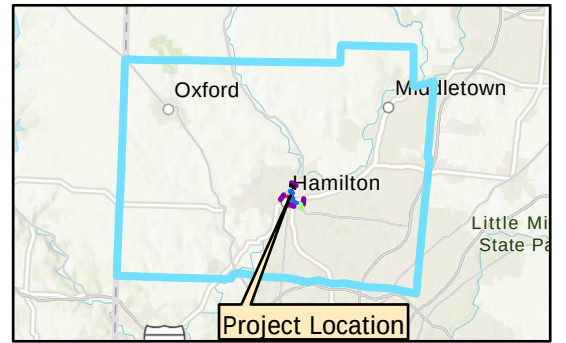
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Legend

- NW Washington Crossing
- Gordon/Rhea Crossing
- NW Washington Roundabout Limits (PID 120771)
- Parks
- Planned Trail
- Trail
- Study Area



Notes

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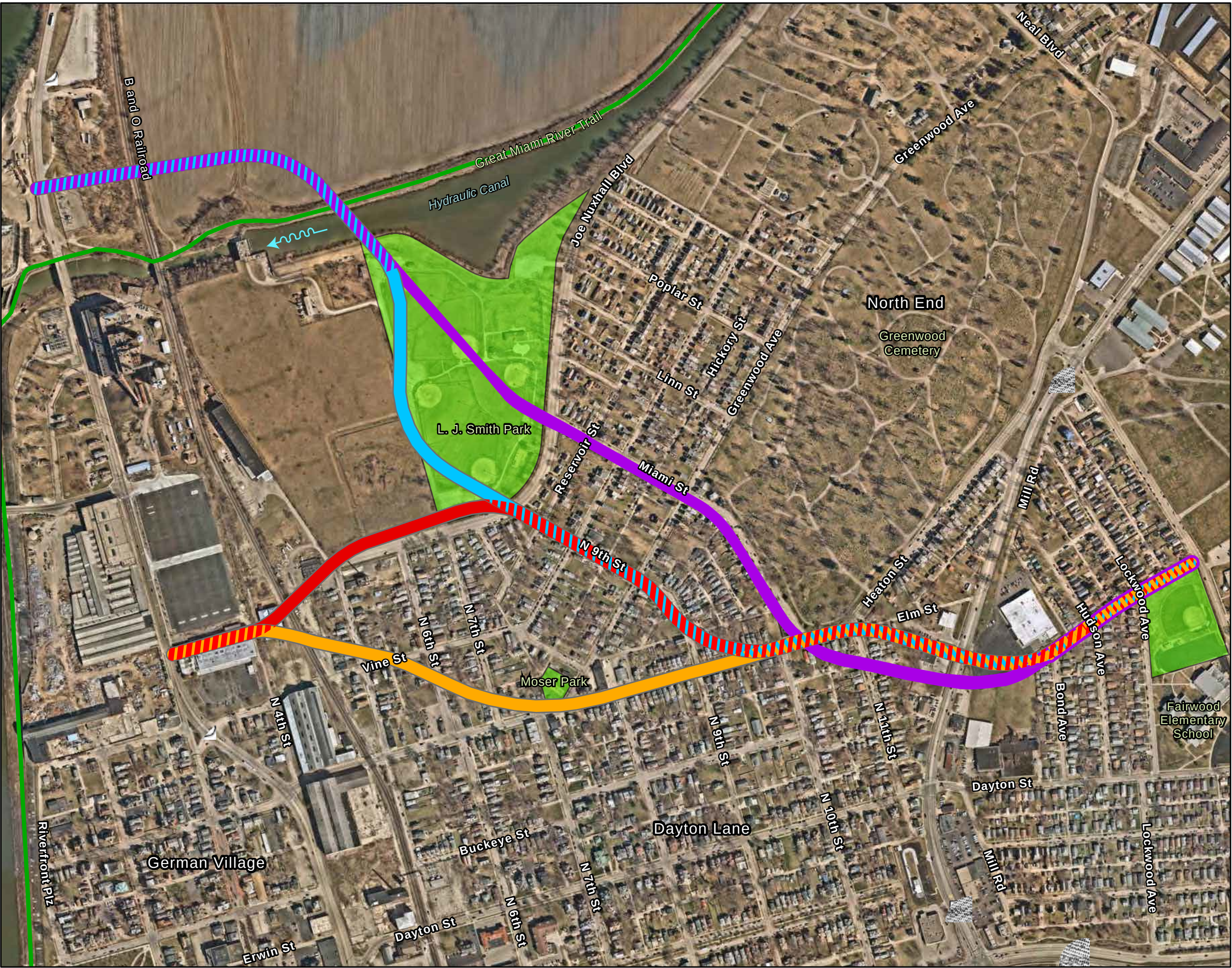


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Section 4(f) Properties Map**

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
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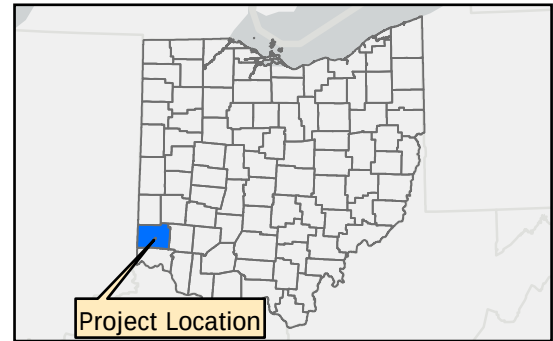
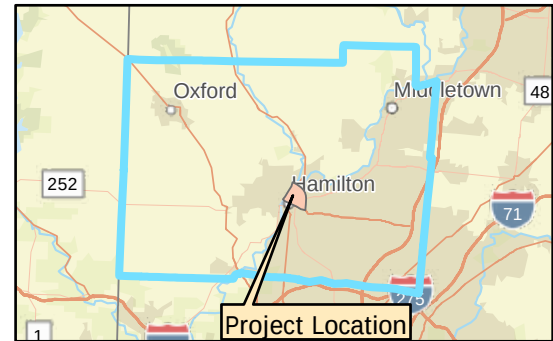
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- North 9th Connection
- Miami Street Connection
- Vine Street Connection
- Joe Nuxhall Connection
- Parks
- Trails



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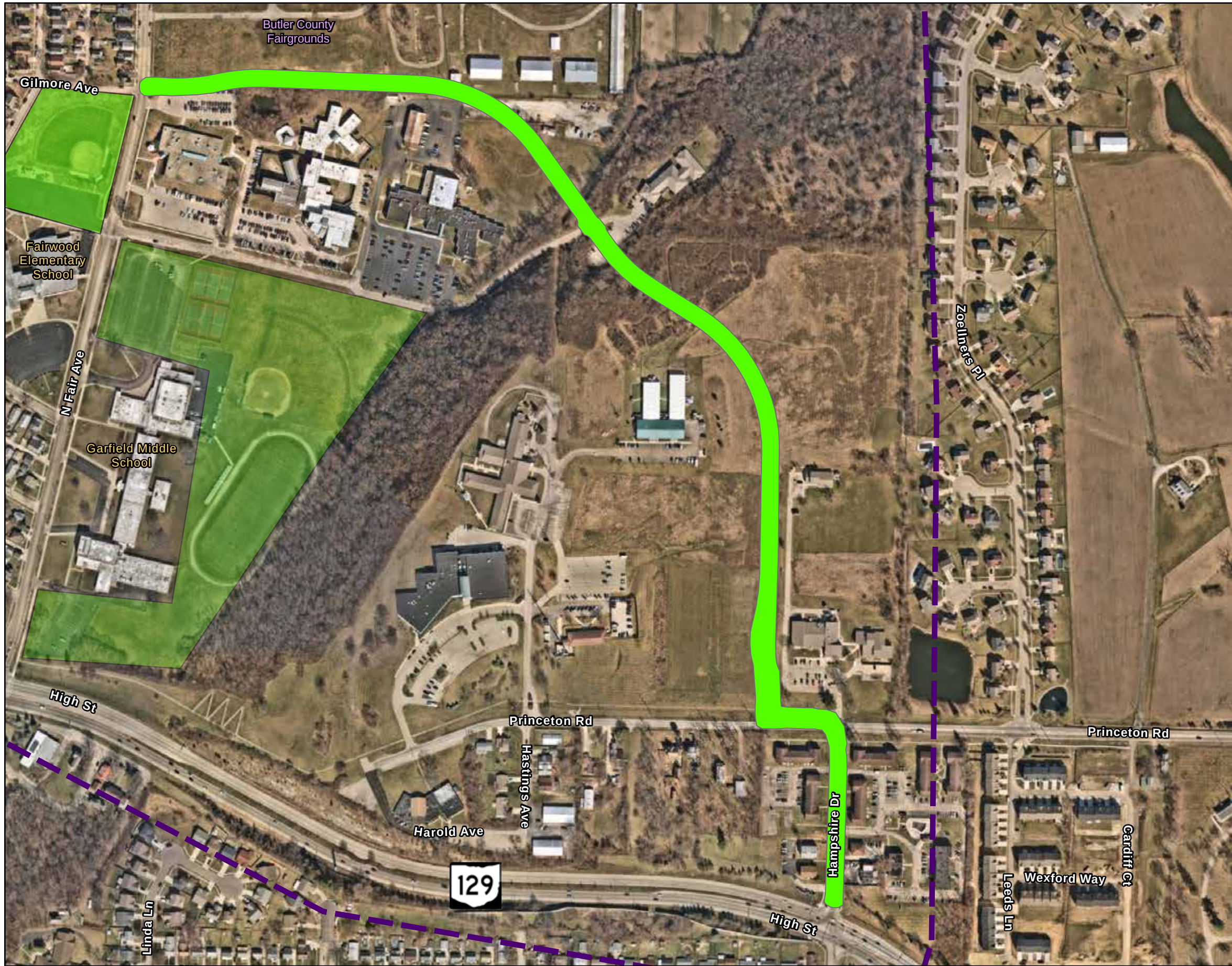
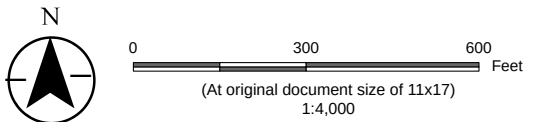


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Section 4(f) Properties**

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

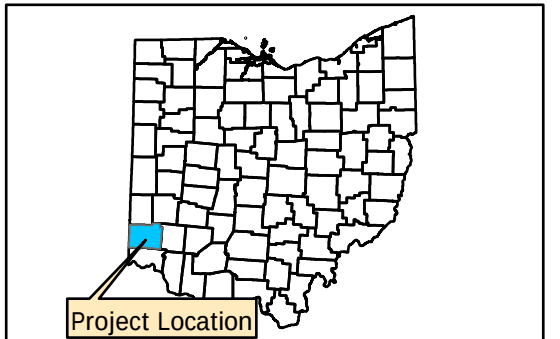
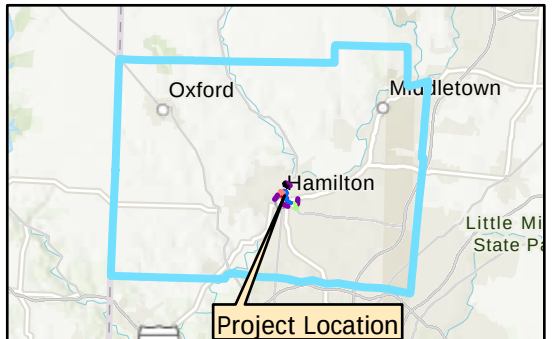
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Legend

- East Connection
- Parks
- Trails*
- Study Area

*Features not present in current view extent



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FIGURE 2

Figure 2A. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- West Section
Figure 2B. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- Central Section
Figure 2C. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- Central Section

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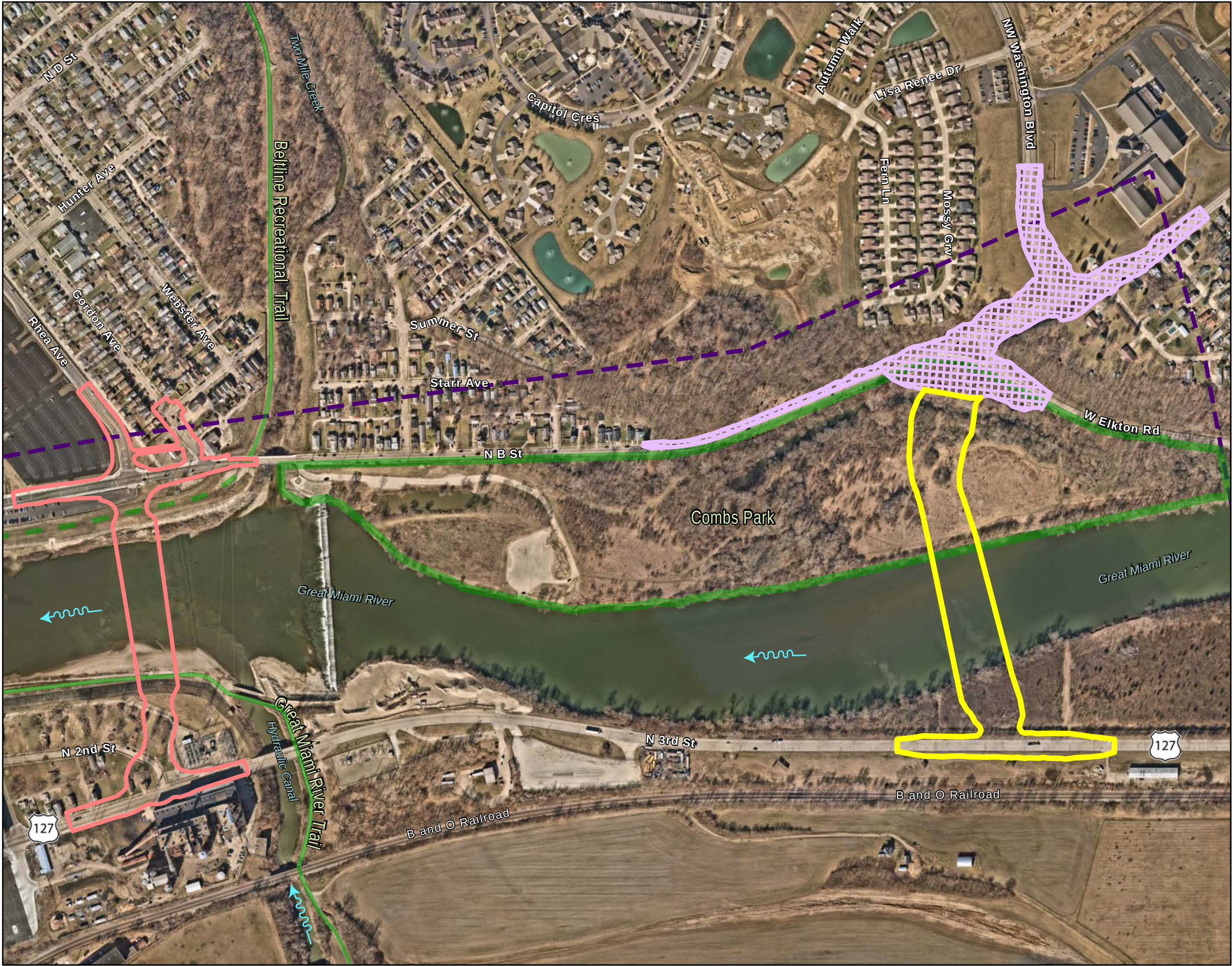


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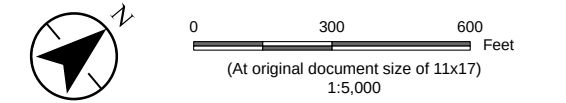
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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
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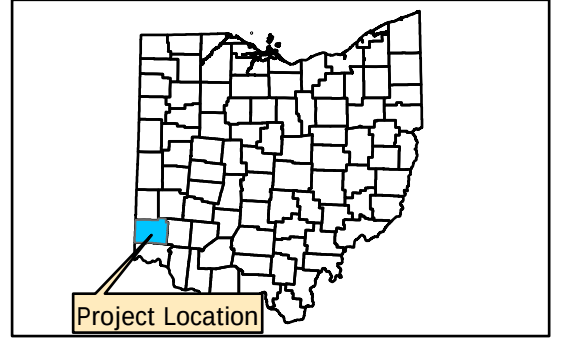
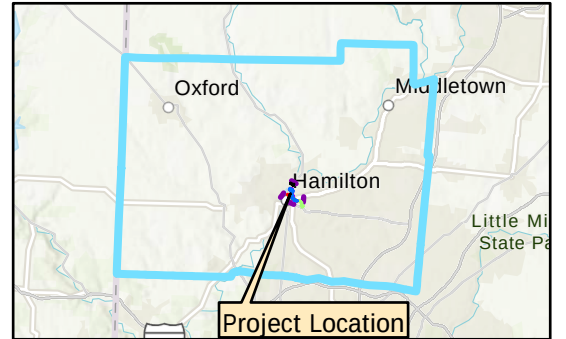
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- NW Washington Crossing Preliminary Impact Limits
- NW Washington Roundabout Limits (PID 120771)
- Park Boundaries and Trails
- Planned Trail
- Study Area

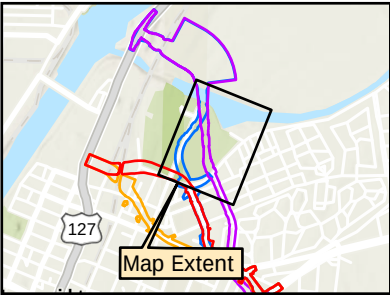
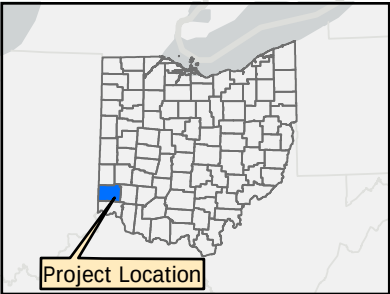


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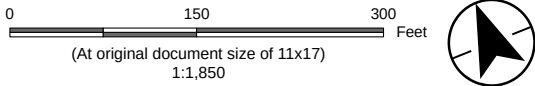




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- Miami Street Preliminary Impact Limits
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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
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Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map

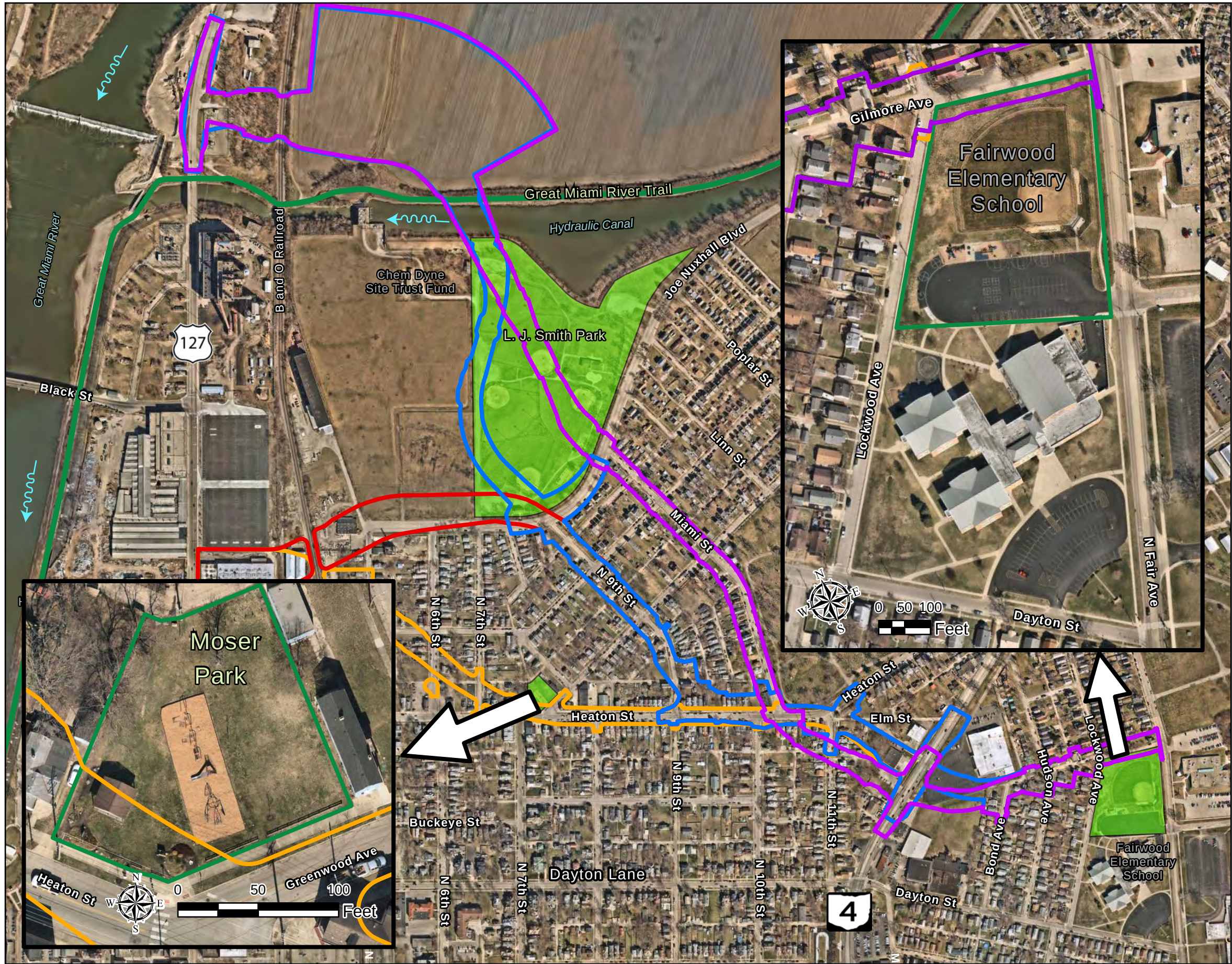
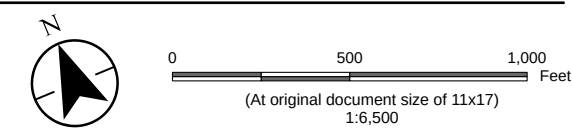
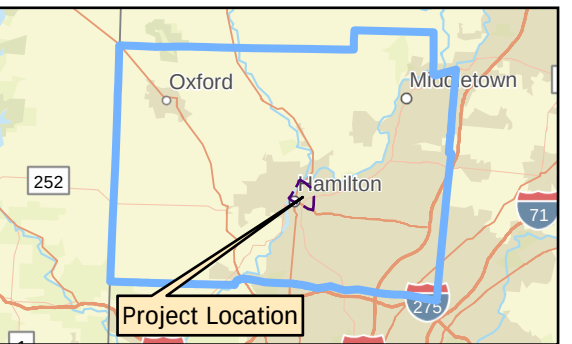


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Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755
Project Location
City of Hamilton
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- Legend**
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 - Vine Street Preliminary Impacts Limits
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Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 9:07:11 AM

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Christine,

Jeff Kilby and I met with Allen Messer regarding the proposed development and had the following concern:

We believe the intersection that is proposed for Fair Avenue between Fairwood Elementary and Garfield Middle School will cause significant issues during arrival and dismissal times. This area is already congested during these times due to two schools in such close proximity.

On Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 2:48 PM Margaret Baker <magbaker@hcsdoh.org> wrote:

I thought I sent this to all of you earlier. Do I need to respond as an individual to this or do they need a response from the board?

Thanks,

Mag

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Hi Margaret,

I am following up on the email below to confirm you received the OWJ consultation letter, and to kindly note that we have not received a response. If you have any questions, comments, or information to share, please respond by phone or email. You will continue to receive correspondence as project development moves forward.

