

1. Pike Avenue and Old Lincoln Highway looking North



2. Pike Avenue looking South towards Old Lincoln Highway





3. Pike Avenue and Cambria Street Looking East



F. Old Lincoln Highway going West on Gomer Road

1. Old Lincoln Highway and Gomer Road at the Intersection looking West from South





2. Old Lincoln Highway and Gomer Road at Intersection looking North from West side



3. Old Lincoln Highway and Gomer Road at the Intersection looking West beyond business





4. Old Lincoln Highway and Gomer Road at the Intersection looking East from Western side of Hamlet



G. Gomer Road South of Old Lincoln Highway

1. Gomer Road looking North from West side of Road across from Gomer Church





2. Gomer Road looking East at Gomer Church south of Old Lincoln Highway Intersection



3. Gomer Road looking East at Gomer Museum south of Old Lincoln Highway Intersection





4. Gomer Road and Ridge Street looking north to Stemen Street



5. Gomer Road and Ridge Street looking South to Overpass







# Tribal Directory Assessment Information



## Contact Information for Tribes with Interests in Allen County, Ohio

Tribal Name				County Name			
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— Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan				Allen			
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— Miami Tribe of Oklahoma				Allen			



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— Seneca-Cayuga Nation				Allen			
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December 4, 2018

Delaware Nation, Oklahoma  
Kimberly Penrod, Director of Cultural Resources & Section 106  
P O Box 825  
Anadarko, OK 73005

RE: USDA Rural Development  
Staff THPO Section 106 Initiation  
Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area  
Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Penrod:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is reaching out to the Delaware Nation, Oklahoma to ensure we have input from all tribes known to have an interest in the Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area project, which occurs on lands controlled by the Delaware Nation, Oklahoma.

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Please include with your affirmative response, a description of any specific historic properties or important tribal resources in the APE and your recommendations about the level of effort needed to identify additional historic

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Sincerely,

Cindy Brookes  
Sr. Rural Development Specialist  
Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP)

Enclosures: Project Description  
Project Location Map  
Site Photos





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Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Brett Barnes, THPO  
70500 E 128 RD  
Wyandotte, OK 74370

RE: USDA Rural Development  
Staff THPO Section 106 Initiation  
Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area  
Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Barnes:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is reaching out to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to ensure we have input from all tribes known to have an interest in the Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area project, which occurs on lands controlled by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Brookes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

Cindy Brookes  
Sr. Rural Development Specialist  
Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP)

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**From:** Diane Hunter <dhunter@miamination.com>  
**To:** CINDY BROOKES <cabrookes@glcap.org>  
**Date:** 12/19/2018 10:54 AM  
**Subject:** Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area, Allen County, Ohio –  
Comments of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma  
**Attachments:** Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area, Allen County, Ohio –  
Comments of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.pdf

Dear Ms. Brookes:

Attached you will find the response of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to the  
above-mentioned project.

Diane Hunter  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma  
dhunter@miamination.com<mailto:dhunter@miamination.com>  
918-541-8966





## Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

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December 19, 2018

Cindy Brookes  
Senior Rural Development Specialist  
Ohio RCAP  
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership  
127 S. Front Street, P. O. Box 590  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Re: Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area, Allen County, Ohio – Comments of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

Dear Ms. Brookes:

Aya, kikwehsitoole – I show you respect. My name is Diane Hunter, and I am the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Federally Recognized Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. In this capacity, I am the Miami Tribe's point of contact for all Section 106 issues.

The Miami Tribe offers no objection to the above-mentioned project at this time, as we are not currently aware of existing documentation directly linking a specific Miami cultural or historic site to the project site. However, as this site is within the aboriginal homelands of the Miami Tribe, if any human remains or Native American cultural items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) or archaeological evidence is discovered during any phase of this project, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of discovery. In such a case, please contact me at 918-541-8966 or by email at [dhunter@miamination.com](mailto:dhunter@miamination.com) to initiate consultation.

The Miami Tribe accepts the invitation to serve as a consulting party to the proposed project. In my capacity as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer I am the point of contact for consultation.

