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VIA E-FILING
Chief of Case Administration
Office of Chief Counsel
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –In Scioto County, Ohio, AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") is filing a verified abandonment of service notice of exemption permitting NSR to abandon rail service authority over an approximately 24.43-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost CT 80.57 +/- to approximately milepost CT 105.0 +/- in Scioto County, Ohio (the "Line"). A $5,300.00 filing fee has been paid via Pay.gov. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: at (202) 663-7823 or by email: at wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net. If I am not available, you may also contact Michaela R. Bowles, who can be reached at (202) 663-7826 or by e-mail at mbowles@mullinslawgroup.net.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William A. Mullins

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Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

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AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X)

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT

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INTRODUCTION

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") hereby submits this verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances) for NSR to abandon approximately 24.43 miles of rail line between milepost CT 80.57 +/- to approximately milepost CT 105.0 +/- (the "Line") in Scioto County, Ohio.[1] The Line has been out of service for over two years. Following abandonment, the Line's rail and related track material will be salvaged, which will consist of removing the rail and track material from the existing roadbed. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. When the rail and track material are removed, the contractor will smooth the roadbed to a level surface. No ballast will be removed, and no new soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be undertaken as a result of the abandonment. Accordingly, NSR believes that no stormwater mitigation measures, including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, will be required. All salvaged steel components will either be reused or sold as scrap. Crossties may be

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[1] The western termination point of the Line is located on the border of Scioto and Adam Counties in Ohio.

reused in other railroad operations, or they will be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territories of 45662, 45652, 45663, 45660, 45671 and 45657. The entirety of the Line is located within Scioto County, Ohio. No customers have been served on the Line for over two years.

Per the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(b) and (d), NSR provides the following information in support of this notice of abandonment of service:

Certification: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

NSR certifies that the Line satisfies the criteria for abandonment under the exemption provisions at 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F. See Exhibit A, Certification of Michael McClellan, Vice President, NSR. During the past two years, no local traffic has moved over the Line and any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines, and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period.

Proposed Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

The proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service will both be consummated on or after October 2, 2026 (50 days after filing the notice of exemption).

Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.22(a)(1)-(4), (7)-(8) and (e)(4)

Exact name of applicants (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)):

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Whether applicants are common carriers by railroad (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(2)):

Norfolk Southern Railway Company is a common carrier railroad subject to the Board's jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV.

Relief sought (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)):

NSR, as owner of the Line, has elected to invoke the Board's class exemption procedures to abandon the Line, Pursuant to this notice of exemption, NSR hereby invokes the Board's two-year-out-of-service class exemption procedures to abandon rail service over an approximately 24.43-mile-long rail line, extending from Milepost CT 80.57 +/-, near the Scioto County/Adams County Line in Ohio, to approximately milepost CT 105.0 +/- near Portsmouth Ohio, OH. All of the track is located in Scioto County, Ohio. The Line traverses the United States Postal Zip Code territories 45662, 45652, 45663, 45660, 45671 and 45657.

Map (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)):

A detailed map showing the location of the Line is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Applicant's representatives (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)):

NSR's representatives to whom correspondence should be sent are as follows:

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USPS ZIP codes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)):

The Line is located in the following United States Postal Zip Code territories: 45662, 45652, 45663, 45660, 45671 and 45657.

Suitability of the Line for Other Public Purposes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)):

NSR ownership of the right-of-way underlying the Line proposed for abandonment is mixed, with a combination of mostly fee simple with other parcels held via easement; thus, NSR may have a corridor available for redeployment of alternative public use(s). However, NSR is currently in discussions with Scioto County concerning possibly establishing a trail over the Line. The Line does

not contain any federally granted right-of-way. As appropriate, NSR is willing to promptly make available any information in their possession to anyone so requesting it.

Labor Protection

Because the Line has been inactive for over two years, no railroad employees will be adversely affected by the exercise of abandonment authority. Nevertheless, NSR's employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co – Abandonment – Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certifications

Attached hereto as Exhibit C are Certificates of Service and Publication certifying compliance with the advance notice and newspaper publication requirements set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) and 49 C.F. R. § 1105.12, respectively. Attached as part of Exhibit D is a certificate of compliance with the advance notice requirements for Environmental and Historic Reports ("E&HR") as set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11.