Sincerely,

Christine

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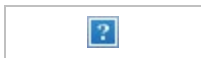
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Subject: North Hamilton Crossing - Section 4(f) Official with Jurisdiction Consultation

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Thank you,

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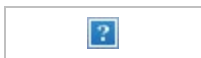
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March 11, 2025

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Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
NW Washington Crossing	Combs Park	• Bisected by bridge crossing • Placement of piers and abutments • Possible impacts to walking trails and natural areas
Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Great Miami River Trail (GMRT)	• Possible temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored
	Beltline Recreational Trail	• Temporary closures and/or detours during construction • Minor alignment adjustments • Shared-use path connection with Beltline Recreational Trail, including across the Great Miami River
Miami Street Connection	L.J. Smith Park	• Right-of-way acquisition of up to five acres • Possible impacts to park facilities and amenities including baseball diamonds, lighting and bleachers, benches, park buildings, parking areas, walking paths, and landscaping • Remaining baseball diamonds and playground separated from the sprayground and basketball courts
	Great Miami River Trail	• Possible temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored

Table: Moser Park, L.J. Smith Park, Combs Park, Great Miami River Trail (GMRT), and Beltline Recreational Trail Anticipated Impacts By Alternative

Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
North 9th Street Connection	L.J. Smith Park	• Right-of-way acquisition of up to five acres • Alternative follows the southern and western boundaries of the park, separating portions of the park • Possible impacts to park facilities and amenities including baseball diamonds, lighting and bleachers, benches, park buildings, parking areas, walking paths, and landscaping
	Great Miami River Trail	• Possible temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored
Vine Street Connection	Moser Park	• Right-of-way acquisition along the southwestern edge of the park • Possible demolition of a small shelter house and removal of fencing, landscaping, and signage
Joe Nuxhall Connection	L.J. Smith Park	• Right-of-way acquisition of less than two acres, limited to southern edge of the park • Removal of existing park building which houses bathrooms, a park office, and possibly storage • Impacts adjacent parking lot, a flagpole, park benches, and landscaping • No impacts to baseball fields are anticipated
East Connection	Not Applicable	None

Coordination with all OWJs will continue as the project develops. Currently, either the Environmental Documentation is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2026. At this stage, the project sponsors are requesting any relevant information about Section 4(f) properties to inform project planning and decision making, and considerations for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for future impacts. Specifically, relevant information could include copies of park planning documents or master plans which provide boundaries of Section 4(f) resources, descriptions of assets provided on the park properties, and future plans for expansion of these resources. If available in electronic format, please forward these materials and provide your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter by emailing our consultant Christine Stahlman with Stantec Consulting Services at christine.stahlman@stantec.com. If electronic files of these materials are not available, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to review these documents.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1A. Section 4(f) Map – West Section
Figure 1B. Section 4(f) Map – Central Section
Figure 1C. Section 4(f) Map – East Section
Figure 2A-2C. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps

*For more information, go to
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FIGURE 1

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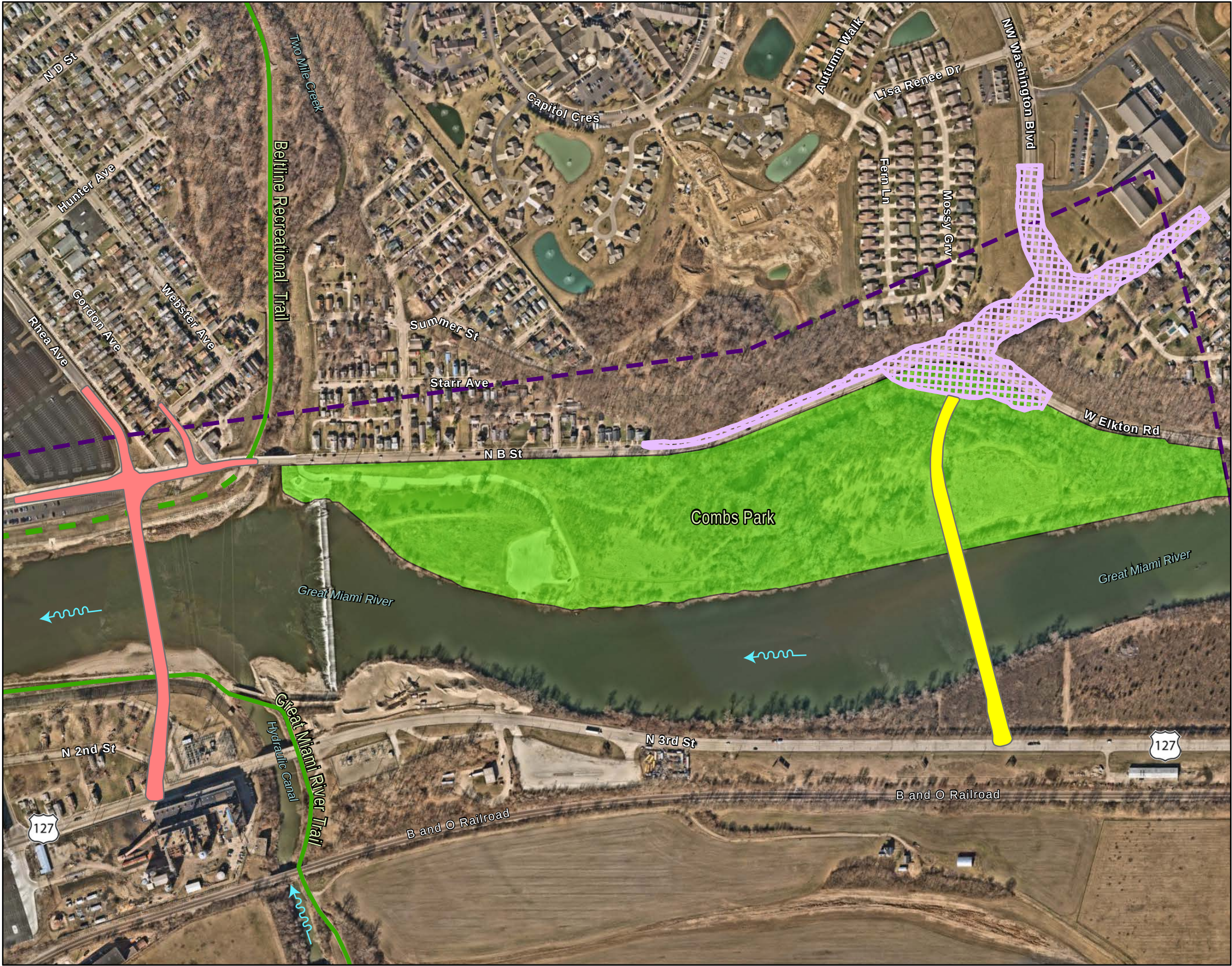


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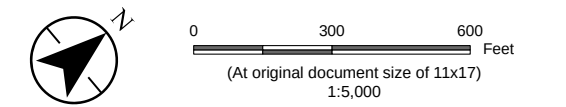
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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

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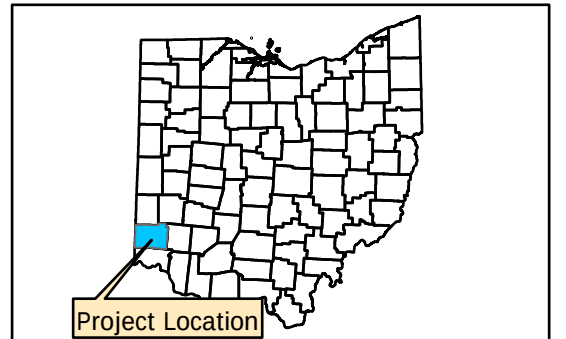
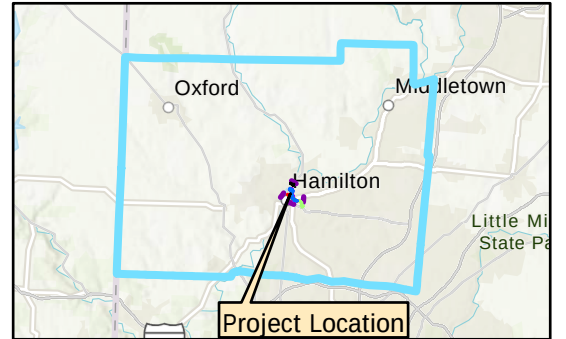
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Legend

- NW Washington Crossing
- Gordon/Rhea Crossing
- NW Washington Roundabout Limits (PID 120771)
- Parks
- Planned Trail
- Trail
- Study Area



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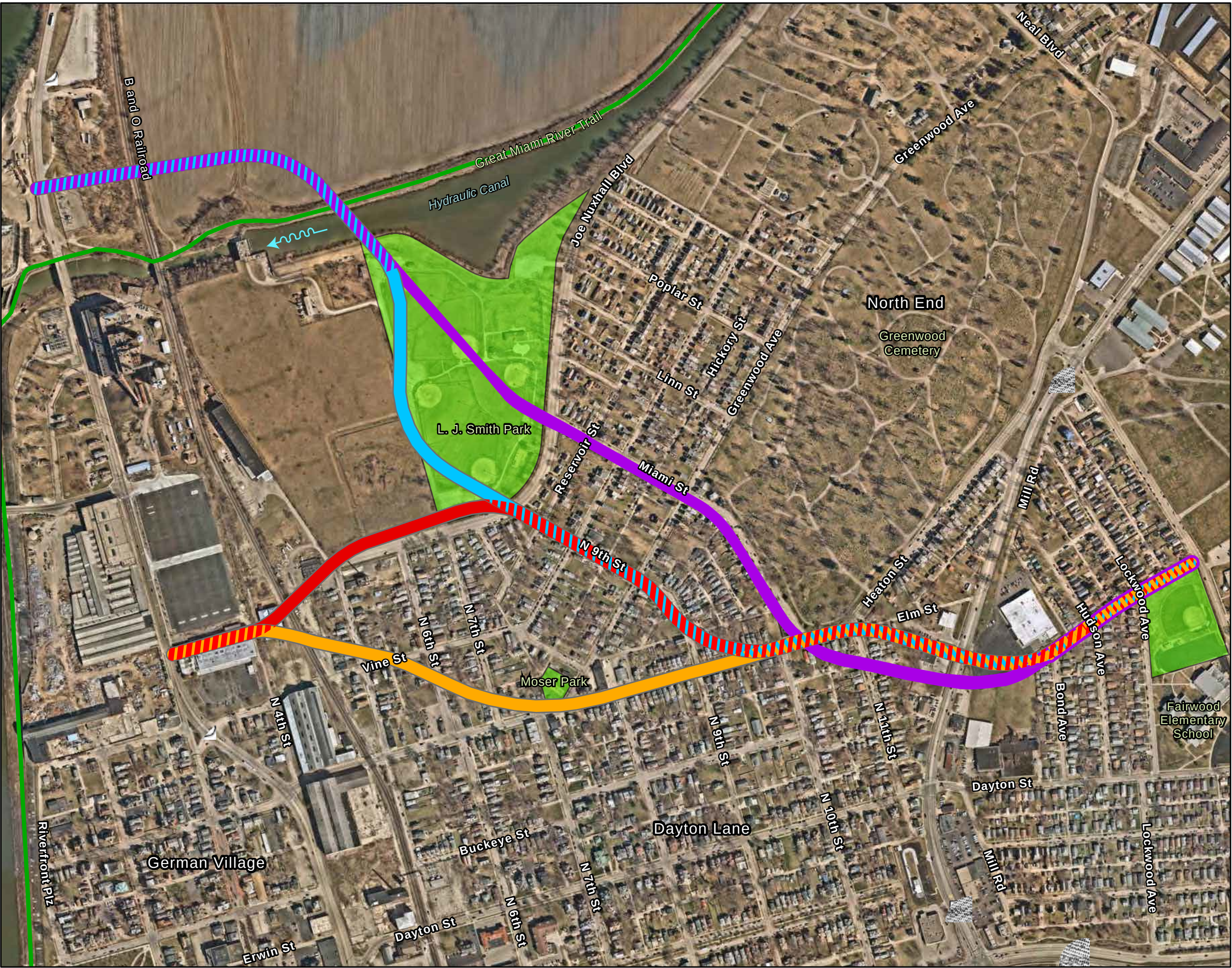


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**Central Section Alternatives-
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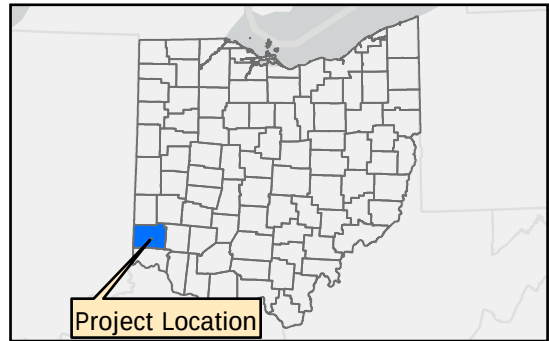
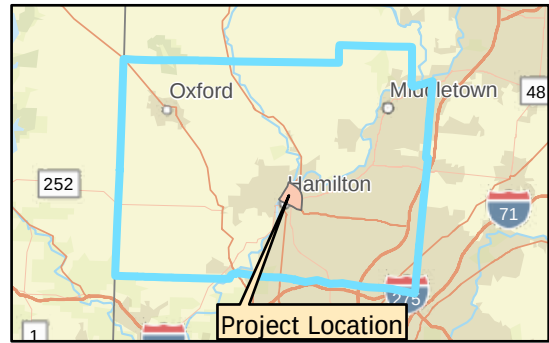
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- North 9th Connection
- Miami Street Connection
- Vine Street Connection
- Joe Nuxhall Connection
- Parks
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**East Section Alternative-
Section 4(f) Properties**

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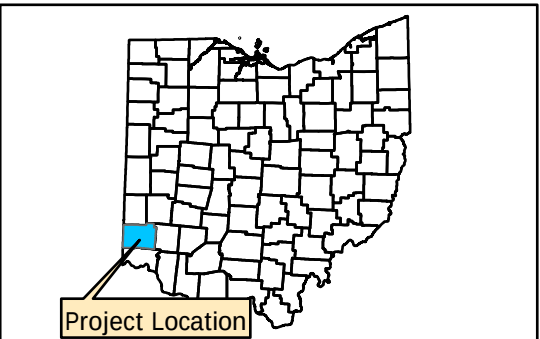
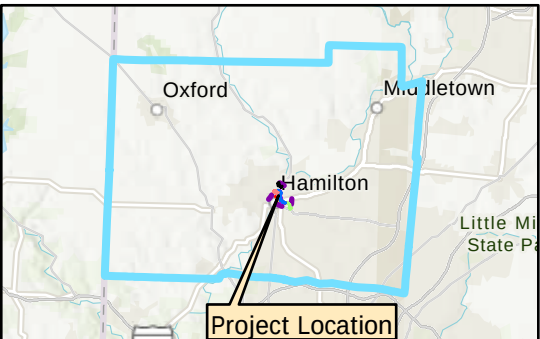


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- East Connection
- Parks
- Trails*
- Study Area

*Features not present in current view extent



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FIGURE 2

Figure 2A. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- West Section
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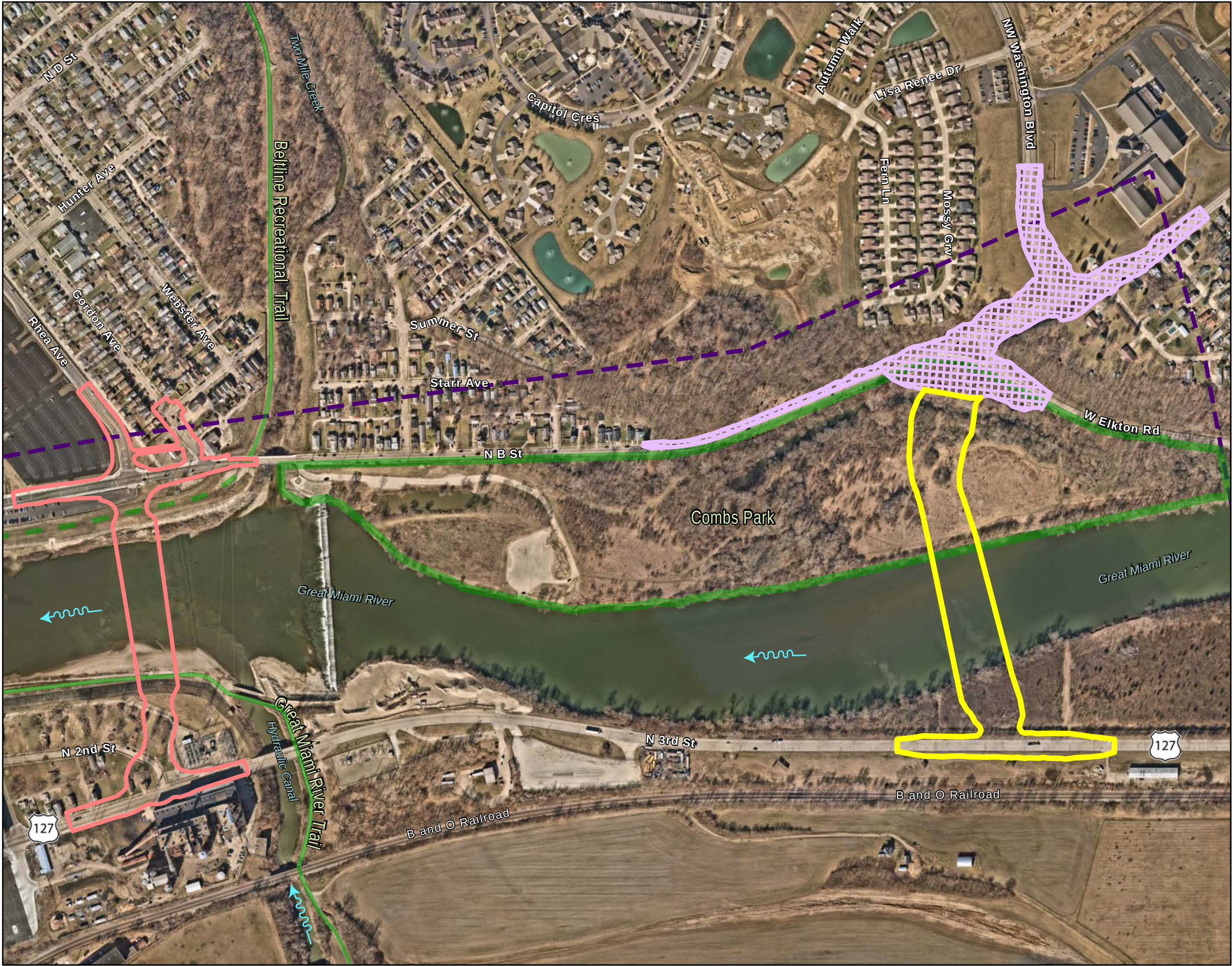


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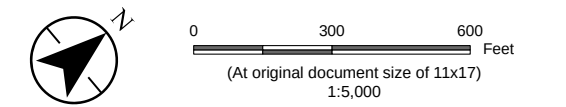
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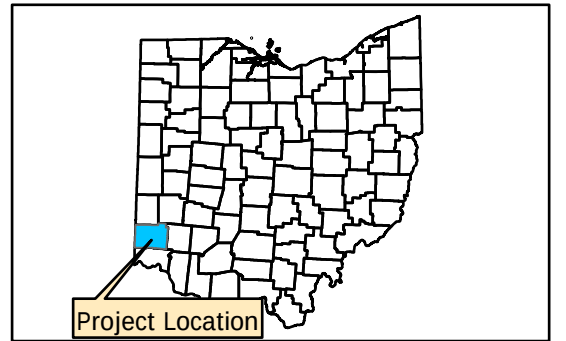
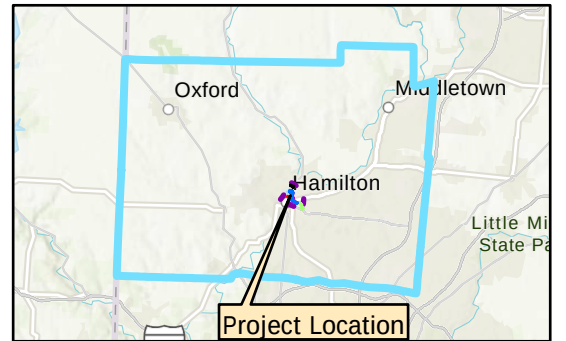
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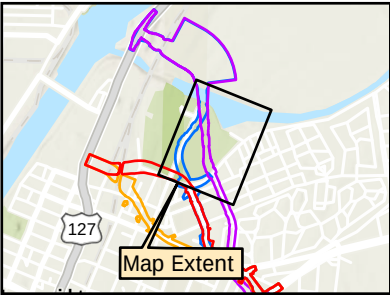
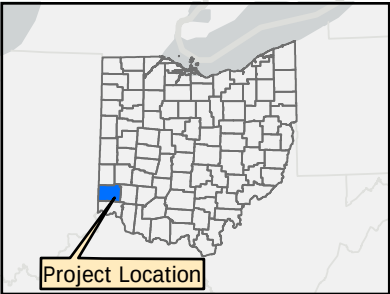


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Legend

North 9th Street Preliminary Impact Limits

Miami Street Preliminary Impact Limits

Joe Nuxhall Preliminary Impact Limits

Park Boundaries and Trails

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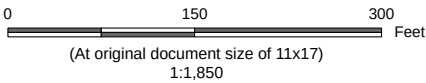
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Project Location

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)

PID 115755

Figure No.

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Title

Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map

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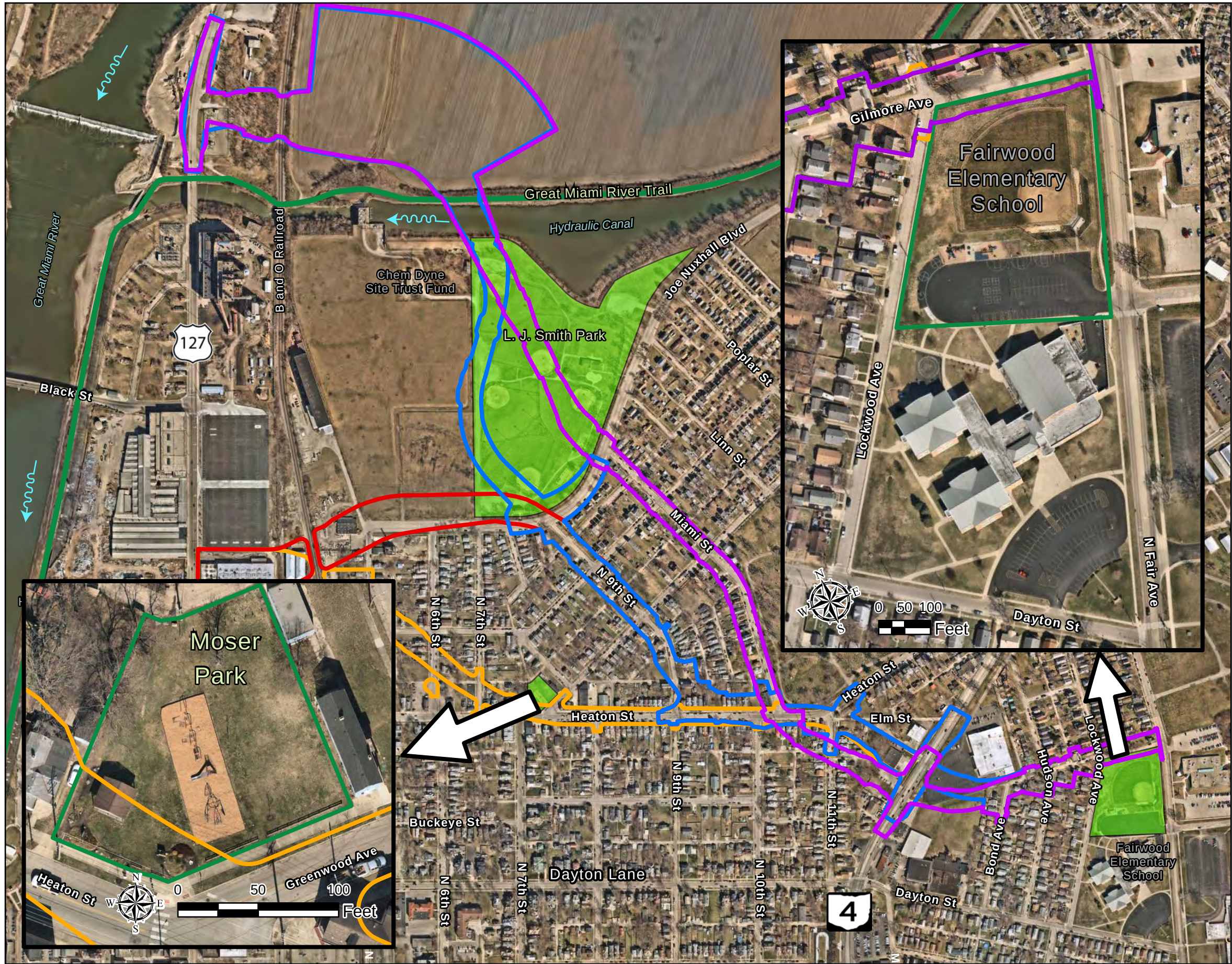
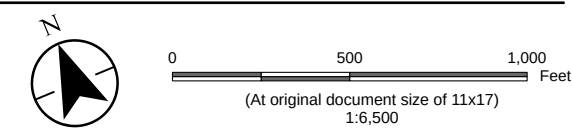
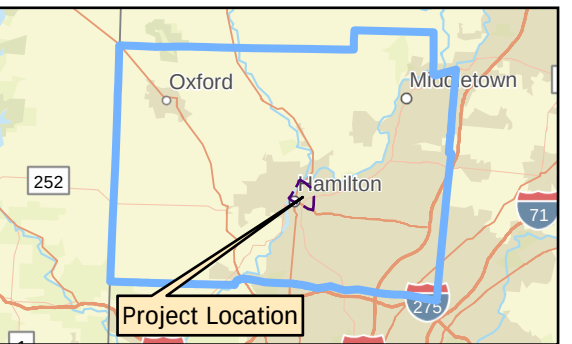


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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755
Project Location
City of Hamilton
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- Legend**
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From: [Adam Cornette](#)
To: [Stahlman, Christine](#)
Cc: [Allen Messer](#); [Dan Corey](#); [Keith Smith \(Keith.Smith@dot.ohio.gov\)](#); [Shadix, Steve](#)
Subject: Re: North Hamilton Crossing - Section 4(f) Official with Jurisdiction Consultation
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 10:01:34 AM

Christine,

Yes, I have received the letter and have no concerns at the moment.

Thank you,
Adam

On Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 9:53 AM Stahlman, Christine <Christine.Stahlman@stantec.com> wrote:

Hi Adam,

I am following up on the email below to confirm you received the OWJ consultation letter, and to kindly note that we have not received a response. If you have any questions, comments, or information to share, please respond by phone or email. You will continue to receive correspondence as project development moves forward.

Sincerely,

Christine

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 9:41 AM

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<Steve.Shadix@stantec.com>

Subject: North Hamilton Crossing - Section 4(f) Official with Jurisdiction Consultation

Adam,

Good morning! On behalf of the City of Hamilton, Butler County Transportation Improvement District, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, I am sending the attached Section 4(f) consultation letter.

You have been identified as an "Official with Jurisdiction" over recreational resources which are in the vicinity of the proposed North Hamilton Crossing Project. This letter is to notify you of the project and to request relevant information about Section 4(f) Properties to inform project planning and decision making. The attached letter contains more information about the project, as well as potential impacts to properties protected by Section 4(f).

Kindly review the attached letter and respond with any questions, comments, or relevant information by April 15, 2025.

Thank you,

Christine

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North Hamilton Crossing (BUT- NHX; PID 115755)

Moser Park Meeting

Project/File: 173620130
Date/Time: July 14, 2025 / 3:15pm
Location: Google Meet
Attendees: Allen Messer, City of Hamilton
Adam Cornette, Hamilton Parks Conservancy Director
Keith Smith, ODOT District 8
Steve Shadix, Stantec

Discussion Items:

Discussion:

The recommended preferred alignment was shared with Adam so that the impacts to Moser Park could be discussed. The alignment impacts the southwestern corner of the park including a shelter and the park signage / memorial rock, just missing the playground area. Because the shared use path (SUP) separates from the roadway alignment to avoid impacting the Stone Tavern, it was noted that the SUP could be incorporated into the park or could return to be adjacent to the roadway. Finally, it was noted that the alignment will likely require total takes of the six residential homes west of Moser Park along Heaton St, leaving a triangular area of the existing backyards adjacent to the park and the alley.