Respectfully,

Diane Hunter  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer





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Miami Tribe of Oklahoma  
Diane Hunter, THPO  
P O Box 1326  
Miami, OK 74355

RE: USDA Rural Development  
Staff THPO Section 106 Initiation  
Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area  
Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Hunter:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is reaching out to the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to ensure we have input from all tribes known to have an interest in the Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area project, which occurs on lands controlled by Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

The Allen County Board of County Commissioners plans to seek financial assistance from the USDA Rural Development (RUS) under its Water and Waste Disposal Program for the Project.

See attached for the project description.

If RUS elects to fund the Church Street Water and Sewer Improvement, project construction work, it will become an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 306108 and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800.

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Sincerely,

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan  
Wesley Andrews, THPO  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

RE: USDA Rural Development  
Staff THPO Section 106 Initiation  
Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area  
Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Andrews:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is reaching out to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan to ensure we have input from all tribes known to have an interest in the Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area project, which occurs on lands controlled by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan.

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Seneca-Cayuga Nation  
William Tarrant, THPO  
P O Box 45322  
Grove, OK 74345

RE: USDA Rural Development  
Staff THPO Section 106 Initiation  
Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area  
Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Tarrant:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is reaching out to the Seneca-Cayuga Nation to ensure we have input from all tribes known to have an interest in the Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area project, which occurs on lands controlled by Seneca-Cayuga Nation.

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**From:** <tonya@shawnee-tribe.com>  
**To:** <cabrookes@glcap.org>  
**Date:** 1/4/2019 4:04 PM  
**Subject:** Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

This letter is in response to the above referenced project.

The Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Department concurs that no known historic properties will be negatively impacted by this project.

We have no issues or concerns at this time, but in the event that archaeological materials are encountered during construction, use, or maintenance of this location, please re-notify us at that time as we would like to resume immediate consultation under such a circumstance.

If you have any questions, you may contact me via email at  
<mailto:tonya@shawnee-tribe.com> tonya@shawnee-tribe.com

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Tonya Tipton  
Shawnee Tribe-THPO

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Shawnee Tribe  
Ron Sparkman, Chair  
29 South Highway 69A  
Miami, OK 74355

RE: USDA Rural Development  
Staff THPO Section 106 Initiation  
Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area  
Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sparkman:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is reaching out to the Shawnee Tribe to ensure we have input from all tribes known to have an interest in the Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area project, which occurs on lands controlled by Shawnee Tribe.

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Wyandotte Nation  
Sherri Clemons, THPO  
64700 East Highway 60  
Wyandotte, OK 74370

RE: USDA Rural Development  
Staff THPO Section 106 Initiation  
Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area  
Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Clemons:

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is reaching out to the Wyandotte Nation to ensure we have input from all tribes known to have an interest in the Gomer Wastewater Improvement Area project, which occurs on lands controlled by Wyandotte Nation.

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Enclosures: Project Description  
Project Location Map  
Site Photos



## **Exhibit 3.2**

FLOODPLAIN



**8-STEP DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR PROJECTS IN THE FLOODPLAIN**  
**Compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management)**

**GOMER SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AREA PROJECT**  
**HAMLET OF GOMER, SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO**

**Step 1 – Determination**

A portion of the Gomer Sewer Improvements project is located in the 100-year floodplain. The area is within the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel No. 39000C0200D (effective date 5/2/2013).

**Step 2 – Early Public Review**

On December 28, 2020, a public notice with a 15-day comment period was published in the Lima News, a copy of which is attached.

**Step 3 – Alternatives**

The Allen County Board of Commissioners has considered alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. The action must be taken in the 100-year floodplain to ensure construction of an efficient sanitary sewer service for all residents in the project area. The Gomer Sewer Improvement Area can be served by three methods for collection of sewage including 1) conventional gravity sewer to a pump station 2) low pressure collection system and 3) combination of gravity and low pressure system to a pump station. Subsequent treatment options would include construction of an on-site centralized WWTP or utilization of an existing WWTP in the area; and accordingly, there were six (6) alternatives with varying design options regarding collection and treatment evaluated for the project.