Environmental and Historic Report

As is reflected in the certificate of compliance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (see Exhibit D), NSR has prepared a combined E&HR in anticipation of the proposed abandonment, which conforms to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. A copy of the E&HR is attached hereto as Attachment 1 to Exhibit D (§ 1105.11 certification).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William A. Mullins

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VERIFICATIONS

Verification

I, Michael McClellan, Vice President for Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") hereby verify under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing jointly filed abandonment notice of exemption are true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to make such verification on behalf of NSR in connection with this proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board.

Executed this 11th day of August, 2026

Michael McClellan
Vice President
Norfolk Southern Railway Company

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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF GEORGIA:

ss:

CITY OF ATLANTA:

Michael McClellan makes oath and says that he is Vice President for Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR"); that the approximately 24.43-mile long rail line, extending from Milepost CT 80.57 +/- to Milepost CT 105.0 +/- in Scioto County, Ohio (the "Line"), over which service is to be abandoned, is subject to his supervision and direction; that no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two (2) years and any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines and that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period.

Michael McClellan
Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 11th day of August, 2026.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

Okesia Ethridge
NOTARY PUBLIC
Spalding County, Georgia
My Commission Expires 12/16/2028

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EXHIBIT B

MAP

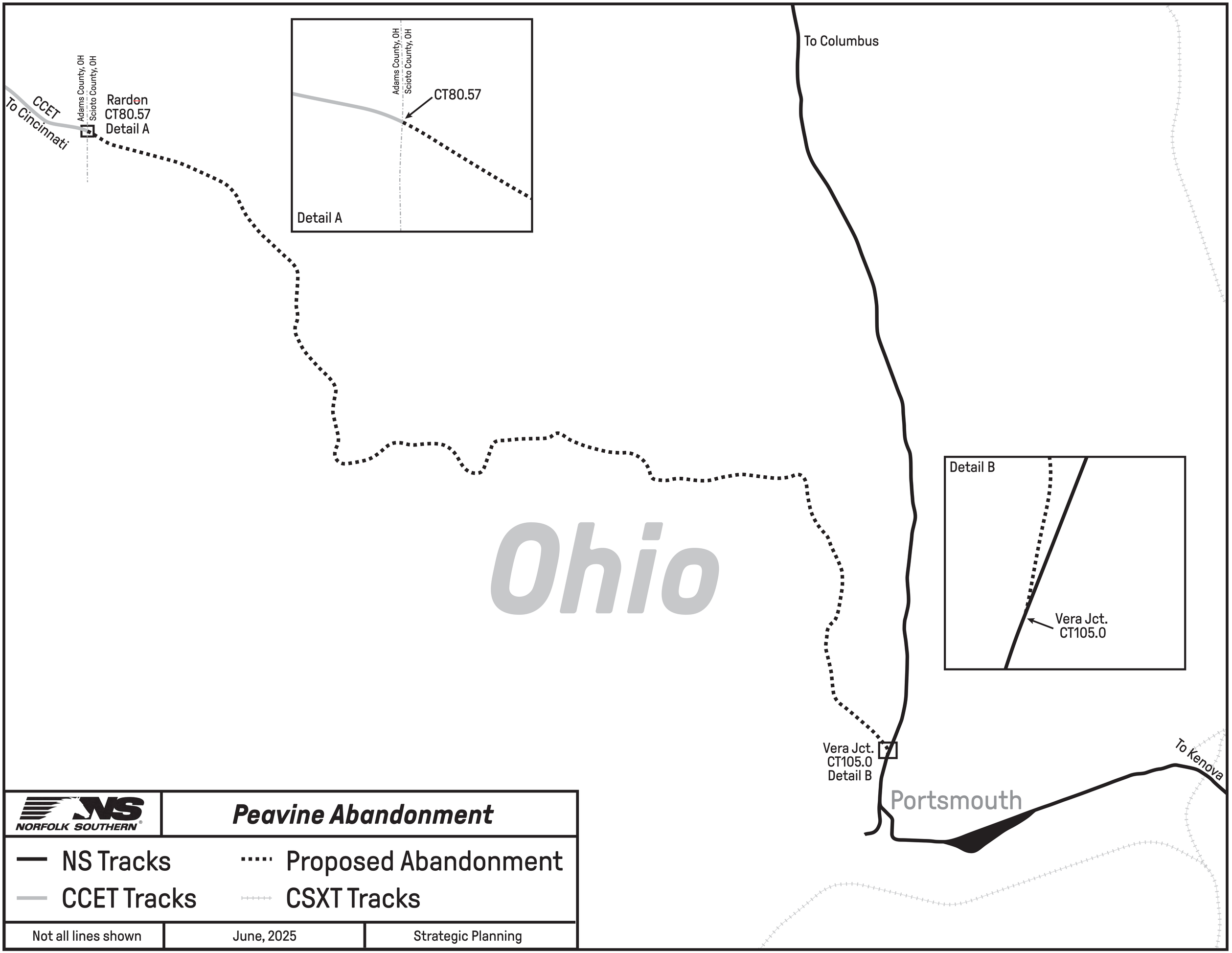
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EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE/PUBLICATION