Adam Cornette noted the following:

- The park would be interested in acquiring the triangular parcel of land to the west.
- The park would be interested in investigating options to incorporate the SUP into the park
- The park would want replacement of the shelter and signage. The memorial rock needs to be relocated. Adam noted that the rock was recently relocated to its present location so there is no significance to the current location. He also felt the proximity of the roadway may require adjustment of the playground area.
- The park may be interested in saving some of the mature trees currently in the adjacent backyards.
- The park noted that parking is an issue in this area and that they will be interested in how parking will be addressed in the Greenwood Ave area both for the park and the Stone Tavern.

Additional Notes:

Allen noted that the City owns the parcel(s) along North 7th Street on the north side of the alley and it may be possible to include that area into the reformatted Moser Park. The alley would not really serve any purpose after the NHX construction so that area too may be able to be incorporated into the new park. Adam was interested in how that would look but wanted to have further discussion as the park could potentially get larger. The added area might be a possible location for parking.



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Hamilton, Ohio 45011
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July 29, 2025

**Re: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755
Section 4(f) Coordination**

Dear Mr. Cornette:

This letter is a follow-up to the March 12th letter you received regarding the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. Since that time, an in-person Public Meeting was held on June 24, 2025 which provided an update on the NHX project and presented the recommended Preferred Alternative for public comment. A Virtual Open House was also opened on June 24th which shares the same information with the community. This on-line open house is open until August 8, 2025 at the following website: [NHX Virtual Open House - PublicInput](#). The purpose of this letter is to continue coordination with your agency regarding impacts to the **Great Miami River Trail, the Beltline Recreational Trail, and Moser Park** as a result of the recommended Preferred Alternative for the NHX project in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

NHX Project Description: The purpose of the NHX project is to improve east-west connectivity north of SR 129 in the City of Hamilton to reduce congestion and improve mobility in support of current and planned economic growth in the City of Hamilton and western Butler County, as identified in *Plan Hamilton*. The NHX project includes 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. Bump-outs (where feasible) and crosswalks will be included at street corners for pedestrian safety. In addition, the NHX will include a new bridge over the Great Miami River and a new overpass of the CSX railroad.

Preferred Alternative for the NHX Project: The Preferred Alternative has been divided into three contiguous sections of the NHX corridor as follows:

West Section (North B Street to US 127): The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Gordon/Rhea Crossing which includes a new bridge across the Great Miami River in the area where Gordon Avenue and Rhea Avenue intersect with North B Street on the west side of the river (approximately 700 ft north of Black Street Bridge) and connects with US 127 near the intersection with North 2nd Street on the east side of the river. This alternative includes the construction of a new bridge across the Great Miami River.

- **Central Section (US 127 to North Fair Avenue):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Vine Street Connection which begins at US 127 across from the Cohen Recycling Center, crosses over the CSX railroad tracks and turns southeast across Vine Street to connect with Heaton Street in the North 7th Street area. At Heaton and North 11th Street, the route follows a new, short connection to SR 4, just south of the fire station. It then crosses the street to connect with Gilmore Avenue and follows Gilmore to North Fair Avenue.
- **East Connection (North Fair Avenue to SR 129):** The Preferred Alternative in this section starts at North Fair Avenue across from Gilmore Avenue, then runs east between the Butler County Fairgrounds and the Butler County Children Services/ Juvenile Detention Center properties before turning southeast.

Figure 1 shows the Preferred Alternative.

Potential Impacts to Section 4(f) Properties: Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the following properties protected by Section 4(f) which would be impacted by the Preferred Alternative: **Great Miami River Trail, Beltline Recreational Trail, and Moser Park.**

Detailed engineering and environmental analyses for the project are ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Efforts will be made through detailed engineering to minimize impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties based on the preliminary project footprint for the Preferred Alternative are summarized in the table below. The location of 4(f) properties in relation to the Preferred Alternative are shown in **Figures 2A-2B.**

Anticipated Impacts of NHX Preferred Alternative to Great Miami River Trail, Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
West Section: Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Great Miami River Trail	• Temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored
	Beltline Recreational Trail	• Temporary closures and/or detours during construction • Minor alignment adjustments • Shared-use path connection with existing trail, including across the Great Miami River
Central Section: Vine Street Connection	Moser Park	• Right-of-way acquisition totaling approximately 0.1 acre along the southwestern edge of the park • Possible demolition/relocation of park features including: a small shelter, fencing, landscaping, signage, play equipment, and a small memorial rock.

Anticipated Impacts of NHX Preferred Alternative to Great Miami River Trail, Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
East Connection	No Section 4(f) Properties Impacted	None

Measures to Minimize Harm to Section 4(f) Properties: Mitigation measures to minimize harm to the Great Miami River Trail, Beltline Recreational Trail, and Moser Park are discussed below.

Great Miami River Trail (GMRT): The following measures to minimize harm to the GMRT will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- Access to GMRT will be restricted for a period of time that is anticipated to last no longer than 100 days and will not be for the duration of construction.
- Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of the GMRT of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County TID, the Hamilton Parks Conservancy and other entities, as appropriate, prior to the start of construction.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have a *de minimis* impact on the GMRT based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the GMRT.

Beltline Recreational Trail: The following measures to minimize harm to the Beltline Recreational Trail will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- Access to Beltline Recreational Trail will be restricted for a period of time that is anticipated to last no longer than 100 days and will not be for the duration of construction.
- Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of the Beltline Recreational Trail of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County TID, the Hamilton Parks Conservancy and other entities, as appropriate, prior to the start of construction.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have a *de minimis* impact on the Beltline Recreational Trail based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the Beltline Recreational Trail.

Moser Park: The following mitigation measures will be included as environmental commitments in the environmental document.

- The City of Hamilton and Butler County TID will closely coordinate the project with the Hamilton Parks Conservancy to ensure that the project is consistent with the master plan of the park.
- The City of Hamilton and Butler County TID will provide remnant property to the Hamilton Parks Conservancy resulting from the acquisition of right-of-way from five adjacent properties for the NHX project.

The features and values of Moser Park will be enhanced as a result of the addition of property to the park and coordination of the NHX project with the park development. Therefore, the use of the Section 4(f) property will result in a “Net Benefit” to Moser Park.

If you concur with the measures to minimize harm and assessment of impacts to the GMRT, Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park, please indicate as such by responding to this email with your concurrence no later than August 9. Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact either Allen Messer or Dan Corey at the contact information provided below.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1. Preferred Alternative

Figure 2A-2B. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps

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Figure No.
2A

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**West Section-
Section 4(f) Property Impacts**

Client/Project
North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, OH

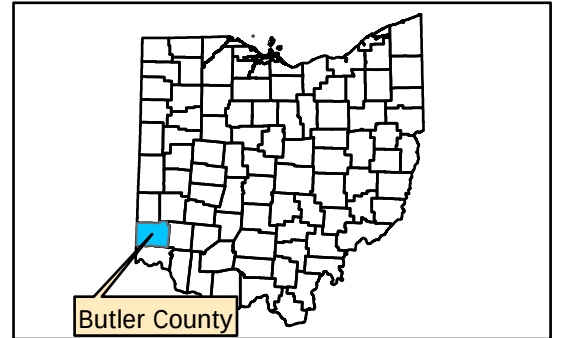
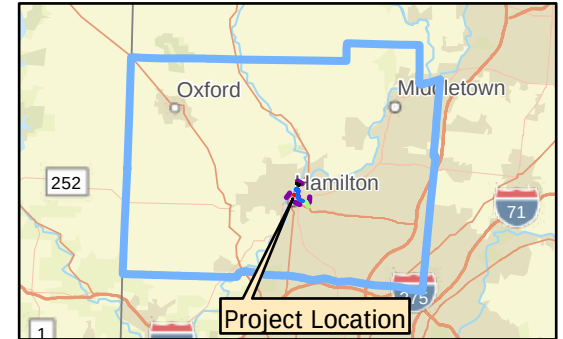
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Legend

- Impacted Parks
- Impacted Trails
- Trails
- Preferred Alternative - West Section



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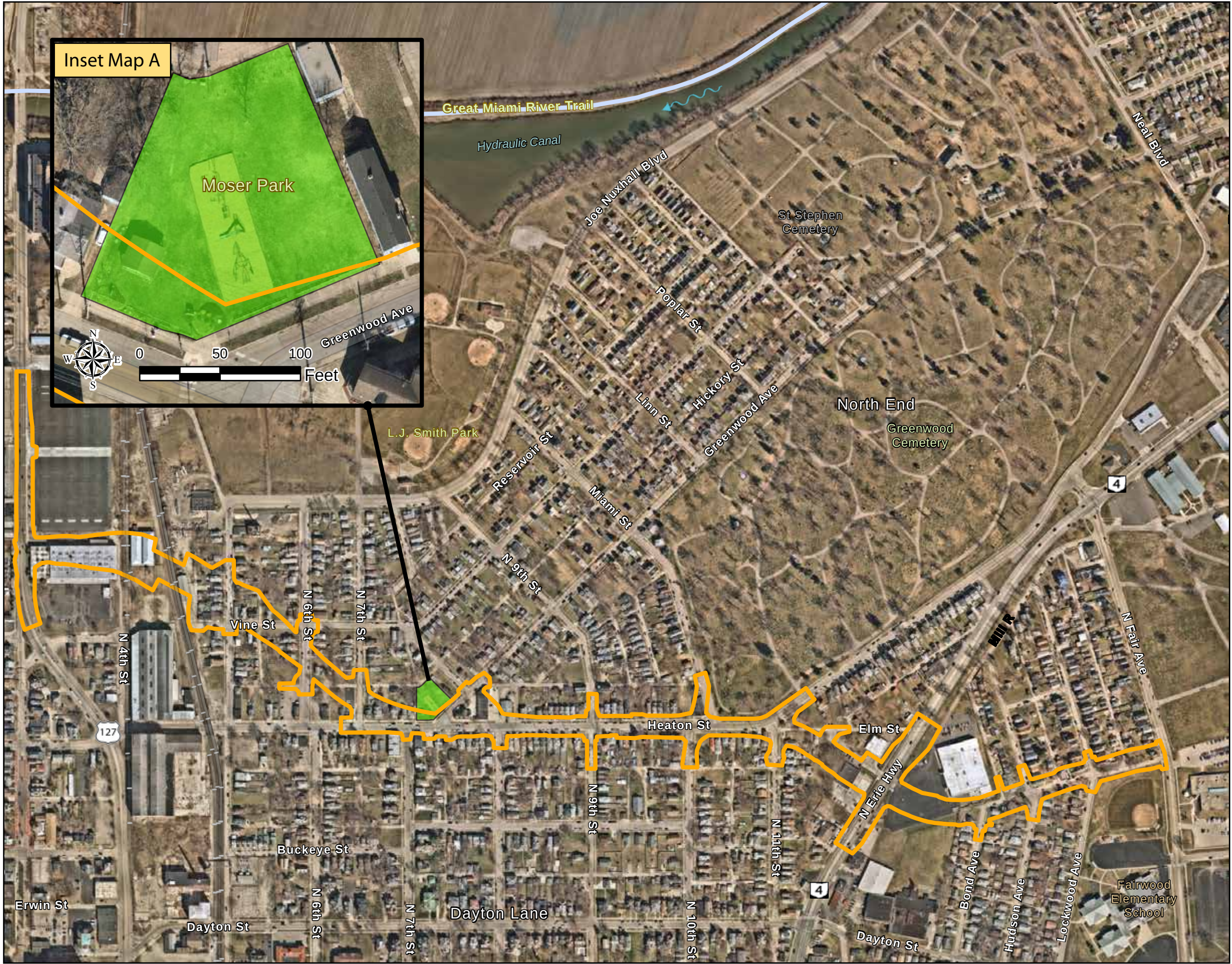


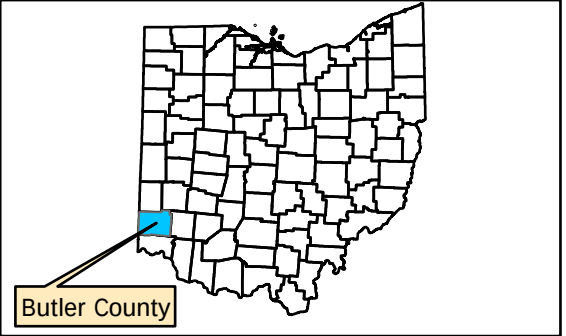
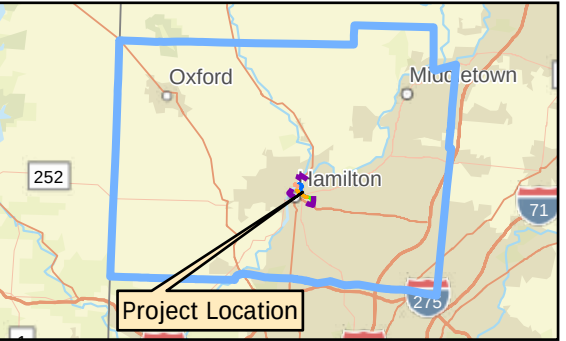
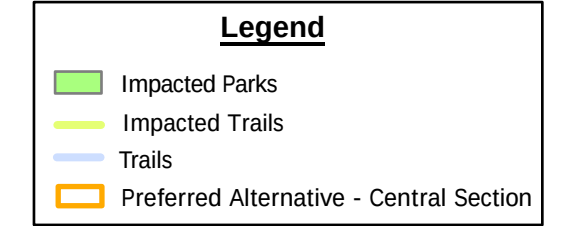
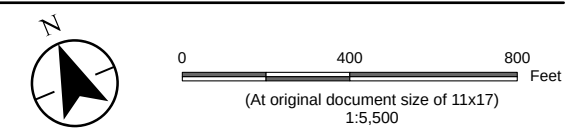
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**Central Section-
Section 4(f) Property Impacts**

Client/Project
North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, Ohio

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To: [Allen Messer](#)
Cc: [Dan Corey](#); [Keith Smith](#); [Ammerman, Caroline](#); [Shadix, Steve](#); [Stahlman, Christine](#)
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Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 11:02:42 AM

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The Hamilton Parks Conservancy is in agreement with the attached findings.

Thank you,
Adam

On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 9:40 AM Allen Messer <allen.messer@hamilton-oh.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Adam,

Thank you for your continued engagement on the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) Project.

The attached letter serves as a follow-up to our March 12, 2025 correspondence. It provides an update on the project and outlines the recommended Preferred Alternative. For more information, please visit our Virtual Open House now through August 8 at the following link: [NHX Virtual Open House – PublicInput](#).

The purpose of this correspondence is to continue coordination with your agency regarding potential impacts to resources protected under Section 4(f). As an “Official with Jurisdiction” over recreational resources in the vicinity of the proposed project, we are requesting your review and concurrence with the assessment of impacts and the measures to minimize harm as outlined in the attached letter.

If you agree with these findings, please respond to this email with your concurrence no later than **August 9, 2025**.

Should you have any questions, comments, or additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Allen

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May 18, 2026

**Re: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755
Section 4(f) Coordination**

Hamilton Parks Conservancy Director:

This letter is a follow-up to our Teams meeting on December 8, 2025 and subsequent email exchanges regarding the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. The purpose of this letter is to continue coordination with your agency regarding impacts to the **Great Miami River Trail (GMRT), the Beltline Recreational Trail, and Moser Park** by the Preferred Alternative for the NHX project, in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

NHX Project Description: The purpose of the NHX project is to improve east-west connectivity north of SR 129 in the City of Hamilton to reduce congestion and improve mobility in support of current and planned economic growth in the City of Hamilton and western Butler County, as identified in *Plan Hamilton*. The NHX project includes 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 (SUP) on the other side. Bump-outs (where feasible) and crosswalks will be included at street corners for pedestrian safety. In addition, the NHX will include a new bridge over the Great Miami River and a new overpass of the CSX railroad.

Preferred Alternative for the NHX Project: The Preferred Alternative has been divided into three contiguous sections of the NHX corridor as follows:

- **West Section (North B Street to US 127):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Gordon/Rhea Crossing, which includes a new bridge across the Great Miami River (approximately 700 ft north of Black Street Bridge). The alternative begins where Gordon Avenue and Rhea Avenue intersect with North B Street on the west side of the river and connects with US 127 near the intersection with North 2nd Street on the east side of the river.
- **Central Section (US 127 to North Fair Avenue):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Vine Street Connection, which begins at US 127 across from the Cohen Recycling Center, crosses over the CSX railroad tracks and turns southeast across Vine Street to connect with Heaton Street in the

North 7th Street area. At Heaton and North 11th Street, the route follows a new, short connection to SR 4, just south of the fire station. It then crosses the street to connect with Gilmore Avenue and follows Gilmore to North Fair Avenue.

- **East Connection (North Fair Avenue to SR 129):** The Preferred Alternative in this section starts at North Fair Avenue across from Gilmore Avenue, then runs east between the Butler County Fairgrounds and the Butler County Children Services/ Juvenile Detention Center properties before turning southeast.

Figure 1 (attached) shows the Preferred Alternative.

Potential Impacts to Section 4(f) Properties: Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the following properties protected by Section 4(f) which would be impacted by the Preferred Alternative: Great Miami River Trail, Beltline Recreational Trail, and Moser Park.

Detailed engineering and environmental analyses for the project are ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Anticipated impacts and benefits to 4(f) properties based on the preliminary project footprint for the Preferred Alternative are summarized in **Table 1** below. The location of 4(f) properties in relation to the Preferred Alternative are shown in **Figures 2A-2B** (attached).

Table 1: Anticipated Impacts and Benefits of NHX Preferred Alternative to GMRT, Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts	Anticipated Benefits
West Section: Gordon/Rhea Crossing	GMRT	• Temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction are estimated to be up to two years • No permanent impacts	• Potential connection with the new shared-use path (SUP) facility included in the NHX project to be made by others to be consistent with the City Trail Plan
	Beltline Recreational Trail	• Temporary closures and/or detours during construction are estimated to be up to six months • The connection of the Beltline Recreational Trail to the new SUP would require a minor widening of the curb ramp from the crosswalk across North B Street to match the width of the new SUP	• New SUP will be included on the new bridge and will connect with the existing Beltline Recreational Trail on the west side of the river.

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts	Anticipated Benefits
Central Section: Vine Street Connection	Moser Park	• Right-of-way acquisition totaling approximately 0.1 acre along the southwestern edge of the park • Demolition/relocation of park features including a small shelter, fencing, landscaping, signage, play equipment, and a small memorial rock. • Park closure during construction is estimated to be up to six months	• Existing park facilities shall be updated to be consistent with current HPC standards and ADA regulations. A concept plan identifying park improvements has been prepared in coordination with HPC. (See Figure 3, attached) Parking to be provided on adjacent city-owned property.
East Connection	No Section 4(f) Properties Impacted	N/A	N/A

Measures to Minimize Harm to Section 4(f) Properties: Mitigation measures to minimize harm to the GMRT, Beltline Recreational Trail, and Moser Park are discussed below.

Great Miami River Trail (GMRT): The following measures to minimize harm to the GMRT will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- The Contractor shall restrict access to GMRT in the vicinity of the new bridge construction for the duration of bridge construction, a period that is anticipated to take up to two years. A proposed detour to be used during closure of the GMRT is shown in **Figure 4**.
- The Contractor shall install temporary construction fencing along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- The Contractor shall notify (in writing) the Project Engineer 30 days ahead of any closures or traffic patterns.
- The Project Engineer shall notify the City Public Information Officer (PIO) (in writing) to post press releases and notify any identified trail user groups about the proposed trail closure seven days prior to the closure.
- The Contractor shall install signage to alert users of the GMRT of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points. Informational signs formatted in accordance with the Ohio Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD) W20-H14 shall be placed at the nearest detour point, both north and south along the trail, as directed by the Project Engineer. Detour signs formatted in accordance with OMUTCD M4-9a shall be placed at points of directional change for the bike/pedestrian detour sufficient to guide bikes and pedestrians, as directed by the Project Engineer.
- The Contractor shall be required to closely coordinate (in writing) the construction schedule with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County TID, the Miami Conservancy District (MCD), and the Hamilton Parks Conservancy (HPC) fourteen days prior to the start of construction and at the monthly status meetings.

These groups shall be invited (in writing) to the pre-construction meeting a minimum of 14 days prior to the meeting.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have adverse temporary impacts on the GMRT, resulting in a *de minimis* impact, based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not have a permanent adverse effect on the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no permanent adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the GMRT.

Beltline Recreational Trail: The following measures to minimize harm to the Beltline Recreational Trail will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- The Contractor shall restrict access to Beltline Recreational Trail for the duration of construction in the vicinity of the trail, a period estimated to be six months. A proposed detour shall be in place for the section of the trail to be closed utilizing routes approved by the City.
- The Contractor shall install temporary construction fencing along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- The Contractor shall notify the Project Engineer (in writing) 30 days ahead of any closures or traffic patterns.
- The Project Engineer shall notify the City Public Information Officer (PIO) (in writing) to post press releases and notify any identified trail user groups about the proposed trail closure seven days prior to the closure.
- The Contractor shall install signage to alert users of the Beltline Recreational Trail of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points. Informational signs formatted in accordance with the Ohio Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD) W20-H14 shall be placed at the nearest detour point, both north and south along the trail, as directed by the Project Engineer. Detour signs formatted in accordance with OMUTCD M4-9a shall be placed at points of directional change for the bike/pedestrian detour sufficient to guide bikes and pedestrians, as directed by the ODOT detour coordinator and shown on the detour plan, and/or as directed by the Project Engineer.
- The Contractor shall be required to closely coordinate (in writing) the construction schedule with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County TID, and the Hamilton Parks Conservancy (HPC) fourteen days prior to the start of construction and at monthly status meetings. These groups shall be invited (in writing) to the pre-construction meeting a minimum of 14 days prior to the meeting.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have adverse temporary impacts on the Beltline Trail, resulting in a *de minimis* impact based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.

- The nature and magnitude of changes will not permanently adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no permanent adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the Beltline Recreational Trail.

Moser Park: As noted in **Table 1**, the NHX project would impact Moser Park, an important asset to the community. Consequently, the City of Hamilton (City) and Butler County TID (BCTID) coordinated the NHX project with the Hamilton Parks Conservancy (HPC) to identify mitigation measures for these impacts. Through this collaboration, a concept plan was developed which identifies park improvements that are consistent with HPC standards and would replace existing facilities that are outdated and/or not ADA compliant. They include a 24' x 36' shelter, ADA compliant playground equipment, and picnic tables, benches, and garbage cans. (See **Figure 3**) The costs of these improvements are estimated to be approximately \$1.025 million in 2026 dollars, as detailed in the attached cost estimate.

The following mitigation measures will be included as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- The Contractor shall install construction fencing along proposed construction limits prior to start of construction activities or other means as directed by the Project Engineer to restrict access to Moser Park throughout construction of the NHX project in the vicinity of the park, a period expected to take approximately six months.
- The Contractor shall install signage to alert users of Moser Park of construction activities and access restrictions or closures. Informational signs formatted in accordance with the Ohio Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD) W20-H14 shall be placed in locations near the park, as directed by the Project Engineer. The signs will be posted a minimum of 14 days ahead of the park closure as directed by the Project Engineer.
- The Contractor shall notify the Project Engineer (in writing) 30 days ahead of the park closure to ensure that the City Public Information Officer can issue any press releases and notify user groups.
- The project shall include \$1.025 million, plus the costs to account for inflation between 2026 and the predicted build year, which will be provided to HPC for park improvements. HPC shall oversee the construction of the park improvements.
- Prior to project construction, the City and BCTID shall coordinate with the HPC (in writing) to ensure that the park sign and memorial rock are safely stored during project construction.
- The City and BCTID shall provide approximately 0.45 acres remnant property to HPC to include in Moser Park resulting from residential takes on six adjacent properties.
- The City shall construct a 10-15 space parking lot on City-owned property adjacent to the park, as shown on the attached Moser Park Concept Plan. The parking lot will service both park visitors and the surrounding neighborhood.
- The City and BCTID shall prepare an agreement document to be signed by HPC stating that the project includes the following: \$1.025 million to be provided to HPC for improvements to Moser Park; 0.45 acres remnant property to be given to HPC for expansion of Moser Park; the park sign and memorial rock from Moser Park shall be provided to HPC before project construction; and the City shall construct a 10-15 space parking lot on City-owned property adjacent to Moser Park.

The features and values of Moser Park will be enhanced as a result of the addition of property to the park and improvements to the park. Therefore, the use of the Section 4(f) property will result in a “Net Benefit” to Moser Park.