All six alternatives evaluated would require similar work in the 100-year floodplain, with minimal impact. After considering monetary and non-monetary factors, the proposed project (Combination Gravity & Low Flow Pressure Collection with Pump Station to American II WWTP) was selected as having the least long term environmental impacts, offers the least life cycle costs and second lowest construction costs; while, also eliminating local health and environmental risks by providing public sanitary sewer service to an unsewered area. A “no action alternative” would result in the unsewered area continuing to use failing on-site septic systems. The present off site discharges to ground water and Pike Run would continue to impair water quality, and potential health and nuisance conditions would continue.

To relocate the water line outside of the floodplain would not be feasible due to the length of sewer line extension around the area that would be required; and would exclude some residents from connecting to the public sanitary system. Reducing the scope of the project to avoid work inside the floodplain would result in the distribution system not meeting all residential areas.

A “no action alternative” would result in the unsewered area continuing to use failing on-site septic systems. The present off site discharges to ground water and Pike Run would continue to impair water quality, and potential health and nuisance conditions would continue.

**Step 4 – Impacts of Proposed Actions**

Impacts to the floodplain will be temporary and minimal, as no fill will be placed inside the 100-year floodplain, sewer line construction will be below ground and all surfaces will be restored to grade, and equal or better condition following construction. Prior to work in the 100-year floodplain, a floodplain development permit will be obtained from the local floodplain administrator and conditions of the permit implemented during construction. Seeding of the floodplain impacted



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### **Compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management)**

area will occur immediately following construction and involve the use of native, non-invasive species. Floodplain impacts will be further minimized by utilization of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) where the 3-inch sewer force main will cross Pike Run. Impacts to Pike Run and its floodway will be minimized by installation under the stream channels via HDD. Installation will occur a minimum 4 feet below the stream channel bottom.

The proposed project will not have long-term negative impacts to the environment and floodplain as all sewage lines will be placed underground. Following installation all impacted areas will be restored back to pre-project or better condition. All impacted areas will be seeded with native, non-invasive species. There will be no floodplain conversion or impact to flood flow following completion of the project. Since the sewer lines will be buried, the project will not lead to any significant increase in impermeable cover and shall have no negative long-term impacts on the floodplain. The project will benefit the health, safety and welfare of residents of the project area.

#### **Step 5 – Design or Modify the Proposed Action**

The proposed project will incur only minimal or no impact on the floodplain area. Prior to work in the floodplain, a floodplain development permit will be obtained and conditions of the permit followed to minimize negative impacts. In addition, best management practices will be followed to protect natural features that serve to maintain infiltration. The project will not cause any significant increases in impermeable cover, and shall not have negative impacts as the water lines will all be subsurface. The Little Hog Creek sewer line crossing will be horizontally directional drilled to protect the stream channel and riparian area. Following construction in the floodplain, all impacted areas will be seeded with native, non-invasive species. Following installation, the Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department will be responsible for routine inspection and maintenance of the sanitary collection system.

#### **Step 6 – Reevaluate the Alternatives**

The Allen County Board of Commissioners has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. The proposed project alignment was selected in order to make public sanitary sewer service available to residents of the Gomer area. All project alternatives evaluated would result in similar impact to the 100 year floodplain. Revising the alignment to be outside of the floodplain is not feasible, and reducing the scope or taking no action would result in some or all residents continuing to rely on inadequate and failing private sewage systems and associated public health and water quality issues.

#### **Step 7 – Notice of Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

On January 14, 2020 a public notice with a 7-day comment period was placed in the Lima News. A copy of the public notice is attached

#### **Step 8 – Implement Action**

The action will be implemented when all applicable notices have been published and any comments received and responded to as needed; and applicable permits obtained. The Engineering contractor and Allen County will take an active role in monitoring the construction process to ensure mitigation efforts and that no unnecessary impacts to floodplains occur.



## Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF ALLEN }

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### EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Allen County Board of Commissioners has determined that the following proposed action is located within the 100-year floodplain, and the Board of Commissioners will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

Project Name: Gomer Sewer Improvement Area  
Source of Federal Funds: Community Development Block Grant Residential Public Infrastructure Funds, Ohio Public Works Commission, USDA Rural Development and Allen County Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Location: Sugar Creek Township, Unincorporated areas of Gomer, Allen County, Ohio.

Project Description:

This project proposes a combined total combination of 300 Linear Feet (LF) of 12-inch casing HDPE directional bored, 2,800 LF of 4-inch HDPE, 6,200 LF of 3-inch HDPE, 4,600 LF of 2-inch HDPE, 15,100 LF of 1 1/2" Lateral low pressure sewer collection lines with 146 individual grinder pumps, and one (1) pump station along a 23,000 LF of 6-inch force main constructed to collect and transport the collected sanitary flows to the American II Wastewater Treatment Plant on Diller Road, Lima, Ohio.

Total impact to floodplain: Approximately 4,000 Linear Feet (0.90 acres).

How the proposed project may affect the floodplain/wetland: Approximately 4,000 feet of low pressure pipeline and 50 grinder pumps will be constructed within the 100-year floodplain of Pike Run. Construction is not expected to adversely impact the floodplain area as no fill will be placed inside the 100-year floodplain, the pipeline will be placed underground and construction areas within the floodplain will be restored to original grade. Allen County's alternatives regarding sponsorship of the proposed action include: 1) Approval as proposed; 2) Disapproval; 3) Approval only if all improvements are located outside of the floodplain; 4) Approval of an equivalent project site located outside of the floodplain; and 5) Approval only if no fill is added in floodplain areas.

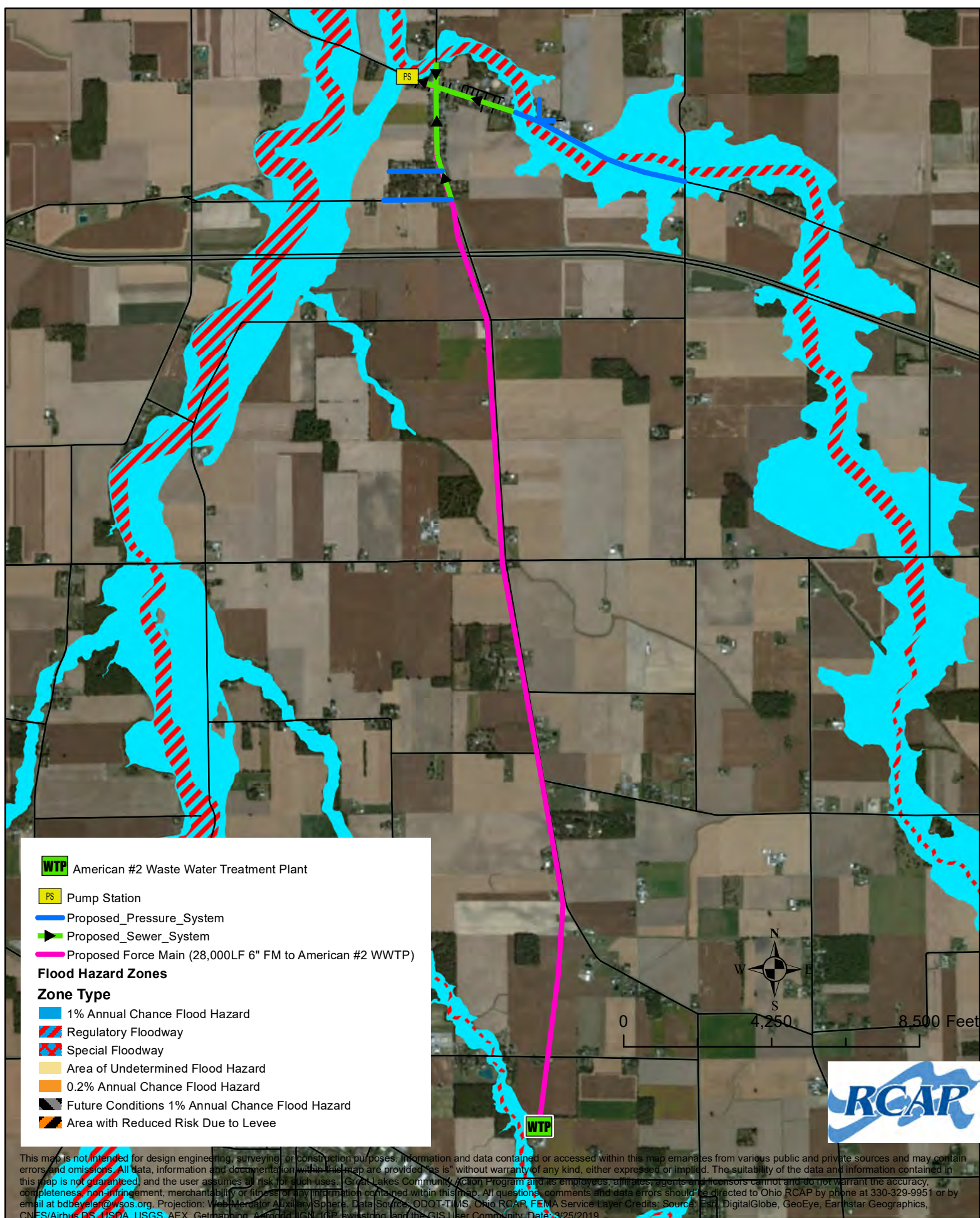
Additional information regarding the proposed action may be obtained by contacting the Allen County Commissioners by U.S. mail at 204 Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801 or by email at commissioners@allencountyohio.com. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments for consideration to the Allen County Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above before January 13, 2021, which is at least 15 days after the publication of this notice.

Date: December 28, 2020.

Legal #469 - December 28, 2020 (1t)



# Proposed Allen County Sanitary Sewer for Gomer: FEMA Floodplains





## NOTES TO USERS

This map is for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program. It does not necessarily identify all areas subject to flooding, particularly from local drainage sources of small size. The **community map repository** should be consulted for possible updated or additional flood hazard information.

To obtain more detailed information in areas where **Base Flood Elevations (BFEs)** and/or **floodways** have been determined, users are encouraged to consult the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data and/or Summary of Stillwater Elevations tables contained within the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report that accompanies this FIRM. Users should be aware that BFEs shown on the FIRM represent rounded whole-foot elevations. These BFEs are intended for flood insurance rating purposes only and should not be used as the sole source of flood elevation information. Accordingly, flood elevation data presented in the FIS Report should be utilized in conjunction with the FIRM for purposes of construction and/or floodplain management.

**Coastal Base Flood Elevations** shown on this map apply only landward of 0.0' North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). Users of this FIRM should be aware that coastal flood elevations are also provided in the Summary of Stillwater Elevations table in the Flood Insurance Study Report for this jurisdiction. Elevations shown in the Summary of Stillwater Elevations table should be used for construction and/or floodplain management purposes when they are higher than the elevations shown on this FIRM.

Boundaries of the **floodways** were computed at cross sections and interpolated between cross sections. The floodways were based on hydraulic considerations with regard to requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Floodway widths and other pertinent floodway data are provided in the Flood Insurance Study Report for this jurisdiction.

Certain areas not in Special Flood Hazard Areas may be protected by **flood control structures**. Refer to Section 2.4 "Flood Protection Measures" of the Flood Insurance Study Report for information on flood control structures for this jurisdiction.

The **projection** used in the preparation of this map was Ohio State Plane North Zone (FIPS zone 3401). The **horizontal datum** was NAD 83, GRS 1980 spheroid. Differences in datum, spheroid, projection or UTM zones used in the production of FIRMs for adjacent jurisdictions may result in slight positional differences in map features across jurisdiction boundaries. These differences do not affect the accuracy of this FIRM.