If you concur with the measures to minimize harm and assessment of impacts to the GMRT, Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park, **please indicate as such by responding to this email with your concurrence no later than June 1.** Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact either Allen Messer or Dan Corey at the contact information provided on the following page.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1. Preferred Alternative
Figure 2A-2B. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps
Figure 3. Moser Park Concept Plan
Figure 4: Detour for Great Miami River Trail (GMRT) Closure
Moser Park Improvements Cost Estimate

Questions or comments? Contact:

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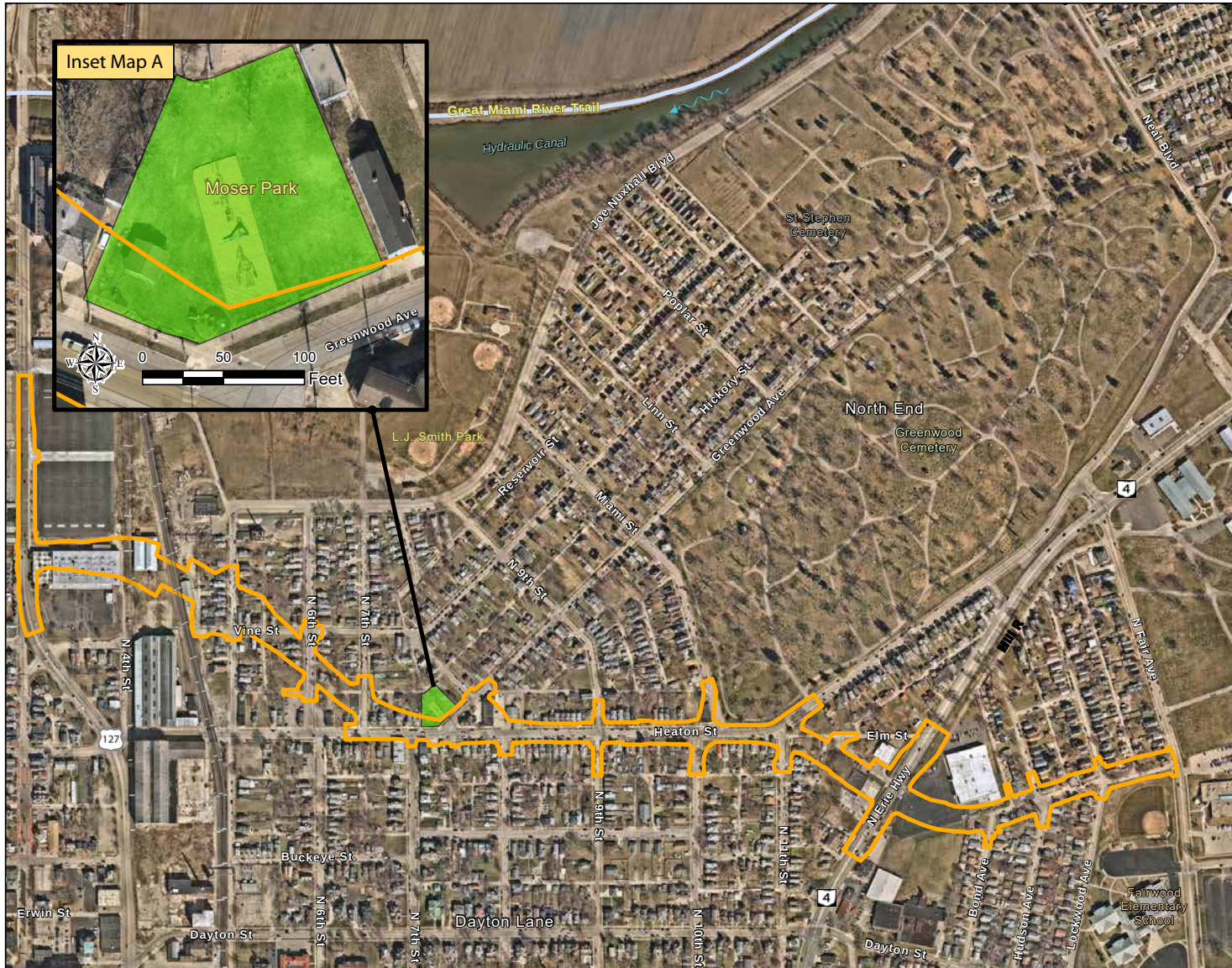


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**Central Section-
Section 4(f) Property Impacts**

Client/Project
**North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755**

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City of Hamilton
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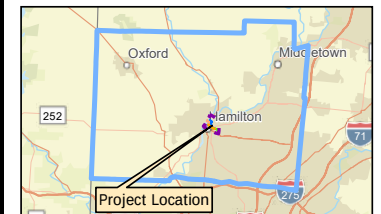
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Figure 3

Moser Park Improvements
Cost Estimate
March 20, 2026



<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Unit Price</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Asphalt Parking Lot	8,352	SF	\$ 17.00	\$ 141,984.00	
Concrete Trail and Sidewalks	10,200	SF	\$ 15.00	\$ 153,000.00	
Gravel Picnic Paving	600	SF	\$ 8.60	\$ 5,160.00	
Pour in Place Playground Surface	3,380	SF	\$ 20.00	\$ 67,600.00	
Playground Equipment	1	LS	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	
Picnic Tables	4	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Benches	3	EA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	
Trash Receptacles	2	EA	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,400.00	
Shelter - 24'x36'	1	LS	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	
Turf Seed	3,412	SY	\$ 1.90	\$ 6,482.80	
Planting Bed	2,900	SF	\$ 25.00	\$ 72,500.00	
Trees	22	EA	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 30,800.00	
SUBTOTAL				\$ 889,926.80	
15% CONTINGENCY				\$ 133,489.02	
TOTAL				\$ 1,023,415.82	

From: [Allen Messer](#)
To: [Christine Stahlman](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] North Hamilton Crossing Project (PID 115755) – Request for OWJ Concurrence
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To: Allen Messer <allen.messer@hamilton-oh.gov>

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On Mon, May 18, 2026 at 11:08 AM Allen Messer <allen.messer@hamilton-oh.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Adam and Kevin,

Thank you for your continued engagement on the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) Project.

The attached letter is a follow-up to our Teams meeting on December 8, 2025 and subsequent email exchanges regarding the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. The purpose of this letter is to continue coordination with your agency regarding impacts to the Great Miami River Trail (GMRT), the Beltline Recreational Trail, and Moser Park by the Preferred Alternative for the NHX project, in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

If you agree with these findings, please respond to this email with your concurrence no later than **June 1, 2026**.

Should you have any questions, comments, or additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Allen

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March 12, 2025

Re: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755; Re: Official With Jurisdiction (OWJ) Consultation

Dear MaryLynn Lodor:

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 **Figures 1A – 1C**.

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

Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the following properties protected by Section 4(f) which may be impacted by NHX: **Combs Park, Great Miami River Trail (GMRT), and Great Miami River Water Trail.**

Detailed engineering and environmental analysis for the project is ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Impacts will also vary by alternative. While efforts are being made to avoid and minimize impacts to Section 4(f) resources, there are no alternatives that completely avoid Section 4(f) resources. Anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties based on the preliminary project footprint for each alignment are described in the table below. The location of 4(f) properties in relation to the NHX alternatives are shown in **Figures 2A – 2C.**

**Table: Combs Park, Great Miami River Trail (GMRT), and Great Miami River Water Trail
Anticipated Impacts By Alternative**

Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
NW Washington Crossing	Combs Park	• Bisected by bridge crossing • Placement of piers and abutments • Possible impacts to walking trails and natural areas
	Great Miami River Water Trail	• Temporary access restrictions for boaters during construction
Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Great Miami River Trail (GMRT)	• Possible temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored
	Great Miami River Water Trail	• Temporary access restrictions for boaters during construction
Miami Street Connection	Great Miami River Trail	• Possible temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored
North 9th Street Connection	Great Miami River Trail	• Possible temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored
Vine Street Connection	Not Applicable	None
Joe Nuxhall Connection	Not Applicable	None
East Connection	Not Applicable	None

Coordination with all OWJs will continue as the project develops. Currently, the Environmental Documentation is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2026. At this stage, the project sponsors are requesting any relevant information about Section 4(f) properties to inform project planning and decision making, and considerations for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for future impacts. Specifically, relevant information could include copies of park planning documents or master plans which provide boundaries of Section 4(f) resources, descriptions of assets provided on the park properties, and future plans for expansion of these resources. If available in electronic format, please forward these materials

and provide your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter by emailing our consultant Christine Stahlman with Stantec Consulting Services at christine.stahlman@stantec.com. If electronic files of these materials are not available, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to review these documents.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

- Figure 1A. Section 4(f) Map – West Section
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FIGURE 1

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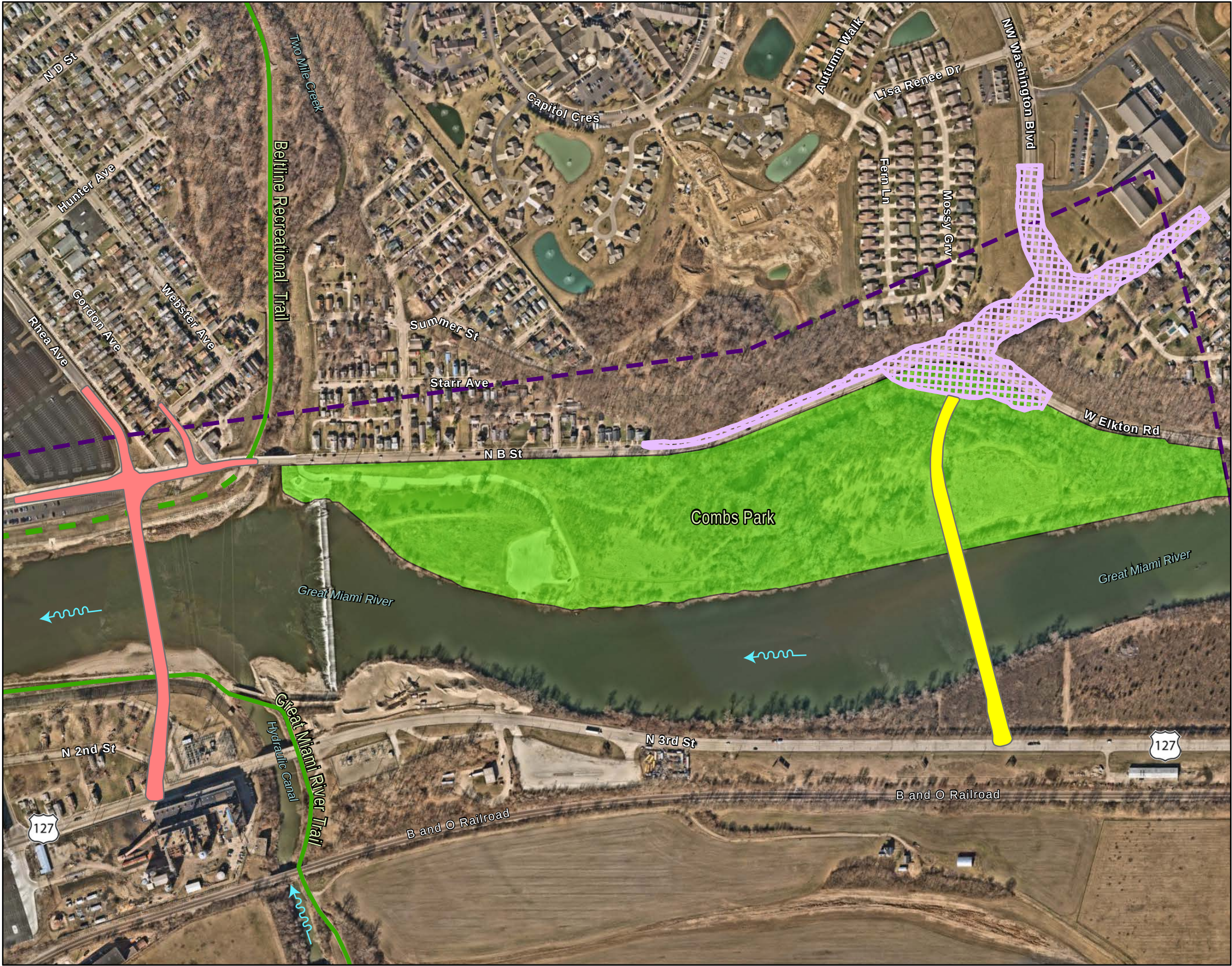
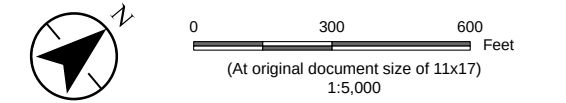


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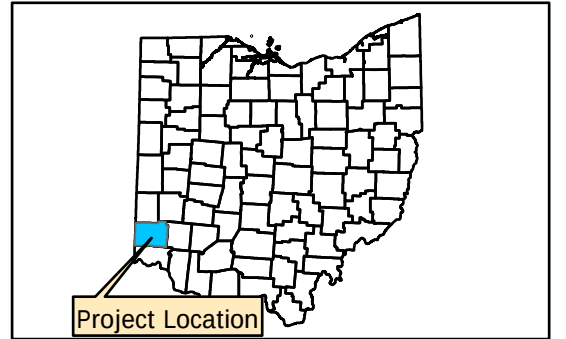
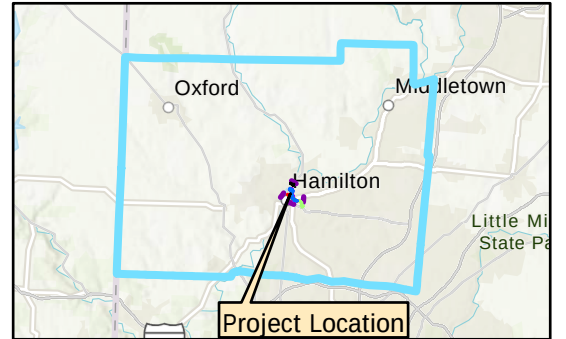
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Legend

- NW Washington Crossing
- Gordon/Rhea Crossing
- NW Washington Roundabout Limits (PID 120771)
- Parks
- Planned Trail
- Trail
- Study Area



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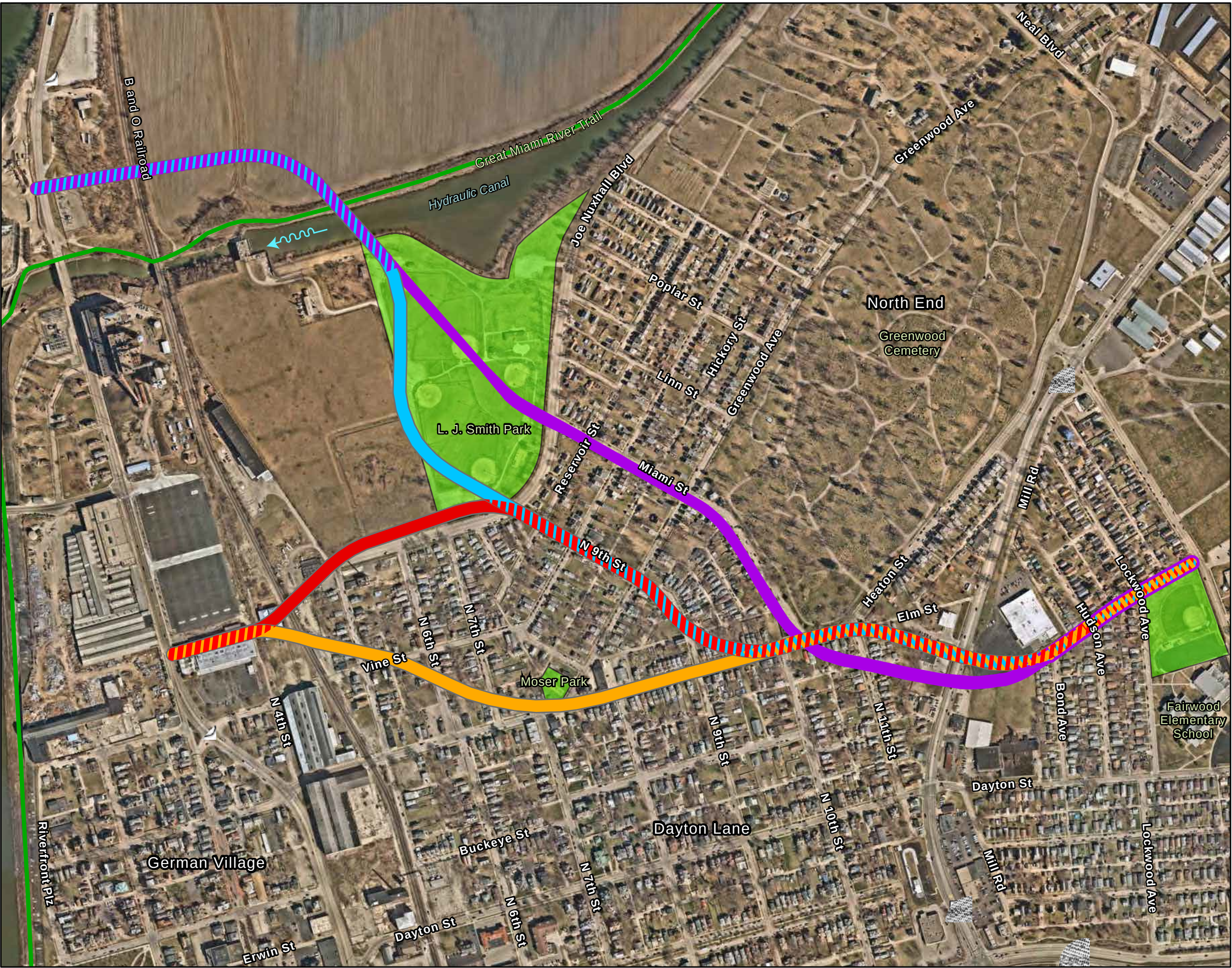
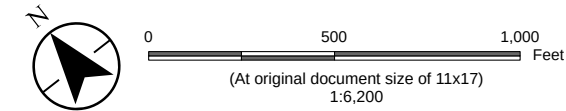


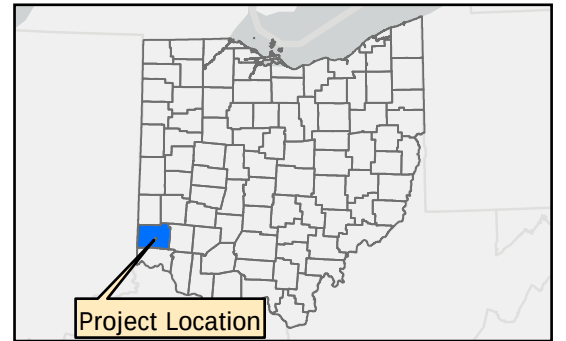
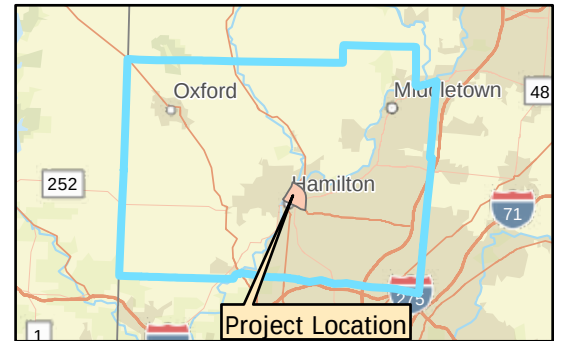
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PID 115755
Project Location City of Hamilton
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Legend

- North 9th Connection
- Miami Street Connection
- Vine Street Connection
- Joe Nuxhall Connection
- Parks
- Trails



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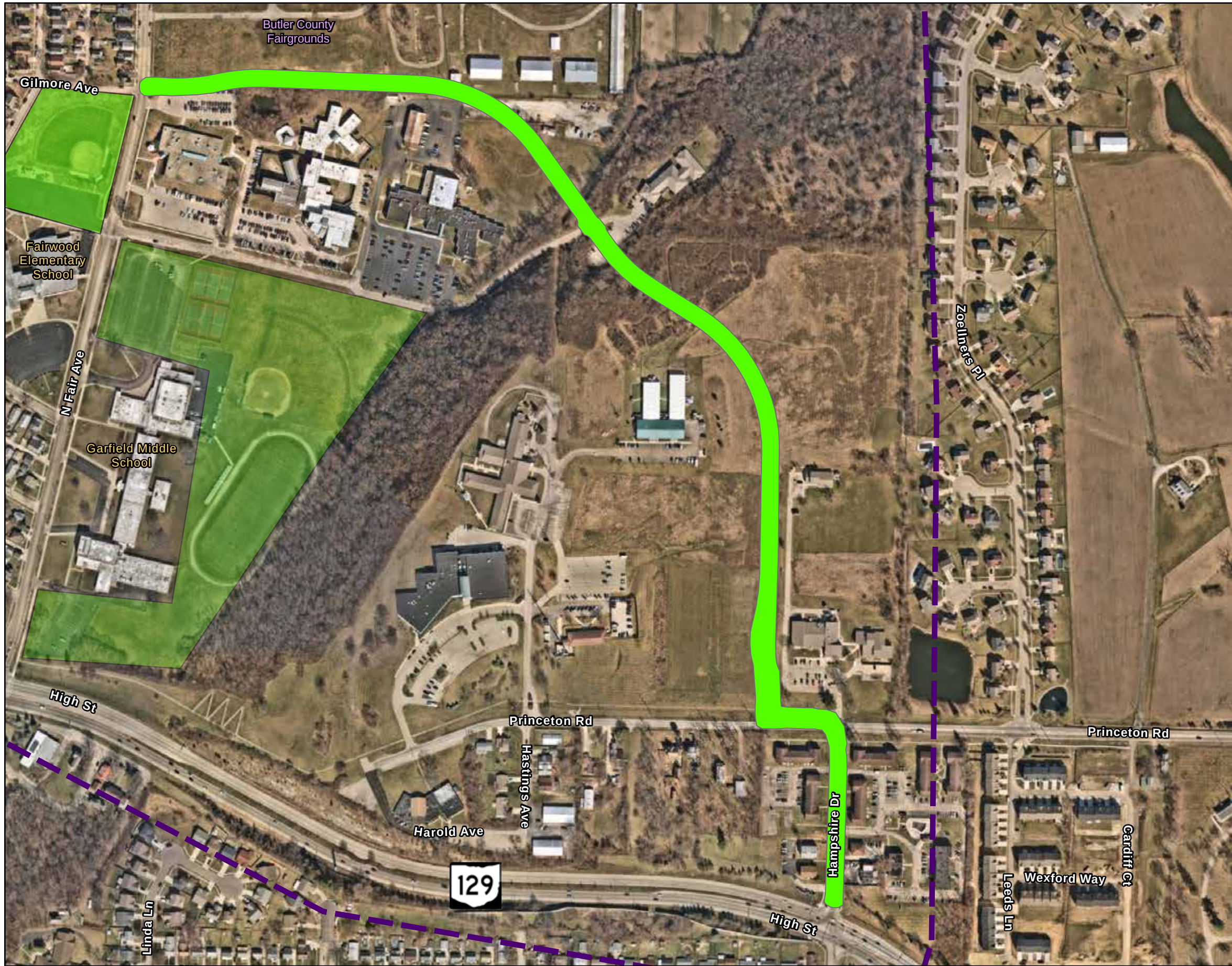
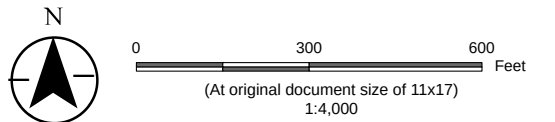


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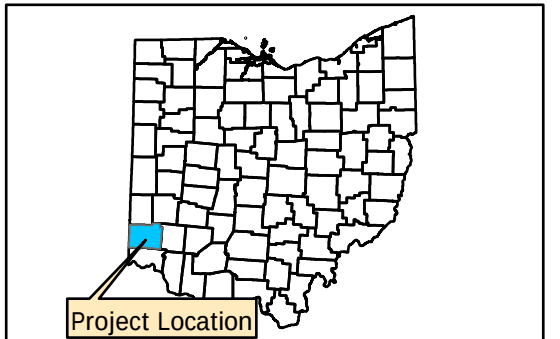
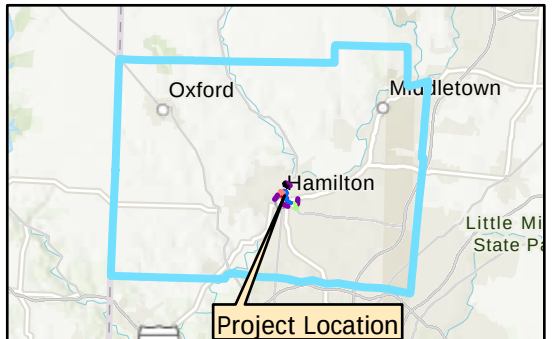
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Legend

- █ East Connection
- █ Parks
- Trails*
- Study Area

*Features not present in current view extent



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FIGURE 2

Figure 2A. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- West Section
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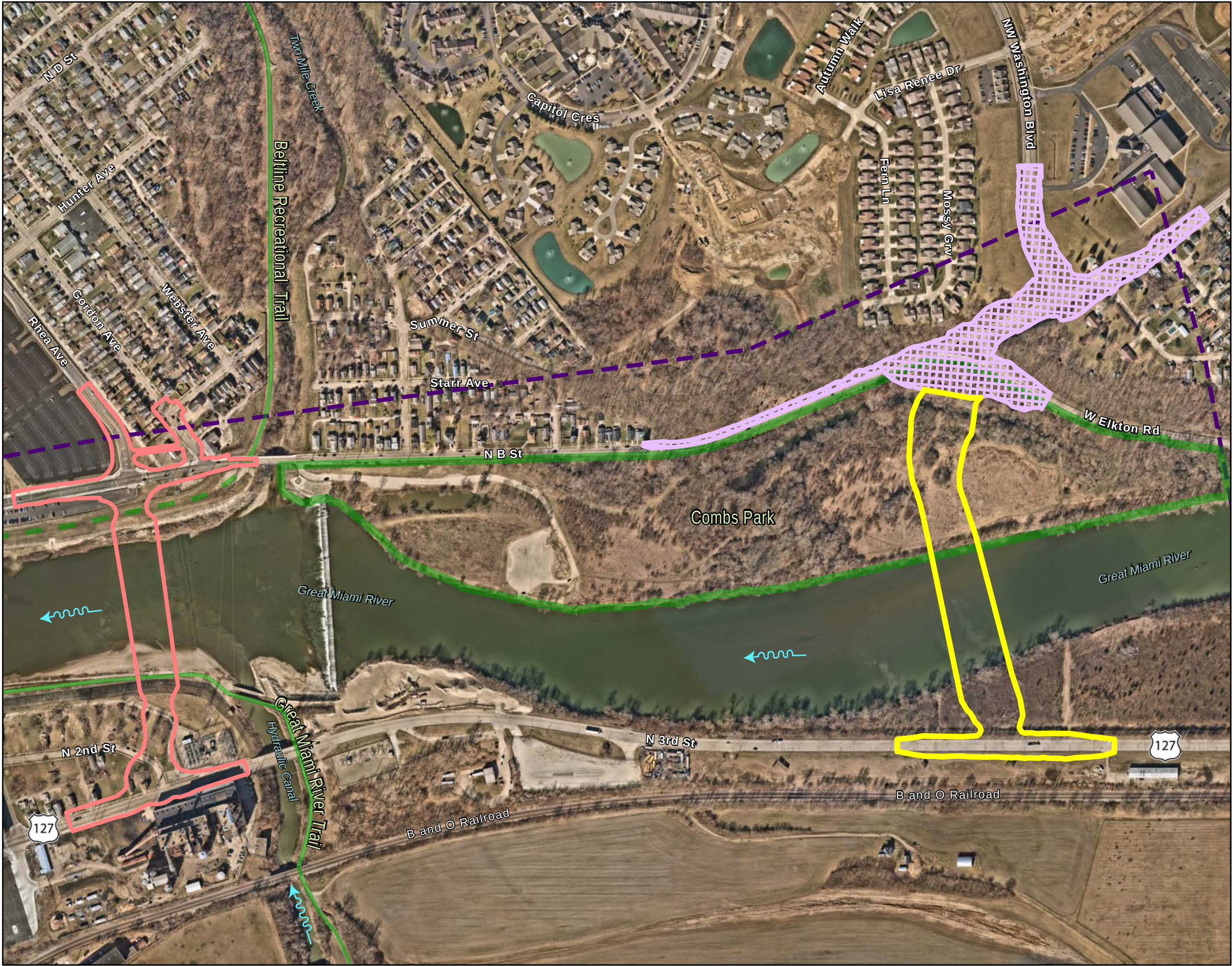


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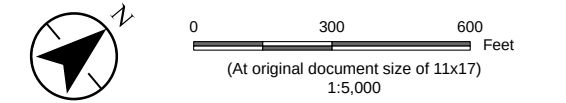
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City of Hamilton
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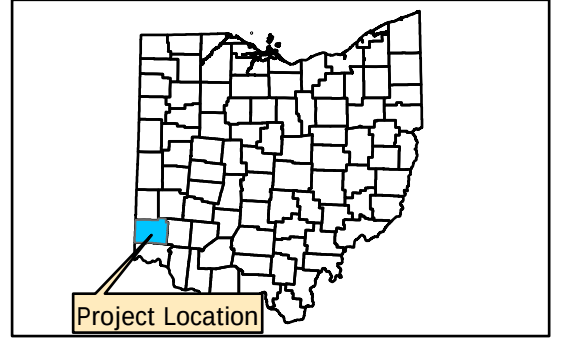
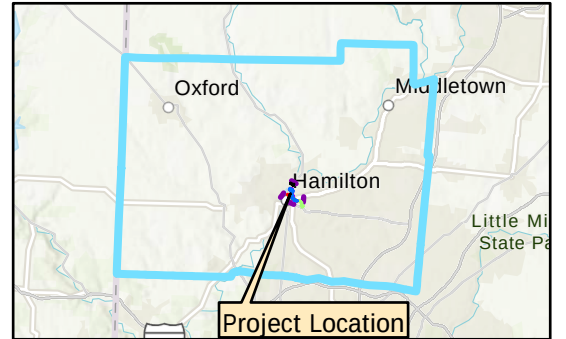
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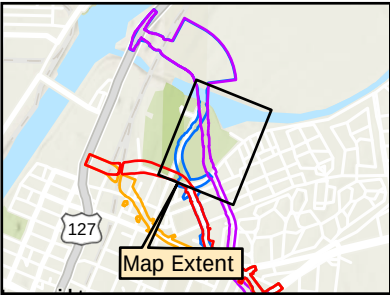
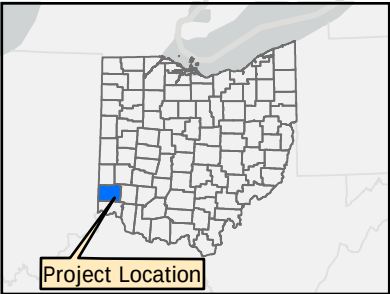


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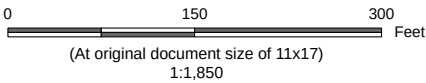




Legend

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- Joe Nuxhall Preliminary Impact Limits
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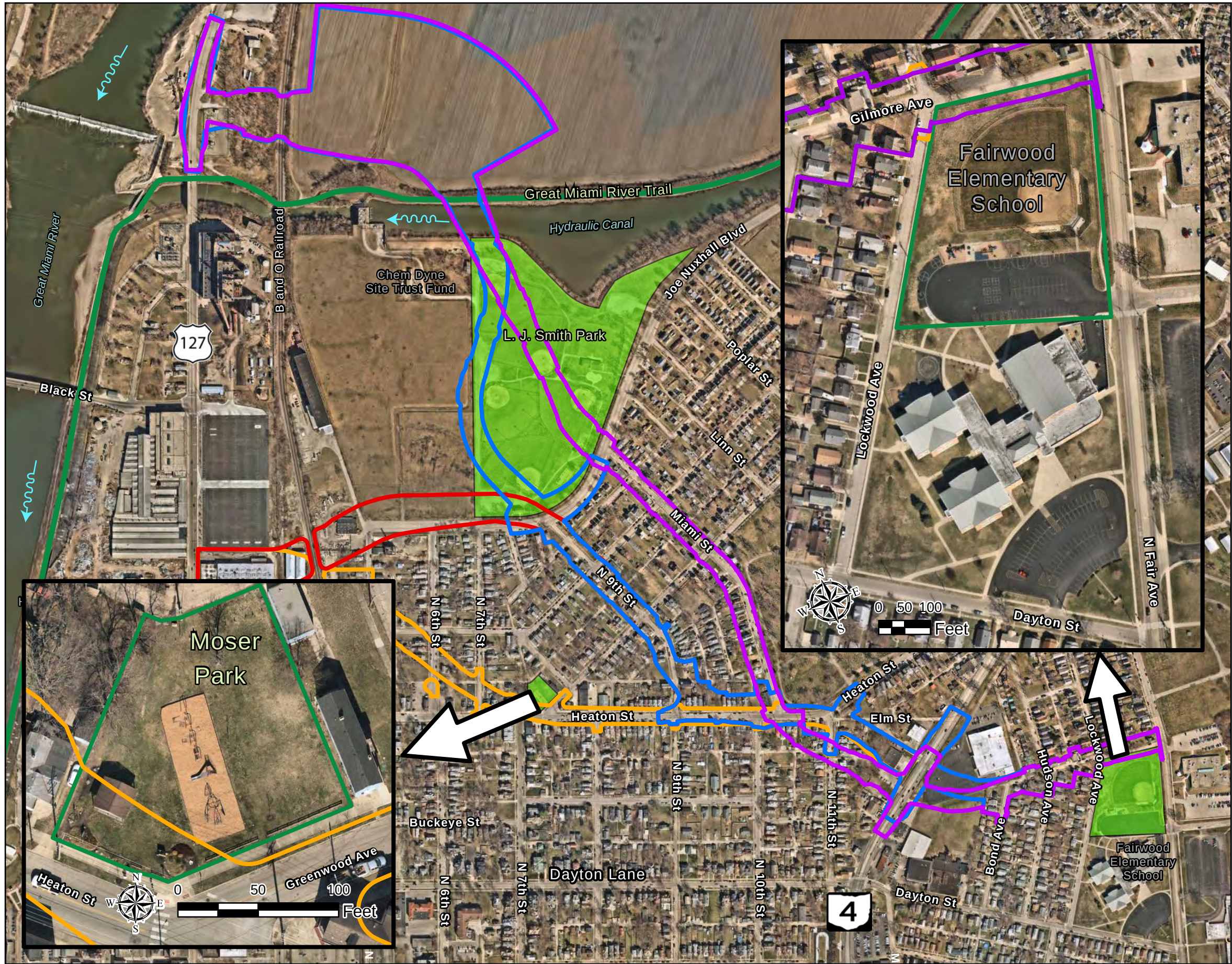
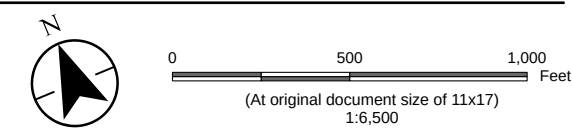
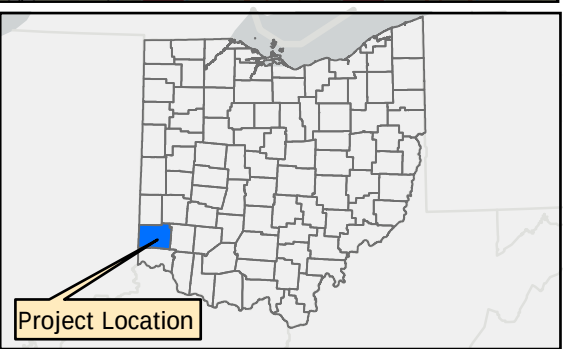
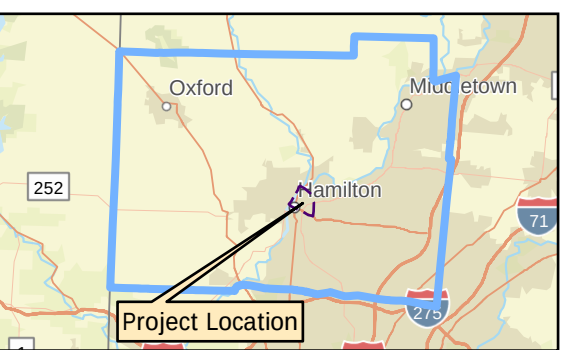


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PID 115755
Project Location City of Hamilton
Butler County, Ohio
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- Legend**
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 - North 9th Street Preliminary Impact Limits
 - Joe Nuxhall Preliminary Impact Limits
 - Vine Street Preliminary Impacts Limits
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Christine,

Thank you for sending the letter and providing MCD an opportunity to review and comment. Below is the current relevant information from MCD related to Section 4(f) that addresses the specific request for information in your letter dated March 12, 2025. The letter requested information on park planning or master plans including existing boundaries & amenities and proposed park improvements.

- Combs Park

The Miami Conservancy District owns the property this park is located on, but the Hamilton Parks Conservancy operates and maintains the park. Be sure to include them in this process. They would be best suited to provide existing park information and future planning documents.

The Miami Conservancy District is currently working with the Army Corps of Engineers on a study of the river channel through Hamilton. This study could result in proposed changes to Combs Park that could include reducing the size of the land that the park occupies. We will share pertinent information from this study when available.

- Great Miami River Recreational Trail

The Miami Conservancy District owns property that portions of this multi-use trail is located on, but the Hamilton Parks Conservancy operates and maintains the trail. Be sure to include them in this process. They would be best suited to provide existing trail information and future planning documents.

The Miami Conservancy District is currently working with the Army Corps of Engineers on a study of the river channel through Hamilton. We don't anticipate this study resulting in major changes to the multi-use trail. However, additional connections to the trail would need to be reviewed in detail by the Miami Conservancy District to ensure they would not negatively impact flood protection.

- Great Miami River Water Trail

The Miami Conservancy District is currently working with the Army Corps of Engineers on a study of the river channel through Hamilton. This study could result in proposed changes to the Two Mile Low Dam located across the Great Miami River at the mouth of Two Mile Creek.

Possible proposed changes could be repairing, altering, or removing the low dam.

Please let us know if you would like any further information at this time. The Miami Conservancy District looks forward to further review and sharing more information throughout the next steps in the Section 4(f) process and the overall project development process.



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Subject: North Hamilton Crossing - Section 4(f) Official with Jurisdiction Consultation

MaryLynn,

Good morning! On behalf of the City of Hamilton, Butler County Transportation Improvement District, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, I am sending the attached Section 4(f) consultation letter.

You have been identified as an "Official with Jurisdiction" over recreational resources which are in the vicinity of the proposed North Hamilton Crossing Project. This letter is to notify you of the project and to request relevant information about Section 4(f) Properties to inform project planning and decisions making. The attached letter contains more information about the project, as well as potential impacts to properties protected by Section 4(f).

Kindly review the attached letter and respond with any questions, comments, or relevant information by April 15, 2025.

Thank you,
Christine

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July 29, 2025

Re: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755
Section 4(f) Coordination

Dear Ms. Lodor:

This letter is a follow-up to the March 12th letter you received regarding the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. Since that time, an in-person Public Meeting was held on June 24, 2025 which provided an update on the NHX project and presented the recommended Preferred Alternative for public comment. A Virtual Open House was also opened on June 24th which shares the same information with the community. This on-line open house is open until August 8, 2025 at the following website: [NHX Virtual Open House - PublicInput](#). The purpose of this letter is to continue coordination with your agency regarding impacts to **Great Miami River Trail** and the **Great Miami River Water Trail** as a result of the recommended Preferred Alternative for the NHX project in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

NHX Project Description: The purpose of the NHX project is to improve east-west connectivity north of SR 129 in the City of Hamilton to reduce congestion and improve mobility in support of current and planned economic growth in the City of Hamilton and western Butler County, as identified in *Plan Hamilton*. The NHX project includes 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. Bump-outs and crosswalks will be included at street corners for pedestrian safety. In addition, the NHX will include a new bridge over the Great Miami River and a new overpass of the CSX railroad.

Preferred Alternative for the NHX Project: The Preferred Alternative has been divided into three contiguous sections of the NHX corridor as follows:

- **West Section (North B Street to US 127):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Gordon/Rhea Crossing which includes a new bridge across the Great Miami River in the area where Gordon Avenue and Rhea Avenue intersect with North B Street on the west side of the river (approximately 700 ft north of Black Street Bridge) and connects with US 127 near the intersection with North 2nd Street on the east side of the river. This alternative includes the construction of a new bridge across the Great Miami River.

- **Central Section (US 127 to North Fair Avenue):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Vine Street Connection which begins at US 127 across from the Cohen Recycling Center, crosses over the CSX railroad tracks and turns southeast across Vine Street to connect with Heaton Street in the North 7th Street area. At Heaton and North 11th Street, the route follows a new, short connection to SR 4, just south of the fire station. It then crosses the street to connect with Gilmore Avenue and follows Gilmore to North Fair Avenue.
- **East Connection (North Fair Avenue to SR 129):** The Preferred Alternative in this section starts at North Fair Avenue across from Gilmore Avenue, then runs east between the Butler County Fairgrounds and the Butler County Children Services/ Juvenile Detention Center properties before turning southeast.

Figure 1 shows the Preferred Alternative.

Potential Impacts to Section 4(f) Properties: Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the **Great Miami River Trail** and **Great Miami River Water Trail** both of which are properties protected by Section 4(f) which would be impacted by the Preferred Alternative.

Detailed engineering and environmental analyses for the project are ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Efforts will be made through detailed engineering to minimize impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties based on the preliminary project footprint for the Preferred Alternative are summarized in the table below. The location of 4(f) properties in relation to the Preferred Alternative are shown in **Figures 2A-2B**.

Anticipated Impacts of Preferred Alternative to Great Miami River Trail and Great Miami River Water Trail

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
West Section- Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Great Miami River Trail	• Possible temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction • No permanent impacts • Possible trail connection opportunities to be explored
	Great Miami River Water Trail	• Temporary access restrictions for boaters during construction
Central Section - Vine Street Connection	N/A	None
East Connection	No Section 4(f) Properties Impacted	None

Measures to Minimize Harm to Section 4(f) Properties: Mitigation measures to minimize harm to the Great Miami River Trail and the Great Miami River Water Trail are discussed below.

Great Miami River Trail (GMRT): The following measures to minimize harm to the GMRT will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- Access to GMRT will be restricted for a period of time that is anticipated to last no longer than 100 days and will not be for the duration of construction.
- Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of the GMRT of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County TID, the Miami Conservancy District and other entities, as appropriate, prior to the start of construction.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have a *de minimis* impact on the GMRT based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are considered to be reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the GMRT.

Great Miami River Water Trail: The following measures to minimize harm will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the NEPA document:

- Access to recreational boating on the river will be maintained at all times during construction activities when determined safe and feasible.
- The Contractor shall place appropriate signage/buoys/markers 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area to alert recreational boaters of construction activity and especially when closures/restrictions are required to ensure safe passage.
- During construction activities deemed unsafe (e.g. demolition and beam placement), the river will be closed 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area through the use of flaggers, or other means, until the project area can be safely accessed.
- Feasible and safe portage locations will be determined by the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft and ODOT and shall be incorporated into the project plans and established by the Contractor to allow for safe passage around the project area when safety is compromised.
- The Contractor shall place signage at the Combs Park and Monument Park boat accesses alerting users of construction activities, closures, and portage instructions.
- The Contractor shall be provided contact information for Great Miami Rowing Center and any other entities that use the waterway within the project area and provide written notification to these entities 14 calendar days prior to any changes affecting recreational boating traffic. Copies of the notification shall be provided to the ODOT Project Engineer.
- The ODOT Project Engineer shall notify the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft Trails Administrator (Mark.Allen@dnr.ohio.gov) at least 14 calendar days prior to both the start of construction activities for the new bridge and for demolition of the existing bridge.

- As part of the notification effort above, the ODOT Project Engineer shall also provide a recreational boating plan that indicates location of portage and signage location, and any additional notification efforts that will take place to the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft Trails Administrator.
- If on-the-water law enforcement assistance is needed during construction, the ODOT Project Engineer shall contact the Division of Parks and Watercraft law enforcement supervisor (Patrick.Brown@dnr.ohio.gov)

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have a *de minimis* impact on the Great Miami River Water Trail based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are considered to be reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the Great Miami River Water Trail.

If you concur with the measures to minimize harm and assessment of impacts to the GMRT and Great Miami River Water Trail please indicate as such by responding to this email with your concurrence no later than August 9. Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact either Allen Messer or Dan Corey at the contact information provided below.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1. NHX Preferred Alternative

Figure 2A-2B. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps

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Figure No.
2A

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**West Section-
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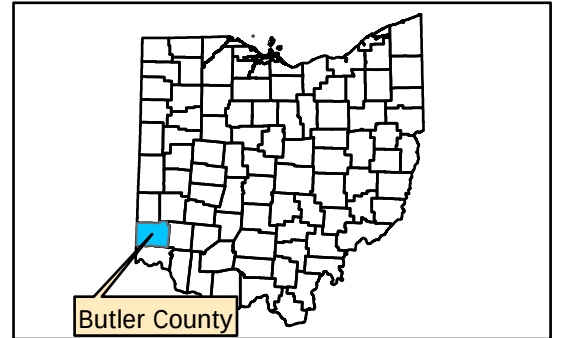
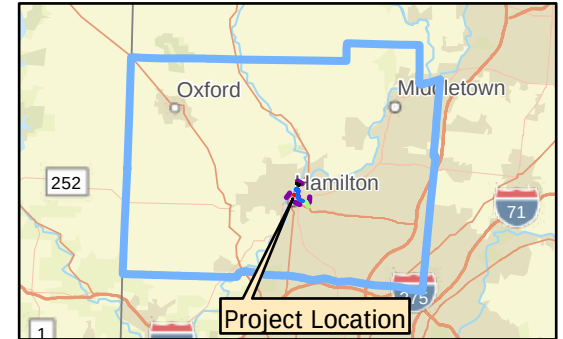
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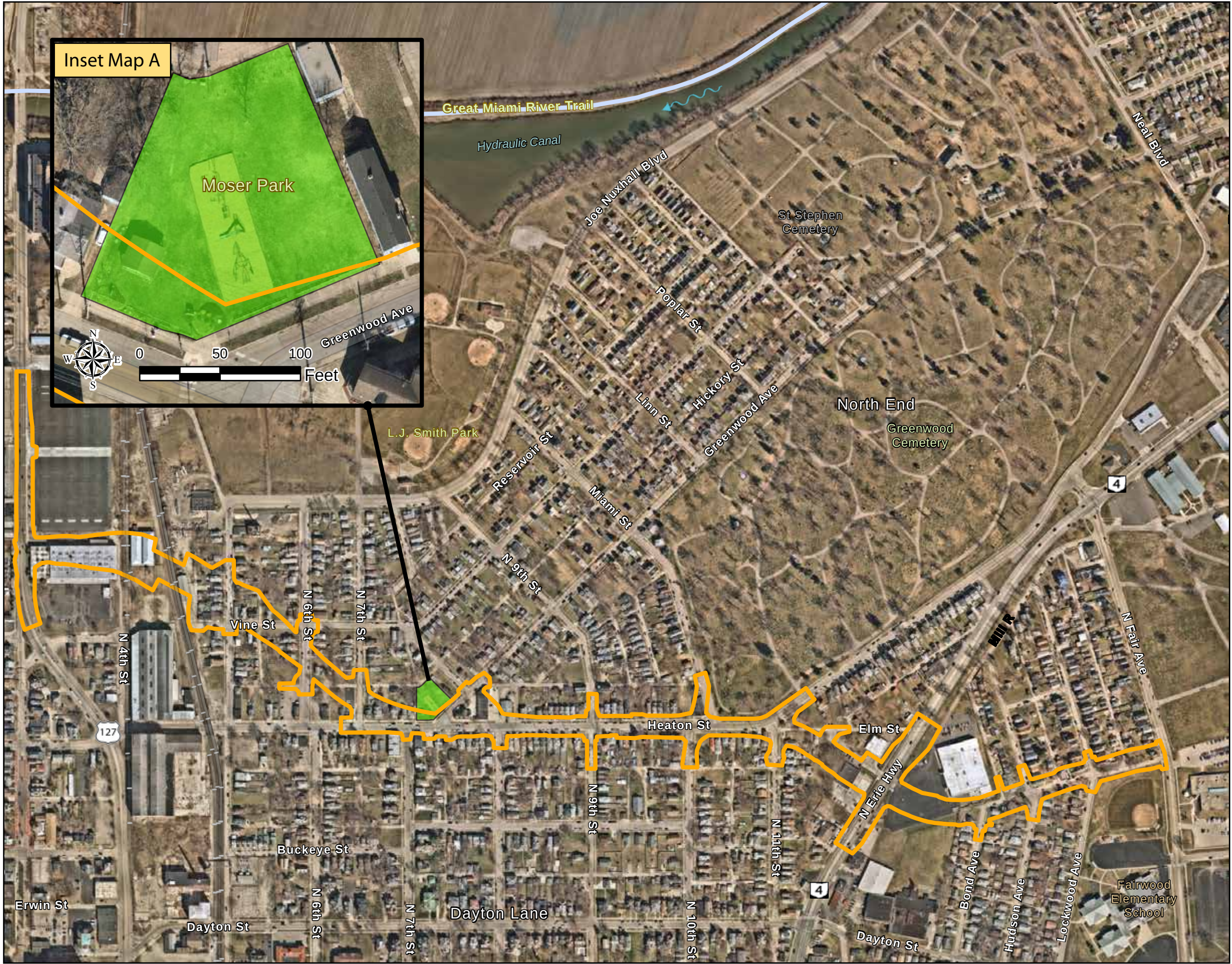


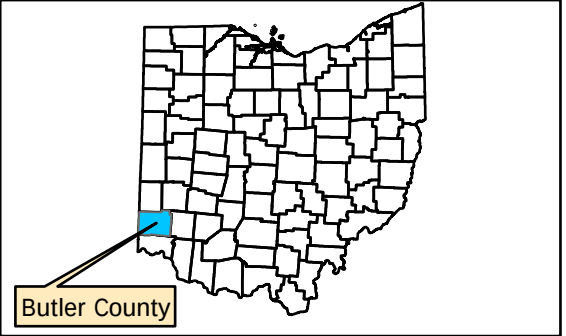
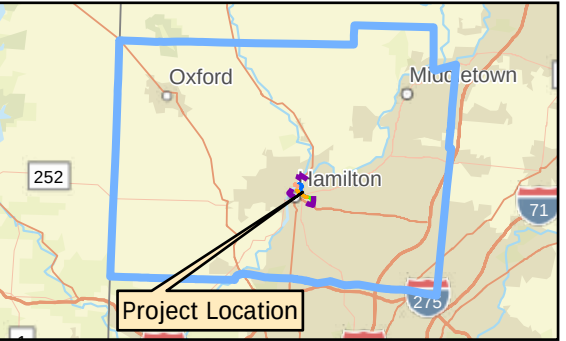
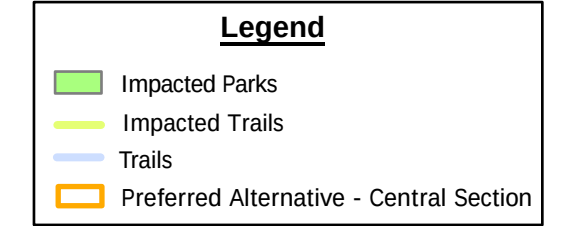
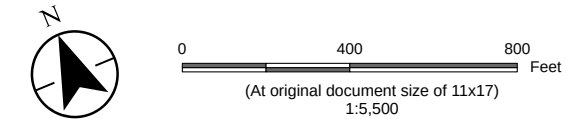
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To: [Stahlman, Christine](#); [Allen Messer](#)
Cc: [Don O'Connor](#); [Dan Corey](#); [Keith Smith](#); [Ammerman, Caroline](#); [Shadix, Steve](#)
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Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 10:13:32 AM
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Thank you for following up. To clarify - MCD's did not construct and does not maintain the GMRRT in Hamilton. It was constructed on our land and so yes, we own the land it sits on. We have no objection to the responses.

Thank you,



MaryLynn Lodor

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Subject: RE: North Hamilton Crossing Project (PID 115755) – Request for OWJ Concurrence

MaryLynn,

Good morning! I am following up on the email below as we work on finalizing the Section 4(f) documents. Can you please confirm:

- The ownership of the land where the Great Miami River Recreational Trail is located? Our records indicate this land is owned by MCD;
- The responses provided below satisfy MCD's interests in the project?

Thank you for your help,
Christine

Christine Stahlman, M.En.
Senior NEPA Specialist



From: Allen Messer <allen.messer@hamilton-oh.gov>
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Subject: Re: North Hamilton Crossing Project (PID 115755) – Request for OWJ Concurrence

MaryLynn:

Thank you for your email. We have provided responses to your questions below.

1. Great Miami River Recreational Trail - As you know, MCD doesn't own or maintain this section of the GMRRT, but the Great Miami Riverway has interest in this trail being open or at least a safe detour route. Is there a safe detour route you are considering during the project?

Based on the Auditor's website, the parcel data indicates that MCD does own the land on which the trail is located. Could you please check on this again? Thank you for your comment regarding the Great Miami Riverway and their interest in ensuring that the trail remains open or that a safe detour route be provided. There will be a safe detour route in place to ensure that the trail remains open during project construction. Please see attached for the proposed detour.