Flood elevations on this map are referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. These flood elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same **vertical datum**. For information regarding conversion between the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, visit the National Geodetic Survey website at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov> or contact the National Geodetic Survey at the following address:

NGS Information Services  
NOAA, N/NGS12  
National Geodetic Survey  
SSMC-3, #9202  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282  
(301) 713-3242

To obtain current elevation, description, and/or location information for **bench marks** shown on this map, please contact the Information Services Branch of the National Geodetic Survey at (301) 713-3242, or visit its website at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov>.

**Base map** information shown on this FIRM was derived from digital orthophotography provided by the Ohio Statewide Imagery Program. This information was created from photography dated 2006.

The **profile baselines** depicted on this map represent the hydraulic modeling baselines that match the flood profiles in the FIS report. As a result of improved topographic data, the **profile baseline**, in some cases, may deviate significantly from the channel centerline or appear outside the SFHA.

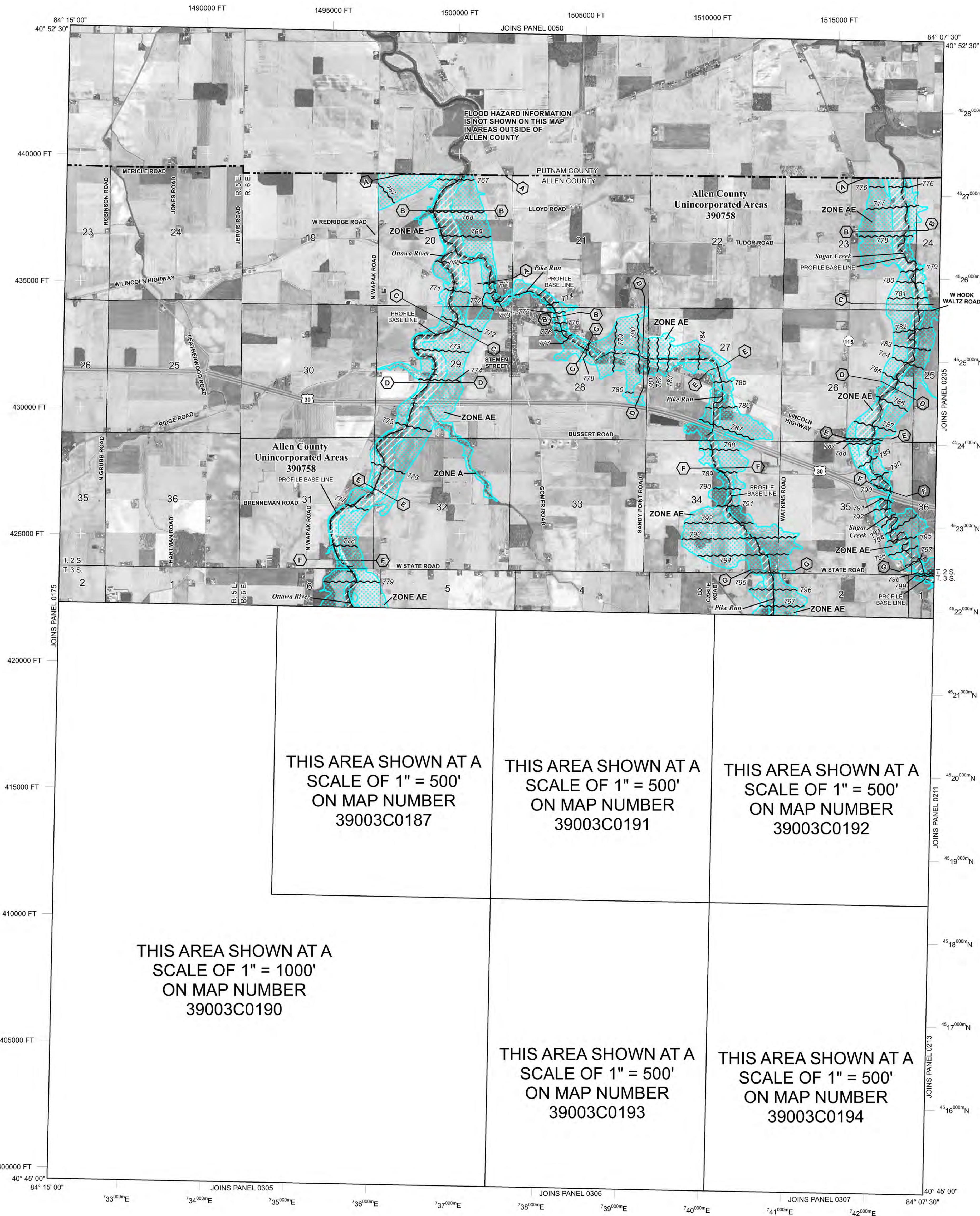
Based on updated topographic information, this map reflects more detailed and up-to-date **stream channel configurations** and **floodplain delineations** than those shown on the previous FIRM for this jurisdiction. As a result, the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data tables for multiple streams in the Flood Insurance Study Report (which contains authoritative hydraulic data) may reflect stream channel distances that differ from what is shown on the map. Also, the road to floodplain relationships for unrevised streams may differ from what is shown on previous maps.

**Corporate limits** shown on this map are based on the best data available at the time of publication. Because changes due to annexations or de-annexations may have occurred after this map was published, map users should contact appropriate community officials to verify current corporate limit locations.

Please refer to the separately printed **Map Index** for an overview map of the county showing the layout of map panels; community map repository addresses; and a Listing of Communities table containing National Flood Insurance Program dates for each community as well as a listing of the panels on which each community is located.

For information on available products associated with this FIRM visit the **Map Service Center (MSC)** website at <http://msc.fema.gov>. Available products may include previously issued Letters of Map Change, a Flood Insurance Study Report, and/or digital versions of this map. Many of these products can be ordered or obtained directly from the MSC website.

If you have **questions about this map**, how to order products, or the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call the **FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX)** at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip>.



## LEGEND

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (SFHAs) SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD**  
The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

**ZONE A** No Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE AE** Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE AH** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE AO** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.  
**ZONE AR** Special Flood Hazard Areas formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.  
**ZONE A99** Area to be protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE V** Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE VE** Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood Elevations determined.

**FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE**

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

**OTHER FLOOD AREAS**

**ZONE X** Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.  
**OTHER AREAS**

**ZONE X** Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.  
**ZONE D** Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

**COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS**

**OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)**

CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

1% Annual Chance Floodplain Boundary

0.2% Annual Chance Floodplain Boundary

Floodway boundary

Zone D boundary

CBRS and OPA boundary

Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Area Zones and boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base Flood Elevations, flood depths, or flood velocities.

Base Flood Elevation line and value; elevation in feet\*

Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet\*

\*Referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988

**A** Cross section line

**23** Transect line

**23** Culvert

**23** Bridge

Geographic coordinates referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) Western Hemisphere

3100000 FT 5000-foot ticks: Ohio State Plane North Zone (FIPS Zone 3401), Lambert Conformal Conic projection

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid values, zone 16N

Bench mark (see explanation in Notes to Users section of this FIRM panel)

•M1.5 River Mile

Refer to Map Repositories list on Map Index

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COUNTYWIDE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

May 2, 2013

EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF REVISION(S) TO THIS PANEL

For community map revision history prior to countywide mapping, refer to the Community Map History table located in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction.

To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6620.

**MAP SCALE 1" = 2000'**

1000 0 2000 4000 FEET

600 0 600 1200 METERS

**NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**PANEL 0200D**

**FIRM**

**FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**

**ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO**

**AND INCORPORATED AREAS**

**PANEL 200 OF 375**

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

**CONTAINS:**

**COMMUNITY** **NUMBER** **PANEL** **SUFFIX**

ALLEN COUNTY 390758 0200 D

Notice to User: The **Map Number** shown below should be used when placing map orders; the **Community Number** shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.

**MAP NUMBER**

**39003C0200D**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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**Federal Emergency Management Agency**







## **EXHIBIT 3**

# **WETLANDS PROTECTION**