2. Great Miami River Water Trail - We read the impacts as full river closures "during construction activities deemed unsafe" and the submittal mentions providing "safe portages". Portages should include proper signage and be placed in appropriate locations to ensure paddler safety is maintained through the schedule of the project.

Thank you for the comment. We are also actively coordinating water trail impacts with ODNR. Based on this coordination, we are revising the determination for this resource from *de minimis* to *temporary no use*. This change is related to the temporary nature of the construction impacts to the water trail. The mitigation measures described in the letter sent to you have been slightly revised and are provided below. We are revising the OWJ letter accordingly and will send that to you for your review and concurrence as well.

Revised Mitigation Measures:

Access to recreational boating on the river will be maintained at all times during construction activities when determined safe and feasible.

- The Contractor shall place appropriate signage/buoys/markers 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area to alert recreational boaters of construction activity.
- During construction activities deemed unsafe (e.g. demolition and beam placement), the river will be closed 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area through the use of flaggers, or other means, until the project area can be safely accessed.
- The Contractor shall place signage at the Combs Park and Monument Park boat accesses alerting users of construction activities, closures, and portage instructions.
- The Contractor shall be provided contact information for Great Miami Rowing Center and any other entities that use the waterway within the project area and provide written notification to the liveries 14 calendar days prior to any changes affecting recreational boating traffic. Copies of the notification shall be provided to the ODOT Project Engineer.
- The ODOT Project Engineer shall notify the Miami Conservancy District General Manager at mlodor@mcdwater.org and ODNR at kyla.maunz@dot.ohio.gov at least 14 calendar days prior to both the start of construction activities for the new bridge and for demolition of the existing bridge.
- If on-the-water law enforcement assistance is needed during construction, the ODOT Project Engineer shall contact the Division of Parks and Watercraft law enforcement supervisor (Lt. Shannon Hoffer, Shannon.Hoffer@dnr.ohio.gov or 937-902-4950).

Thank you again for MCD's continued assistance with this project. Please confirm MCD ownership of the land on which the trail is located and if the above responses satisfy MCD's interests in the project.

Sincerely,

Allen

Allen Messer, P.E.

Director of Engineering

City of Hamilton

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On Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 12:34 PM MaryLynn Lodor <mlodor@mcdwater.org> wrote:



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Allen,

Thanks for following up and sorry for the delay. Don was going to respond and he is out today. He did share with me thoughts I can pass along:

1. Great Miami River Recreational Trail
 1. As you know, MCD doesn't own or maintain this section of the GMRRT, but the Great Miami Riverway has interest in this trail being open or at least a safe detour route. Is there a safe detour route you are considering during the project?
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Thank you,



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Subject: Re: North Hamilton Crossing Project (PID 115755) – Request for OWJ Concurrence

MaryLynn,

with the findings regarding potential impacts to resources

Does MCD concur
protected under Section 4(f) and with the recommended measures to minimize
harm as outlined in our July 29, letter to you?

Should you have any questions, comments, or additional information, please don't
hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Allen

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On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 9:37 AM Allen Messer <allen.messer@hamilton-oh.gov>
wrote:

Good Morning MaryLynn,

Thank you for your continued engagement on the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
Project.

The attached letter serves as a follow-up to our March 12, 2025 correspondence.
It provides an update on the project and outlines the recommended Preferred
Alternative. For more information, please visit our Virtual Open House now
through August 8 at the following link: [NHX Virtual Open House – PublicInput](#).

The purpose of this correspondence is to continue coordination with your agency
regarding potential impacts to resources protected under Section 4(f). As an
“Official with Jurisdiction” over recreational resources in the vicinity of the
proposed project, we are requesting your review and concurrence with the
assessment of impacts and the measures to minimize harm as outlined in the
attached letter.

If you agree with these findings, please respond to this email with your
concurrence no later than **August 9, 2025**.

Should you have any questions, comments, or additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Allen

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May 18, 2026

Re: **North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755**
Section 4(f) Coordination

Ms. Lodor:

This letter provides an update to our previous letters dated March 12, 2025 and July 29, 2025 and email dated September 3, 2025 regarding the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. Since that time, additional engineering detail has been developed for the project. The purpose of this letter is to continue coordination with your agency regarding impacts of the NHX project to the **Great Miami River Trail (GMRT)** and the **Great Miami River Water Trail**, in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

NHX Project Description: The purpose of the NHX project is to improve east-west connectivity north of SR 129 in the City of Hamilton to reduce congestion and improve mobility in support of current and planned economic growth in the City of Hamilton and western Butler County, as identified in *Plan Hamilton*. The NHX project includes 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 (SUP) on the other side. Bump-outs (where feasible) and crosswalks will be included at street corners for pedestrian safety. In addition, the NHX will include a new bridge over the Great Miami River and a new overpass of the CSX railroad.

Preferred Alternative for the NHX Project: The Preferred Alternative has been divided into three contiguous sections of the NHX corridor as follows:

- **West Section (North B Street to US 127):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Gordon/Rhea Crossing, which includes a new bridge across the Great Miami River (approximately 700 ft north of Black Street Bridge). The alternative begins where Gordon Avenue and Rhea Avenue intersect with North B Street on the west side of the river and connects with US 127 near the intersection with North 2nd Street on the east side of the river.
- **Central Section (US 127 to North Fair Avenue):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Vine Street Connection, which begins at US 127 across from the Cohen Recycling Center, crosses over

the CSX railroad tracks and turns southeast across Vine Street to connect with Heaton Street in the North 7th Street area. At Heaton and North 11th Street, the route follows a new, short connection to SR 4, just south of the fire station. It then crosses the street to connect with Gilmore Avenue and follows Gilmore to North Fair Avenue.

- **East Connection (North Fair Avenue to SR 129):** The Preferred Alternative in this section starts at North Fair Avenue across from Gilmore Avenue, then runs east between the Butler County Fairgrounds and the Butler County Children Services/ Juvenile Detention Center properties before turning southeast.

Figure 1 (attached) shows the Preferred Alternative.

Potential Impacts to Section 4(f) Properties: Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the following properties protected by Section 4(f) which would be impacted by the Preferred Alternative: **Great Miami River Trail** and **Great Miami River Water Trail**.

Detailed engineering and environmental analyses for the project are ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be further refined as the project develops. Anticipated impacts and benefits to the **Great Miami River Trail** and **Great Miami River Water Trail** based on the preliminary project footprint for the Preferred Alternative are summarized in **Table 1** below. The location of these 4(f) properties in relation to the Preferred Alternative are shown in **Figures 2A-2B** (attached).

Table 1: Anticipated Impacts and Benefits of NHX Preferred Alternative to GMRT and Great Miami River Water Trail

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts	Anticipated Benefits
West Section: Gordon/Rhea Crossing	GMRT	• Temporary closures and/or detours during bridge construction are estimated to be up to two years • No permanent impacts	• Potential connection with the new SUP facility included in the NHX project to be made by others to be consistent with the City Trail Plan
	Great Miami River Water Trail	• Temporary access restrictions for boaters during construction	N/A
Central Section: Vine Street Connection	No Section 4(f) Properties Impacted*	N/A	N/A
East Connection	No Section 4(f) Properties Impacted	N/A	N/A

*No Section 4(f) properties impacted that are under the jurisdiction of the Miami Conservancy District.

Measures to Minimize Harm to Section 4(f) Properties: Mitigation measures to minimize harm to the Great Miami River Trail and the Great Miami River Water Trail are discussed below.

Great Miami River Trail (GMRT): The following measures to minimize harm to the GMRT will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- The Contractor shall restrict access to GMRT in the vicinity of the new bridge construction for the duration of bridge construction, a period that is anticipated to take up to two years. A proposed detour to be used during closure of the GMRT is shown in **Figure 4**.
- The Contractor shall install temporary construction fencing along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- The Contractor shall notify (in writing) the Project Engineer 30 days ahead of any closures or traffic patterns.
- The Project Engineer shall notify the City Public Information Officer (PIO) (in writing) to post press releases and notify any identified trail user groups about the proposed trail closure seven days prior to the closure.
- The Contractor shall install signage to alert users of the GMRT of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points. Informational signs formatted in accordance with the Ohio Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD) W20-H14 shall be placed at the nearest detour point, both north and south along the trail, as directed by the Project Engineer. Detour signs formatted in accordance with OMUTCD M4-9a shall be placed at points of directional change for the bike/pedestrian detour sufficient to guide bikes and pedestrians, as directed by the Project Engineer.
- The Contractor shall be required to closely coordinate (in writing) the construction schedule with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County TID, the Miami Conservancy District (MCD), and the Hamilton Parks Conservancy (HPC) fourteen days prior to the start of construction and at the monthly status meetings. These groups shall be invited (in writing) to the pre-construction meeting a minimum of 14 days prior to the meeting.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have adverse temporary impacts on the GMRT, resulting in a *de minimis* impact, based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not have a permanent adverse effect on the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no permanent adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the GMRT.

Great Miami River Water Trail: The following measures to minimize harm will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the NEPA document:

- Access to recreational boating on the river will be maintained at all times during construction activities when determined safe and feasible.
- The Contractor will place appropriate signage/buoys/markers 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area to alert recreational boaters of construction activity.
- During construction activities deemed unsafe (e.g. beam placement), the river will be closed 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area through the use of flaggers, or other means, until the project area can be safely accessed.
- The Contractor shall place signage at the Combs Park and Monument Park boat accesses alerting users of construction activities, closures, and portage instructions.
- The City will provide contact information for Great Miami Rowing Center and any other entities that use the waterway within the project area. The Contractor will provide written notice to these entities 14 calendar days prior to any changes affecting recreational boating traffic. Copies of the notification will be provided to the Sponsor's Project Engineer.
- The Sponsor's Project Engineer shall notify the Miami Conservancy District Manager at mlodor@mdcwater.org and ODNR at kyla.maunz@dot.ohio.gov at least 14 calendar days prior to both the start of construction activities for the new bridge.
- If on-the-water law enforcement assistance is needed during construction, the Sponsor's Project Engineer shall contact the Division of Parks and Watercraft law enforcement supervisor (Lt. Shannon Hoffer, Shannon.Hoffer@dnr.ohio.gov or 937-902-4950).

In accordance with 23 CFR 774.13(d), the temporary occupancy of the river associated with the Great Miami River Water Trail will not constitute a "use", based on the following assessment:

- The duration of occupancy is temporary and less than the time needed for construction of the project, and no permanent change in ownership of the Section 4(f) property will occur.
- The scope of the NHX project, including the proposed new bridge, in both the nature and magnitude of the changes to the existing Section 4(f) property are minimal.
- There are no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts, nor interference with the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes of the Section 4(f) property on either a temporary or permanent basis.
- Any part of the Great Miami River Water Trail to be disturbed will be fully restored and returned to a condition which is at least as good as that which existed prior to the project.

If you concur with the measures to minimize harm and assessment of impacts to the GMRT and Great Miami River Water Trail **please indicate as such by responding to this email with your concurrence no later than June 1**. Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact either Allen Messer or Dan Corey at the contact information which follows.

Respectfully,

Allen Messer

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

Dan Corey

Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1. NHX Preferred Alternative
Figure 2. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map
Figure 3: Detour for GMRT Closure

*For more information, go to
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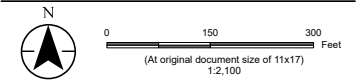
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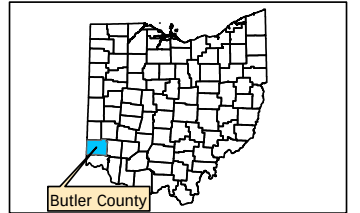
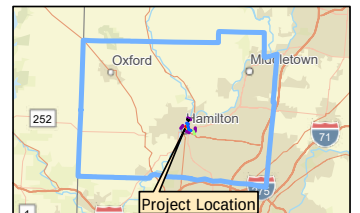
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Hi Allen,

The Miami Conservancy District concurs with the assessment of impacts to the GMRRT and Great Miami River Water Trail and the measures to minimize harm.

FYI, the name of the trail should be Great Miami River Recreation Trail and GMRRT and MaryLynn's title is General Manager instead of Manager.

Please us know if anything further is needed.

Thank you,



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MaryLynn,

Does MCD concur with the findings regarding potential impacts to resources protected under Section 4(f) and with the recommended measures to minimize harm as outlined in our July 29, letter to you?

Should you have any questions, comments, or additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Allen

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**Re: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755; Re: Official With Jurisdiction (OWJ)
Consultation**

Dear Kyla Maunz:

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 **Figures 1A – 1C**.

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

Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the following property protected by Section 4(f) which may be impacted by NHX: **Great Miami River Water Trail.**

Detailed engineering and environmental analysis for the project is ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Impacts will also vary by alternative. While efforts are being made to avoid and minimize impacts to Section 4(f) resources, there are no alternatives that completely avoid Section 4(f) resources. Anticipated impacts to 4(f) property based on the preliminary project footprint for each alignment are described in the table below. The location of 4(f) properties in relation to the NHX alternatives are shown in **Figures 2A – 2C.**

Table: Great Miami River Water Trail Anticipated Impacts By Alternative

Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
NW Washington Crossing	Great Miami River Water Trail	Temporary access restrictions for boaters during construction
Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Great Miami River Water Trail	Temporary access restrictions for boaters during construction
Miami Street Connection	Not Applicable	None
North 9th Street Connection	Not Applicable	None
Vine Street Connection	Not Applicable	None
Joe Nuxhall Connection	Not Applicable	None

Table: Great Miami River Water Trail Anticipated Impacts By Alternative

Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
East Connection	Not Applicable	None

Coordination with all OWJs will continue as the project develops. Currently, the Environmental Documentation is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2026. At this stage, the project sponsors are requesting any relevant information about Section 4(f) properties to inform project planning and decision making, and considerations for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for future impacts. Specifically, relevant information could include copies of planning documents or master plans which provide boundaries of Section 4(f) resources, descriptions of assets provided on the properties, and future plans for expansion of these resources. If available in electronic format, please forward these materials and provide your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter by emailing Keith Smith, ODOT District 8 Environmental Coordinator, at Keith.Smith@dot.ohio.gov. If electronic files of these materials are not available, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to review these documents.

Respectfully,

Keith Smith
District 8 Environmental Coordinator
Ohio Department of Transportation

Attachments:

Figure 1A. Section 4(f) Map – West Section
Figure 1B. Section 4(f) Map – Central Section
Figure 1C. Section 4(f) Map – East Section
Figure 2A-2C. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps

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FIGURE 1

Figure 1A. Section 4(f) Map- West Section
Figure 1B. Section 4(f) Map- Central Section
Figure 1C. Section 4(f) Map- East Section

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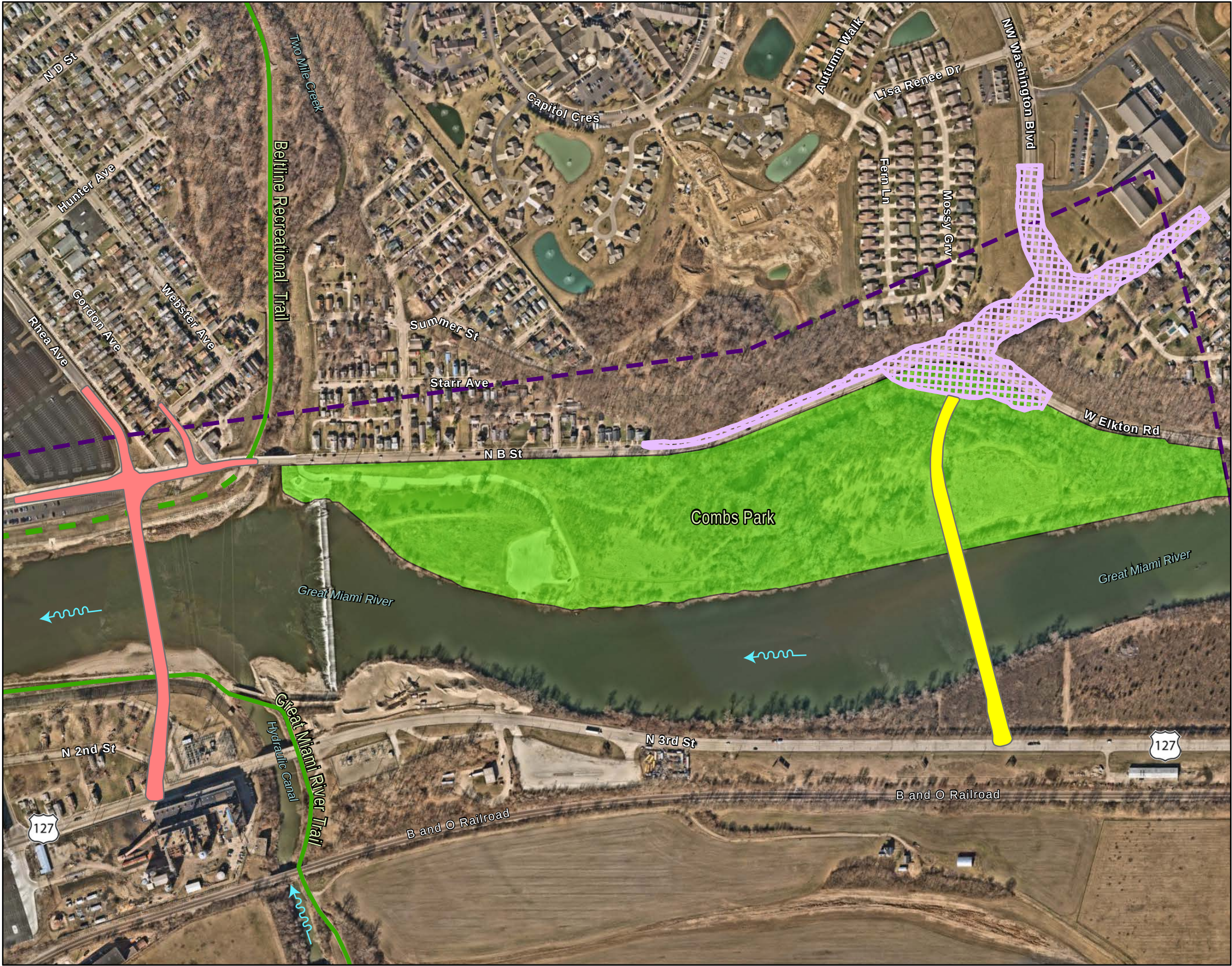


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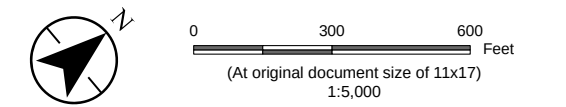
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Section 4(f) Properties Map**

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, OH

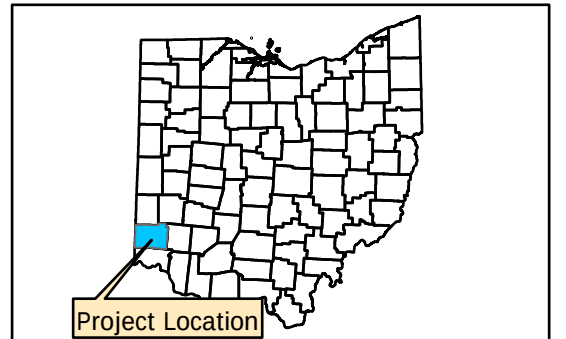
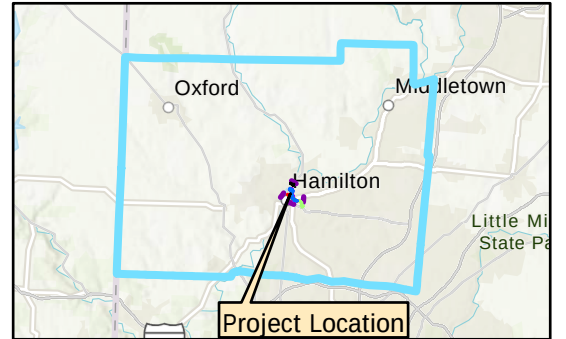
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Legend

- NW Washington Crossing
- Gordon/Rhea Crossing
- NW Washington Roundabout Limits (PID 120771)
- Parks
- Planned Trail
- Trail
- Study Area



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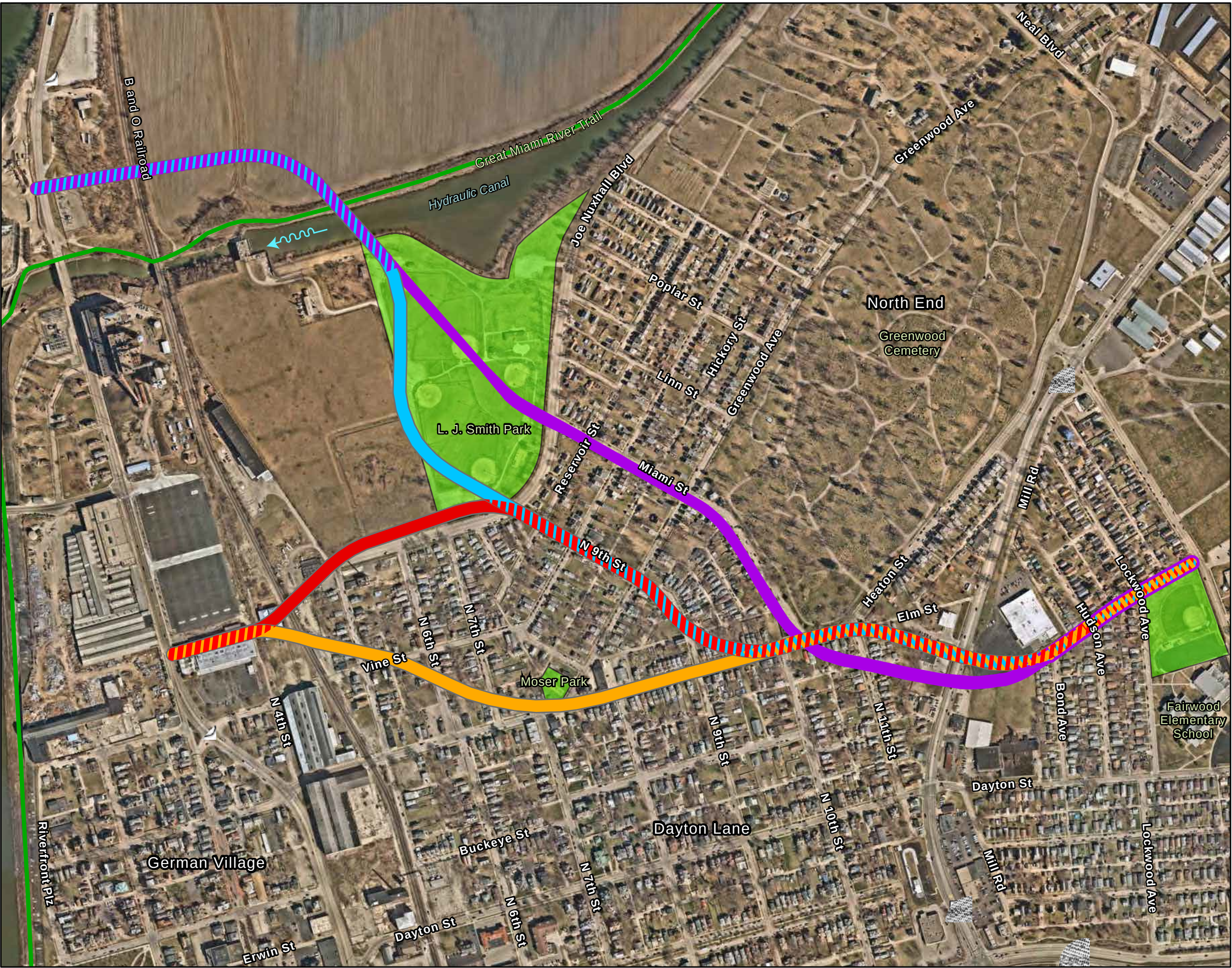


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Section 4(f) Properties Map**

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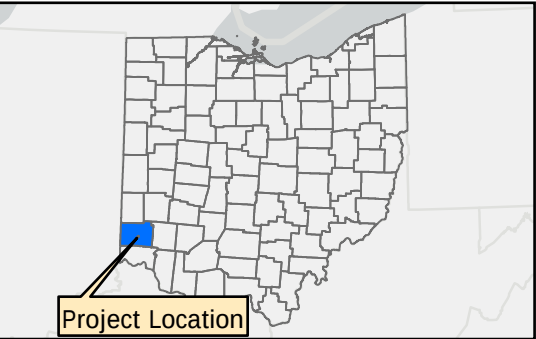
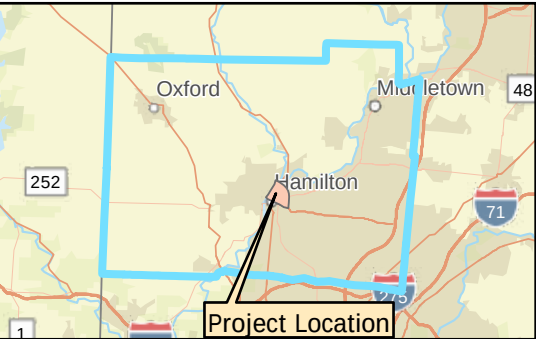
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- North 9th Connection
- Miami Street Connection
- Vine Street Connection
- Joe Nuxhall Connection
- Parks
- Trails



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Title

East Section Alternative- Section 4(f) Properties

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PID 115755

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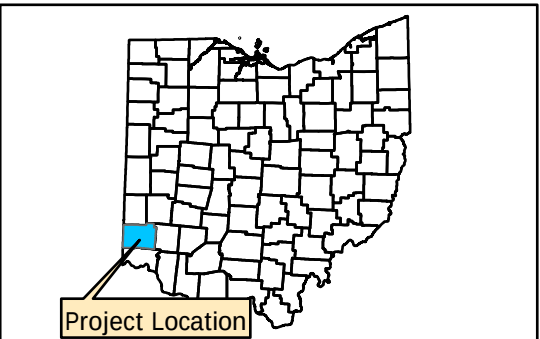
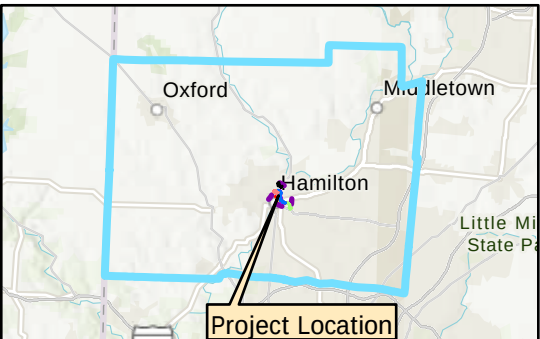


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- East Connection
- Parks
- Trails*
- Study Area

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FIGURE 2

Figure 2A. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- West Section
Figure 2B. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- Central Section
Figure 2C. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- Central Section

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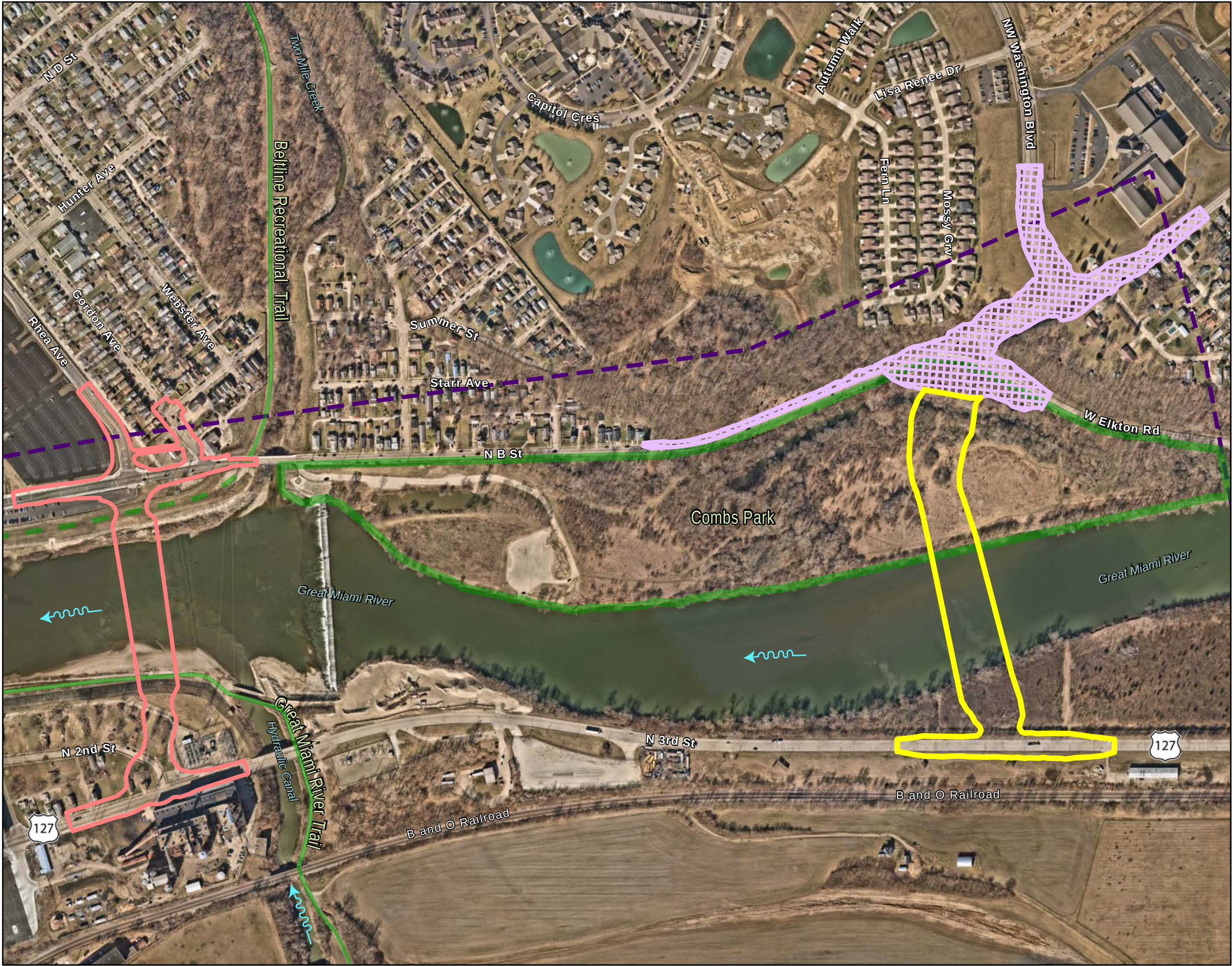


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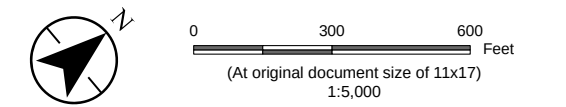
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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

Project Location
City of Hamilton
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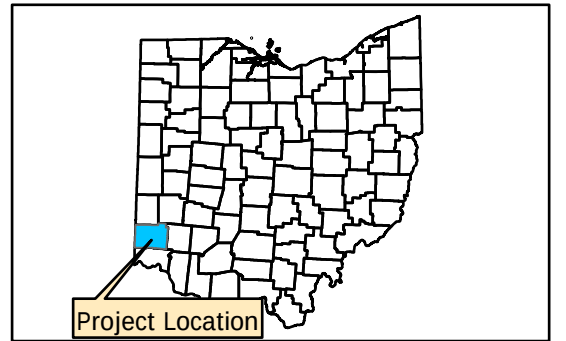
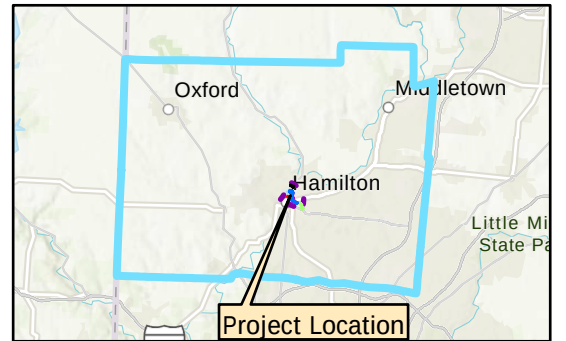
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Legend

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- NW Washington Crossing Preliminary Impact Limits
- NW Washington Roundabout Limits (PID 120771)
- Park Boundaries and Trails
- Planned Trail
- Study Area

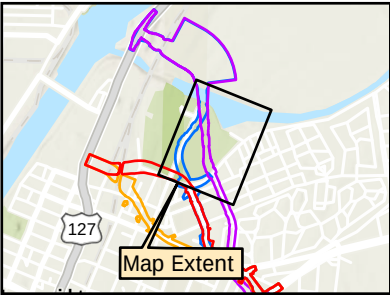
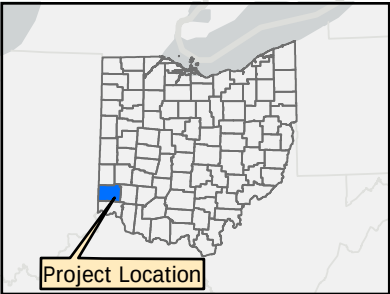


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Legend

North 9th Street Preliminary Impact Limits

Miami Street Preliminary Impact Limits

Joe Nuxhall Preliminary Impact Limits

Park Boundaries and Trails

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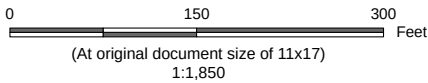
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Project Location

City of Hamilton

Butler County, Ohio

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PID 115755

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Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map

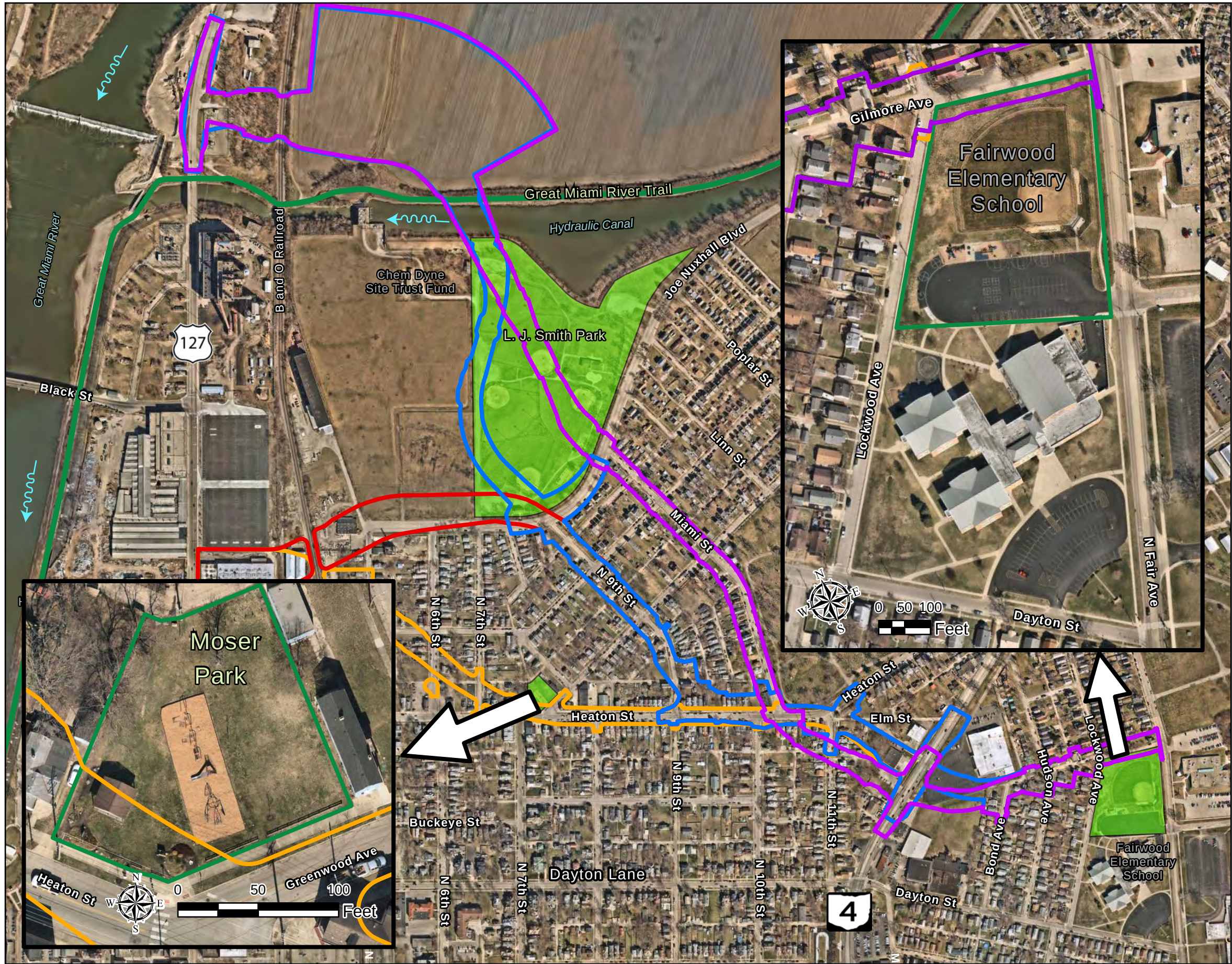
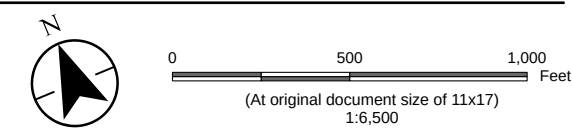
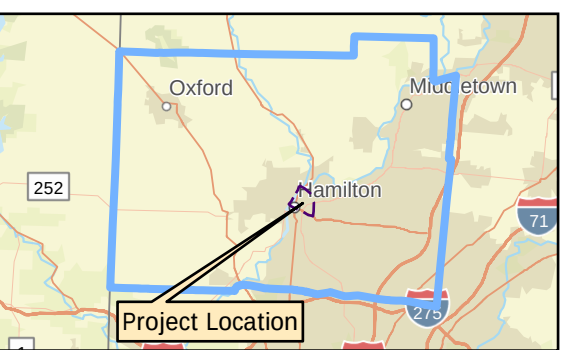


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Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map

Client/Project
North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755
Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, Ohio
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- Legend**
- Miami Street Preliminary Impact Limits
 - North 9th Street Preliminary Impact Limits
 - Joe Nuxhall Preliminary Impact Limits
 - Vine Street Preliminary Impacts Limits
 - Park Boundaries and Trails
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August 12, 2025

Re: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755
Section 4(f) Coordination

Dear Ms. Maunz:

This letter is a follow-up to the March 12th letter you received regarding the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. Since that time, an in-person Public Meeting was held on June 24, 2025 which provided an update on the NHX project and presented the recommended Preferred Alternative for public comment. A Virtual Open House was also held from June 24th– August 8th which shared the same information with the community. The purpose of this letter is to continue coordination with your agency regarding impacts to the **Great Miami River Water Trail** as a result of the recommended Preferred Alternative for the NHX project in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

NHX Project Description: The purpose of the NHX project is to improve east-west connectivity north of SR 129 in the City of Hamilton to reduce congestion and improve mobility in support of current and planned economic growth in the City of Hamilton and western Butler County, as identified in *Plan Hamilton*. The NHX project includes 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. Bump-outs and crosswalks will be included at street corners for pedestrian safety. In addition, the NHX will include a new bridge over the Great Miami River and a new overpass of the CSX railroad.

Preferred Alternative for the NHX Project: The Preferred Alternative has been divided into three contiguous sections of the NHX corridor as follows:

- **West Section (North B Street to US 127):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Gordon/Rhea Crossing which includes a new bridge across the Great Miami River in the area where Gordon Avenue and Rhea Avenue intersect with North B Street on the west side of the river (approximately 700 ft north of Black Street Bridge) and connects with US 127 near the intersection with North 2nd Street on the east side of the river. This alternative includes the construction of a new bridge across the Great Miami River.
- **Central Section (US 127 to North Fair Avenue):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Vine Street Connection which begins at US 127 across from the Cohen Recycling Center, crosses over the CSX railroad tracks and turns southeast across Vine Street to connect with Heaton Street in the North 7th Street area. At Heaton and North 11th Street, the route follows a new, short connection to SR 4, just south of the fire station. It then crosses the street to connect with Gilmore Avenue and follows Gilmore to North Fair Avenue.
- **East Connection (North Fair Avenue to SR 129):** The Preferred Alternative in this section starts at North Fair Avenue across from Gilmore Avenue, then runs east between the Butler County Fairgrounds and the Butler County Children Services/ Juvenile Detention Center properties before turning southeast.

Figure 1 shows the Preferred Alternative.

Potential Impacts to Section 4(f) Properties: Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the **Great Miami River Water Trail** which is protected by Section 4(f) and would be impacted by the Preferred Alternative.

Detailed engineering and environmental analyses for the project are ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Efforts will be made through detailed engineering to minimize impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties based on the preliminary project footprint for the Preferred Alternative are summarized in the table below. **Impacts to the Great Miami River Water Trail were the same for both the West Section Alternatives, as described in the March 12th letter, and have not changed since that date.** The location of the Great Miami River Water Trail in relation to the Preferred Alternative are shown in **Figures 2A-2B**.

Anticipated Impacts of Preferred Alternative to the Great Miami River Water Trail

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
West Section – Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Great Miami River Water Trail	• Temporary access restrictions for boaters during construction
Central Section - Vine Street Connection	N/A	None
East Connection	No Section 4(f) Properties Impacted	None

Measures to Minimize Harm to Section 4(f) Properties: Mitigation measures to minimize harm to the Great Miami River Water Trail are discussed below. These measures will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the NEPA document:

- Access to recreational boating on the river will be maintained at all times during construction activities when determined safe and feasible.
- The Contractor shall place appropriate signage/buoys/markers 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area to alert recreational boaters of construction activity and especially when closures/restrictions are required to ensure safe passage.
- During construction activities deemed unsafe (e.g. demolition and beam placement), the river will be closed 300 feet upstream and downstream of the project area through the use of flaggers, or other means, until the project area can be safely accessed.
- Feasible and safe portage locations will be determined by the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft and ODOT and shall be incorporated into the project plans and established by the Contractor to allow for safe passage around the project area when safety is compromised.
- The Contractor shall place signage at the Combs Park and Monument Park boat accesses alerting users of construction activities, closures, and portage instructions.
- The Contractor shall be provided contact information for Great Miami Rowing Center and any other entities that use the waterway within the project area and provide written notification to the liveries 14 calendar days prior to any changes affecting recreational boating traffic. Copies of the notification shall be provided to the ODOT Project Engineer.
- The ODOT Project Engineer shall notify the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft Trails Administrator (Mark.Allen@dnr.ohio.gov) at least 14 calendar days prior to both the start of construction activities for the new bridge and for demolition of the existing bridge.
- As part of the notification effort above, the ODOT Project Engineer shall also provide a recreational boating plan that indicates location of portage and signage location, and any additional notification efforts that will take place to the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft Trails Administrator.
- If on-the-water law enforcement assistance is needed during construction, the ODOT Project Engineer shall contact the Division of Parks and Watercraft law enforcement supervisor (Patrick.Brown@dnr.ohio.gov).

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have a *de minimis* impact on the Great Miami River Water Trail based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are considered to be reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the Great Miami River Water Trail.

If you concur with the measures to minimize harm and assessment of impacts to the Great Miami River Water Trail, please indicate as such by responding to this email with your concurrence no later than August 22. Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact Keith Smith at the contact information provided below.

Respectfully,



Keith Smith
District 8 Environmental Coordinator
Ohio Department of Transportation

Attachments:

Figure 1. NHX Preferred Alternative

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North Hamilton CROSSING

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March 11, 2025

Re: **North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755; Re: Official With Jurisdiction (OWJ) Consultation**

Dear Craig Bucheit:

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Table: Moser Park, L.J. Smith Park, and Beltline Recreational Trail Anticipated Impacts By Alternative

Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
NW Washington Crossing	Not Applicable	None
Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Beltline Recreational Trail	• Temporary closures and/or detours during construction • Minor alignment adjustments • Shared-use path connection with Beltline Recreational Trail, including across the Great Miami River
Miami Street Connection	L.J. Smith Park	• Right-of-way acquisition of up to five acres • Possible impacts to park facilities and amenities including baseball diamonds, lighting and bleachers, benches, park buildings, parking areas, walking paths, and landscaping • Remaining baseball diamonds and playground separated from the sprayground and basketball courts
North 9th Street Connection	L.J. Smith Park	• Right-of-way acquisition of up to five acres • Alternative follows the southern and western boundaries of the park, separating portions of the park • Possible impacts to park facilities and amenities including baseball diamonds, lighting and bleachers, benches, park buildings, parking areas, walking paths, and landscaping
Vine Street Connection	Moser Park	• Right-of-way acquisition along the southwestern edge of the park • Possible demolition of a small shelter house and removal of fencing, landscaping, and signage

Table: Moser Park, L.J. Smith Park, and Beltline Recreational Trail Anticipated Impacts By Alternative

Alternative	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
Joe Nuxhall Connection	L.J. Smith Park	• Right-of-way acquisition of less than two acres, limited to southern edge of the park • Removal of existing park building which houses bathrooms, a park office, and possibly storage • Impacts adjacent parking lot, a flagpole, park benches, and landscaping • No impacts to baseball fields are anticipated
East Connection	Not Applicable	None

Coordination with all OWJs will continue as the project develops. Currently, either the Environmental Documentation is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2026. At this stage, the project sponsors are requesting any relevant information about Section 4(f) properties to inform project planning and decision making, and considerations for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for future impacts. Specifically, relevant information could include copies of park planning documents or master plans which provide boundaries of Section 4(f) resources, descriptions of assets provided on the park properties, and future plans for expansion of these resources. If available in electronic format, please forward these materials and provide your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter by emailing our consultant Christine Stahlman with Stantec Consulting Services at christine.stahlman@stantec.com. If electronic files of these materials are not available, please let us know and we will make other arrangements to review these documents.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1A. Section 4(f) Map – West Section
Figure 1B. Section 4(f) Map – Central Section
Figure 1C. Section 4(f) Map – East Section
Figure 2A-2C. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps

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FIGURE 1

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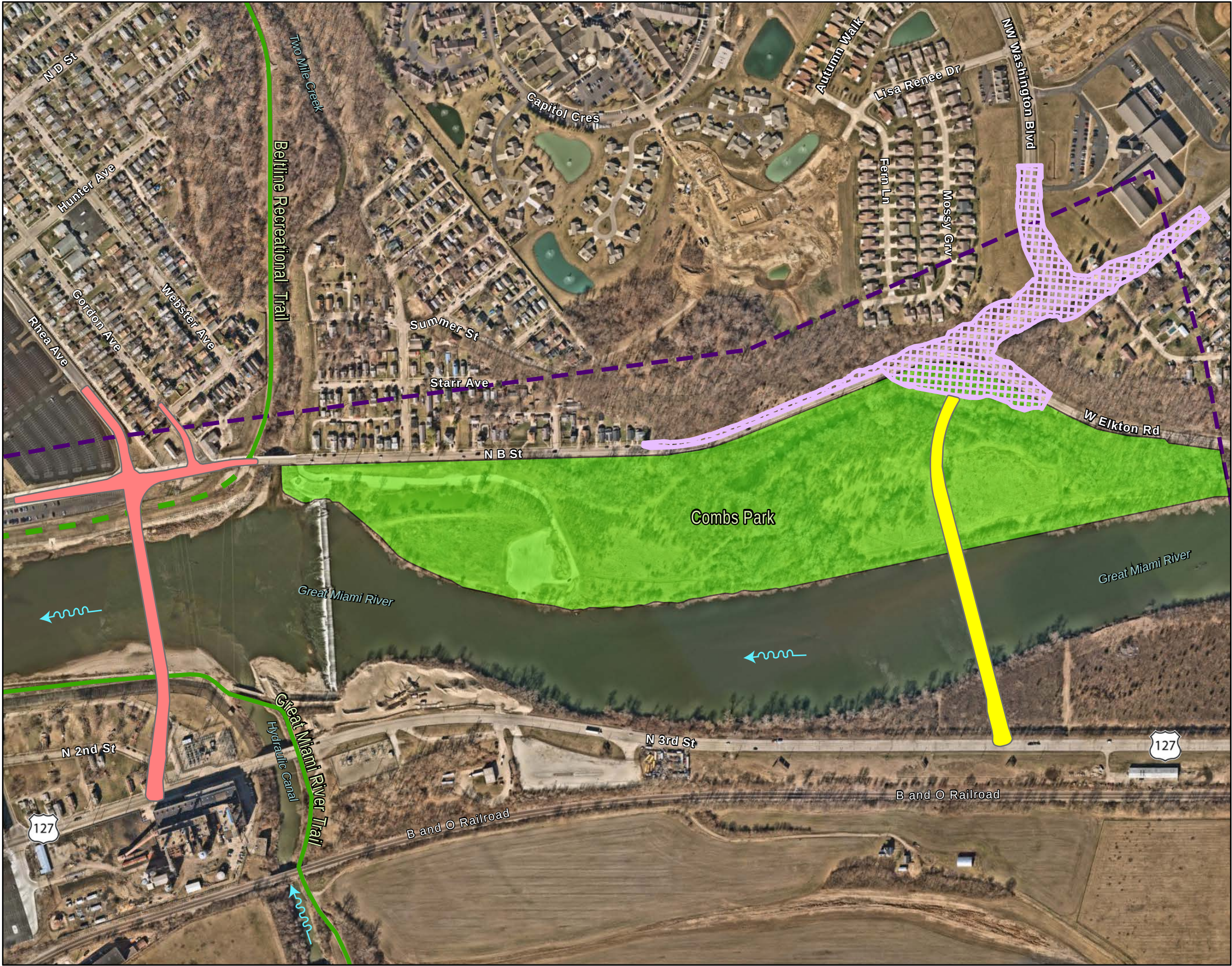


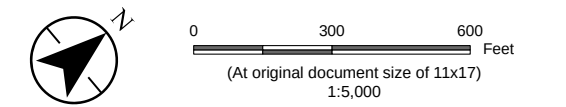
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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

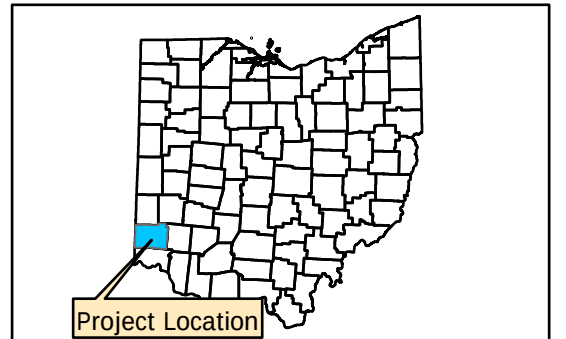
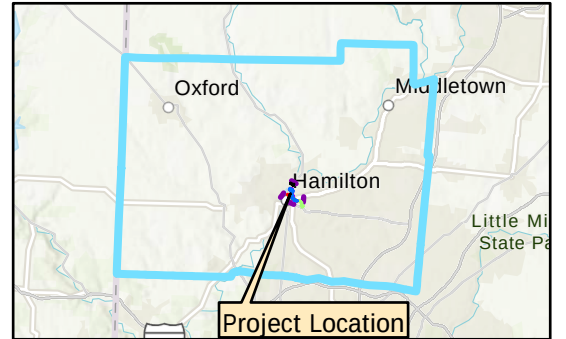
Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, OH

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Legend

- NW Washington Crossing
- Gordon/Rhea Crossing
- NW Washington Roundabout Limits (PID 120771)
- Parks
- Planned Trail
- Trail
- Study Area



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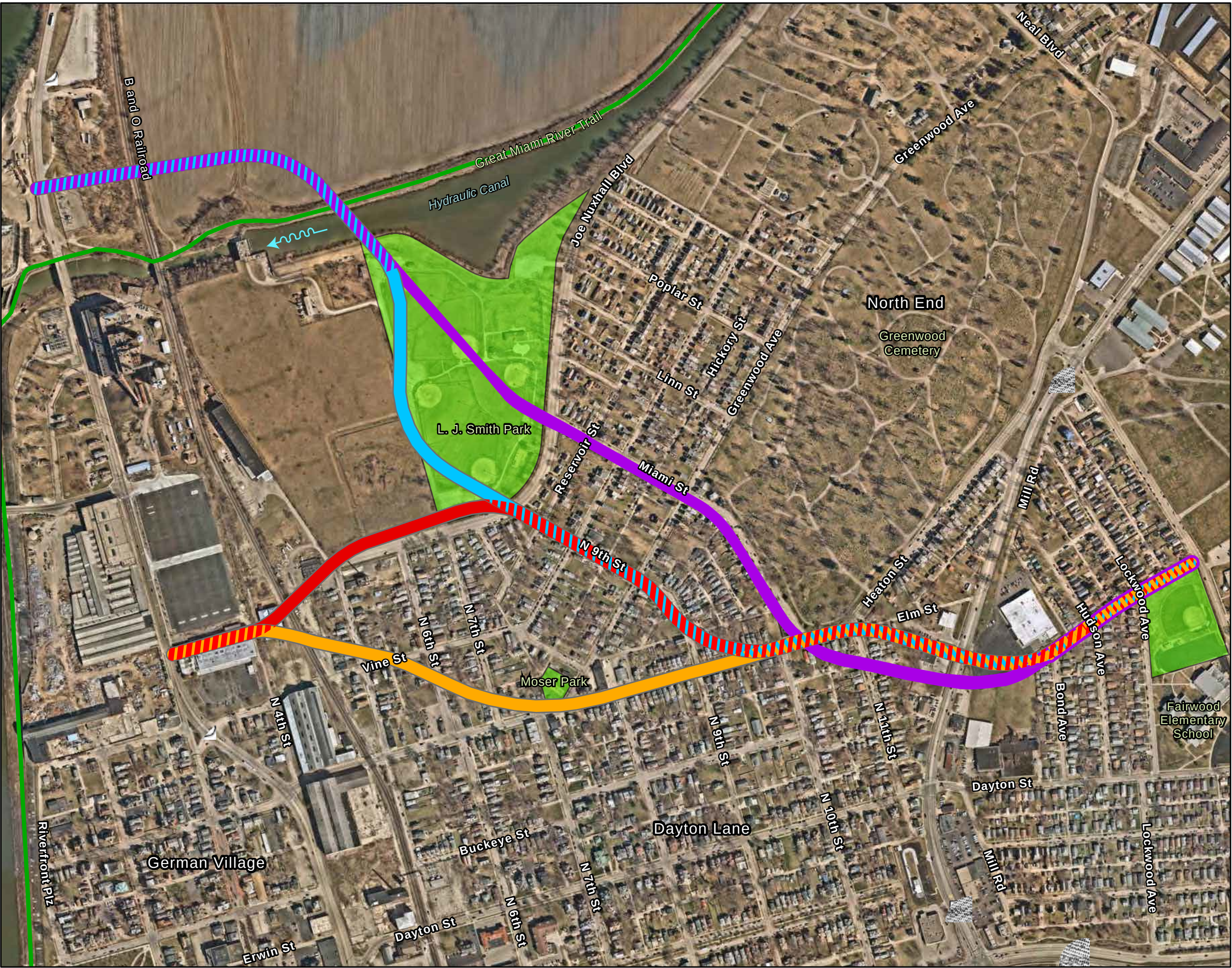


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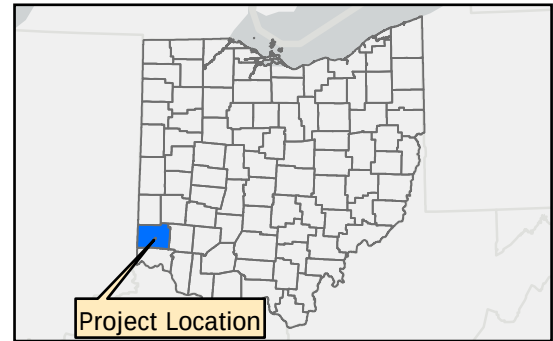
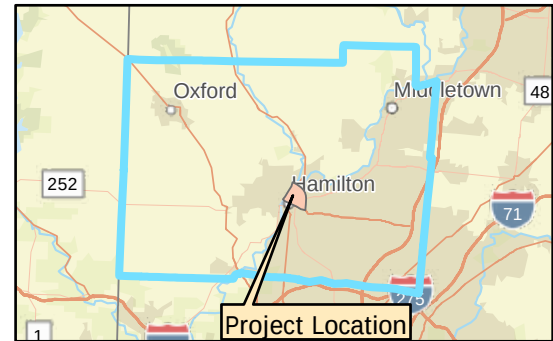
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- North 9th Connection
- Miami Street Connection
- Vine Street Connection
- Joe Nuxhall Connection
- Parks
- Trails



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**East Section Alternative-
Section 4(f) Properties**

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, OH

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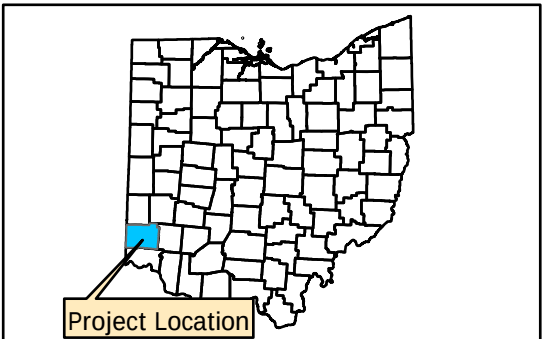
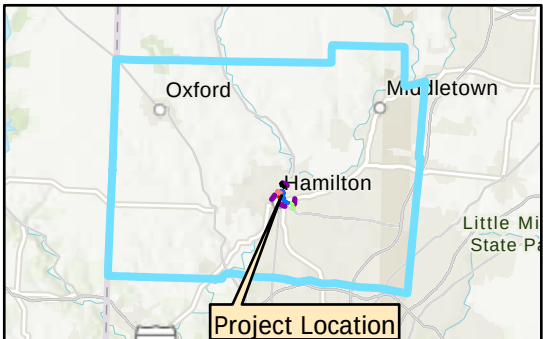


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- Parks
- Trails*
- Study Area

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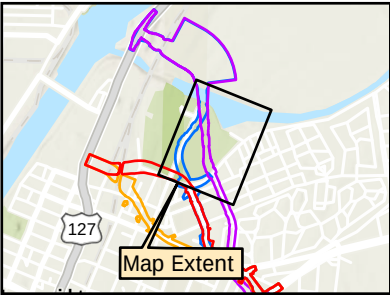
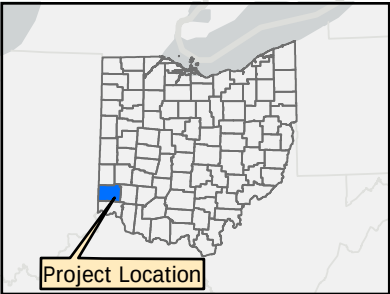


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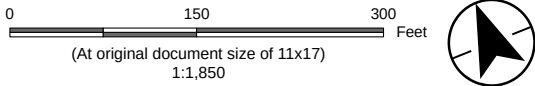
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Figure 2B. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- Central Section
Figure 2C. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Map- Central Section



Legend

- North 9th Street Preliminary Impact Limits
- Miami Street Preliminary Impact Limits
- Joe Nuxhall Preliminary Impact Limits
- Park Boundaries and Trails

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

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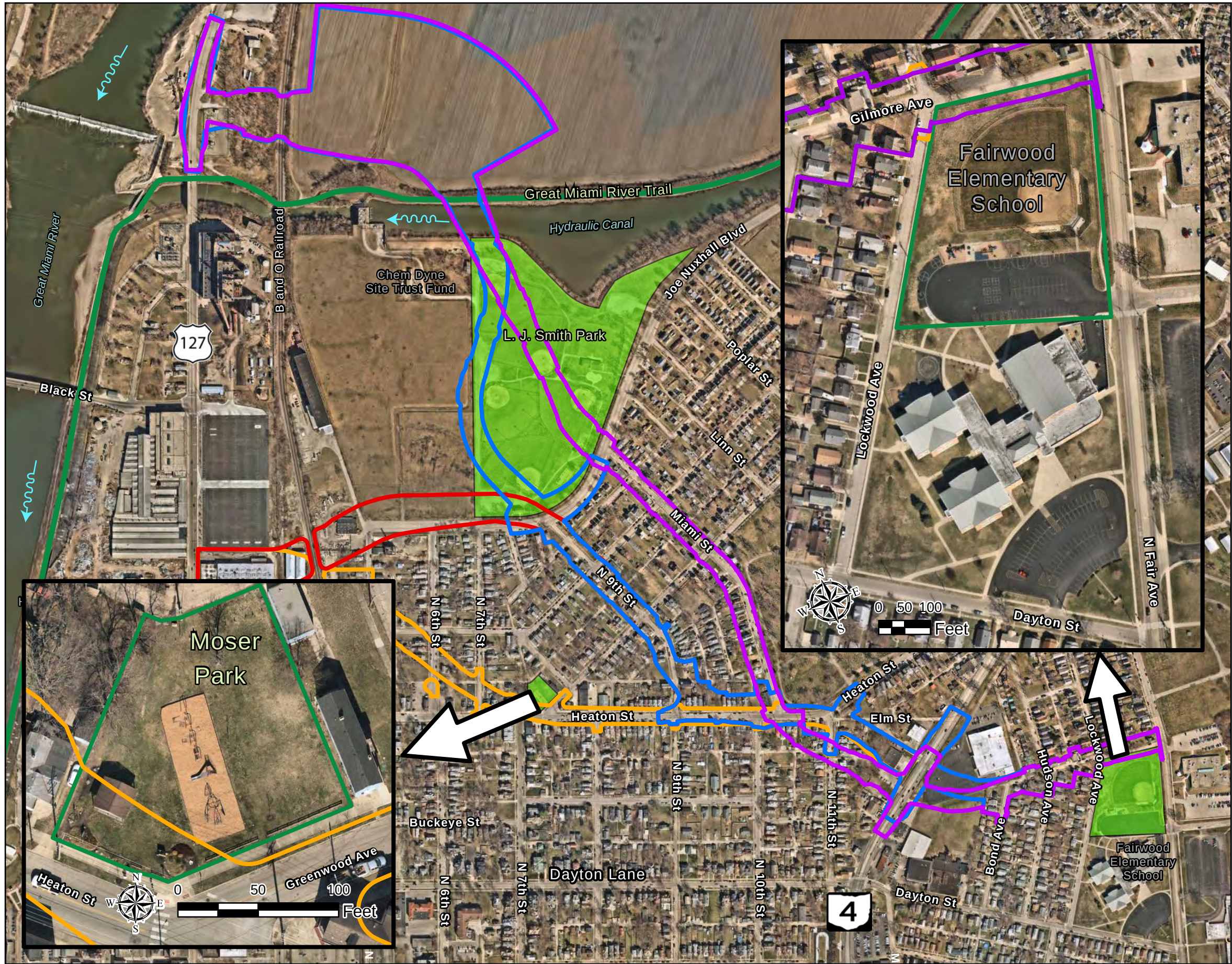


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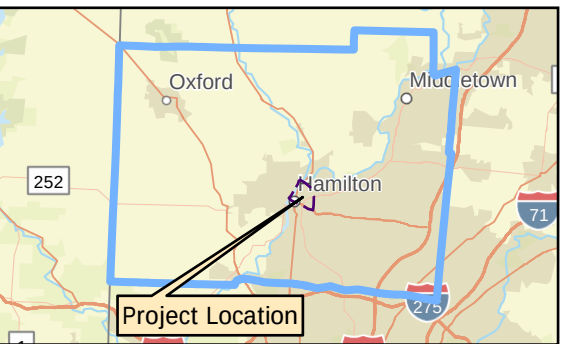
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PID 115755

Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, Ohio

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Legend

- Miami Street Preliminary Impact Limits
- North 9th Street Preliminary Impact Limits
- Joe Nuxhall Preliminary Impact Limits
- Vine Street Preliminary Impacts Limits
- Park Boundaries and Trails
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July 29, 2025

Re: North Hamilton Crossing (NHX), PID 115755
Section 4(f) Coordination

Dear Mr. Bucheit:

This letter is a follow-up to the March 12th letter you received regarding the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project. Since that time, an in-person Public Meeting was held on June 24, 2025 which provided an update on the NHX project and presented the recommended Preferred Alternative for public comment. A Virtual Open House was also opened on June 24th which shares the same information with the community. This on-line open house is open until August 8, 2025 at the following website: [NHX Virtual Open House - PublicInput](#). The purpose of this letter is to continue coordination with your agency regarding impacts to the **Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park** as a result of the recommended Preferred Alternative for the NHX project in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

NHX Project Description: The purpose of the NHX project is to improve east-west connectivity north of SR 129 in the City of Hamilton to reduce congestion and improve mobility in support of current and planned economic growth in the City of Hamilton and western Butler County, as identified in *Plan Hamilton*. The NHX project includes 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. Bump-outs (where feasible) and crosswalks will be included at street corners for pedestrian safety. In addition, the NHX will include a new bridge over the Great Miami River and a new overpass of the CSX railroad.

Preferred Alternative for the NHX Project: The Preferred Alternative has been divided into three contiguous sections of the NHX corridor as follows:

- **West Section (North B Street to US 127):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Gordon/Rhea Crossing which includes a new bridge across the Great Miami River in the area where Gordon Avenue and Rhea Avenue intersect with North B Street on the west side of the river (approximately 700 ft north of Black Street Bridge) and connects with US 127 near the intersection

with North 2nd Street on the east side of the river. This alternative includes the construction of a new bridge across the Great Miami River.

- **Central Section (US 127 to North Fair Avenue):** The Preferred Alternative in this section is the Vine Street Connection which begins at US 127 across from the Cohen Recycling Center, crosses over the CSX railroad tracks and turns southeast across Vine Street to connect with Heaton Street in the North 7th Street area. At Heaton and North 11th Street, the route follows a new, short connection to SR 4, just south of the fire station. It then crosses the street to connect with Gilmore Avenue and follows Gilmore to North Fair Avenue.
- **East Connection (North Fair Avenue to SR 129):** The Preferred Alternative in this section starts at North Fair Avenue across from Gilmore Avenue, then runs east between the Butler County Fairgrounds and the Butler County Children Services/ Juvenile Detention Center properties before turning southeast.

Figure 1 shows the Preferred Alternative.

Potential Impacts to Section 4(f) Properties: Due to the use of federal funds, the proposed transportation project is subject to the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966, which affords protection to publicly-owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges. You have been identified as an Official with Jurisdiction (OWJ) over the **Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park**, properties protected by Section 4(f) which would be impacted by the NHX Preferred Alternative.

Detailed engineering and environmental analyses for the project are ongoing, and anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties will be refined as the project develops. Efforts will be made through detailed engineering to minimize impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Anticipated impacts to 4(f) properties based on the preliminary project footprint for the Preferred Alternative are summarized in the table below. The location of 4(f) properties in relation to the Preferred Alternative are shown in **Figures 2A-2B**.

Anticipated Impacts of the NHX Preferred Alternative to the Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park

NHX Section	Section 4(f) Property	Anticipated Impacts Summary
West Section: Gordon/Rhea Crossing	Beltline Recreational Trail	• Temporary closures and/or detours of the Beltline Trail during construction • Minor alignment adjustments • Shared-use path connection with existing trail, including across the Great Miami River
Central Section: Vine Street Connection	Moser Park	• Right-of-way acquisition totaling approximately 0.1 acre along the southwestern edge of the park • Possible demolition/relocation of park features including: a small shelter, fencing, landscaping, signage, play equipment, and a small memorial rock.
East Connection	No Section 4(f) Properties Impacted	None

Measures to Minimize Harm to Section 4(f) Properties: Mitigation measures to minimize harm to the Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park are discussed below.

Beltline Recreational Trail: The following measures to minimize harm to the Beltline Recreational Trail will be incorporated into the plans as plan notes and as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- Access to Beltline Recreational Trail will be restricted for a period of time that is anticipated to last no longer than 100 days and will not be for the duration of construction.
- Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of the Beltline Recreational Trail of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County TID, the Hamilton Parks Conservancy and other entities, as appropriate, prior to the start of construction.

In accordance with 23 CFR 774, the proposed project will have a *de minimis* impact on the Beltline Recreational Trail based on the following assessment:

- All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into project development.
- The nature and magnitude of changes will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualified the property for Section 4(f) protection.
- Proposed measures to minimize harm and resulting mitigation, in regard to protecting the Section 4(f) property and maintaining access and safety, are reasonable and acceptable.

Based on the scope of the proposed project and type of work, there will be no adverse effects to the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with the Beltline Recreational Trail.

Moser Park: The following mitigation measures will be included as environmental commitments in the environmental document:

- The City of Hamilton and Butler County TID will closely coordinate the project with the Hamilton Parks Conservancy to ensure that the project is consistent with the master plan of the park.
- The City of Hamilton and Butler County TID will provide remnant property to the Hamilton Parks Conservancy resulting from the acquisition of right-of-way from five adjacent properties for the NHX project.

The addition of property to the park and coordination of the NHX project with the park development will enhance the features and values of Moser Park. Therefore, the use of the Section 4(f) property will result in a “Net Benefit” to Moser Park.

If you concur with the measures to minimize harm and assessment of impacts to the Beltline Recreational Trail and Moser Park, please indicate as such by responding to this email with your concurrence no later than August 9, 2025 Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact either Allen Messer or Dan Corey at the contact information provided on the following page.

Respectfully,



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



Dan Corey
Director
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attachments:

Figure 1. The Preferred Alternative for the NHX Project

Figure 2A-2B. Impacted Section 4(f) Properties Maps

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2A

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

Project Location
City of Hamilton
Butler County, OH

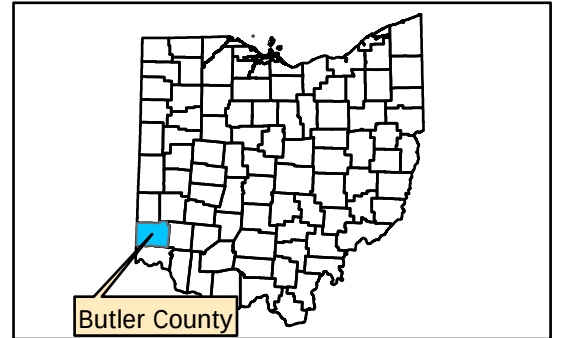
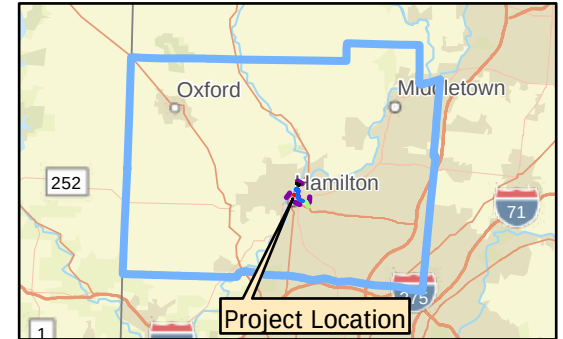
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Legend

- Impacted Parks
- Impacted Trails
- Trails
- Preferred Alternative - West Section



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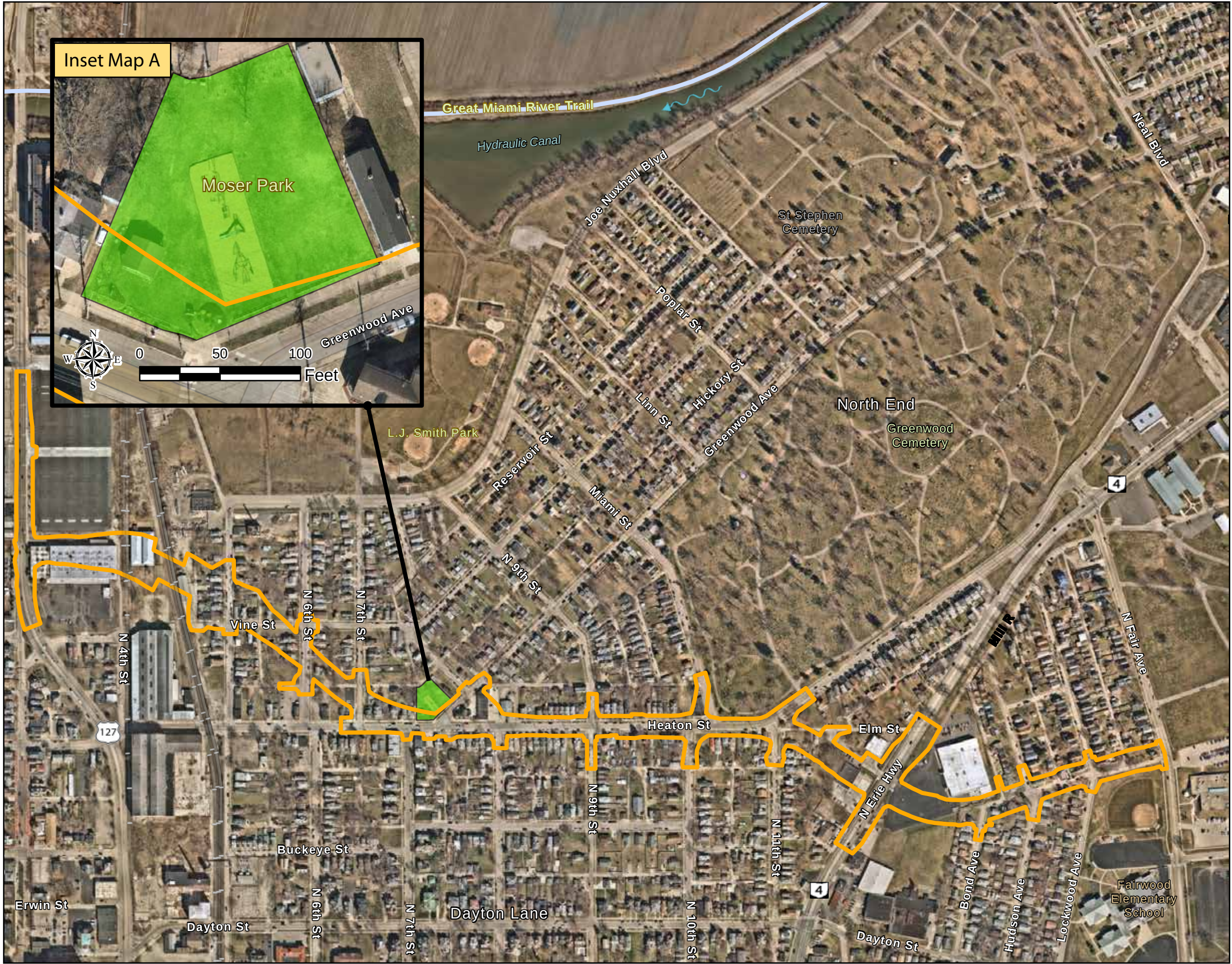
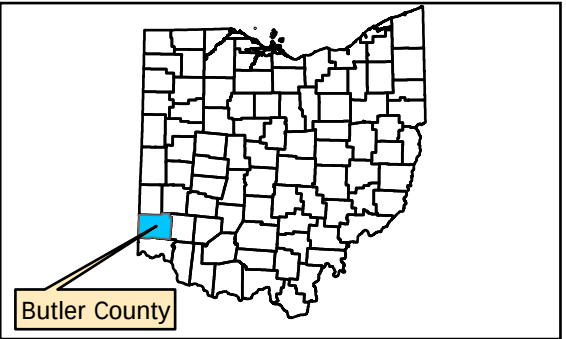
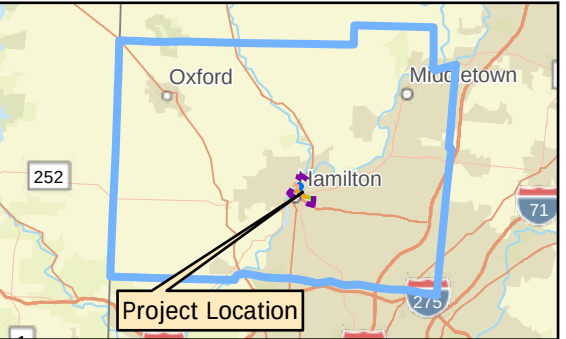
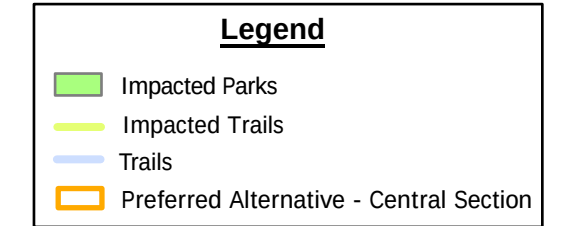
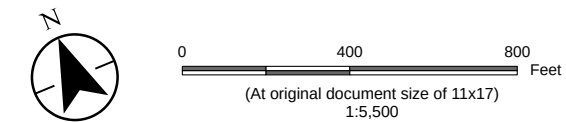


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Section 4(f) Property Impacts**

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North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)
PID 115755

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Subject: Re: North Hamilton Crossing Project (PID 115755) – Request for OWJ Concurrence
Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 3:51:27 PM

Hi Allen,

I concur.

Thank you,
Craig

On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 9:40 AM Allen Messer <allen.messer@hamilton-oh.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Craig,

Thank you for your continued engagement on the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) Project.

The attached letter serves as a follow-up to our March 12, 2025 correspondence. It provides an update on the project and outlines the recommended Preferred Alternative. For more information, please visit our Virtual Open House now through August 8 at the following link: [NHX Virtual Open House – PublicInput](#).

The purpose of this correspondence is to continue coordination with your agency regarding potential impacts to resources protected under Section 4(f). As an “Official with Jurisdiction” over recreational resources in the vicinity of the proposed project, we are requesting your review and concurrence with the assessment of impacts and the measures to minimize harm as outlined in the attached letter.

If you agree with these findings, please respond to this email with your concurrence no later than **August 9, 2025**.

Should you have any questions, comments, or additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

Allen

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