Certificate of Service of Advance Notice

49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) – Notice

I certify that, on August 3, 2026 , in keeping with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1), I caused the following parties to be served with the written notice of intent of Norfolk Southern Railway Company to invoke the Board's notice of exemption procedures to abandon rail service over an approximately 24.43 miles of rail line between milepost CT 80.57 +/- to approximately milepost CT 105.0 +/- (the "Line") in Scioto County, Ohio.[1] I further certify that the Line does not contain any federally granted right-of-way.

Public Service Commission, et al.

Jennifer French, Chair
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180 E Broad Street
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Ohio Department of Transportation
1980 West Broad Street
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Department of Defense (Military Traffic Management Command, Transportation Engineering Agency, Railroads for National Defense Program)

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The National Park Service, Recreation Resources Assistance Division

Mr. Bob Ratcliffe, Chief
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Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344
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U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service

Tom Schultz, Chief
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August 13, 2026 ***/s/ William A. Mullins***

William A. Mullins
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Certificate of Newspaper Publication

49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 – Newspaper Notice

I certify that a "Notice of Intent to Abandon Rail Service" was published in the form prescribed by the Board for abandonment notices of exemption (49 C.F.R. § 1105.12). The notice was published one time on August 1, 2026, in Portsmouth Daily Times, a newspaper of general circulation in Scioto County, Ohio.

August 13, 2026

/s/ William A. Mullins
William A. Mullins
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Ad Number 496452

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF OHIO SS

COUNTY OF SCIOTO, TO-WIT

I___Elisha Queen_____, Classified Advertising Representative of PORTSMOUTH DAILY TIMES, a bi-weekly newspaper of general circulation, in the County of Scioto, State of Ohio, hereby certify that the annexed publication was inserted in said newspaper _____

The cost of publishing said annexed advertisement as aforesaid was $ 268.40.

Commencing On: August 1, 2026

Ending on: August 1, 2026

Given under my hand this day

Sworn to and subscribed before me

in Scioto County, Ohio

_____

Notary Public of, in and for Scioto County, Ohio

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 4-8-30

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OFFICIAL SEAL - NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHEYLAN LEWIS
6266 Aracoma Road
Huntington WV, 25705
My Commission Expires April 8, 2030

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X)

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") provides notice that on or about August 3, 2026, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board"), Washington, DC, a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R Part 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments, permitting NSR to abandon rail service over approximately 24.43 miles of rail line extending from near or about milepost CT 80.57 +/- to near or about milepost CT 105.0 +/- (referred to herein as the "Line") in Scioto County, Ohio. The Line traverses United States Postal Zip Code territories 45662, 45652, 45663, 45660, 45671 and 45657. There are no customers served on the Line, which has been out of service for over two years. The related proceedings have been docketed as AB 290 (Sub-No. 422X), respectively.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") generally will prepare an Environmental Assessment ("EA"), which normally will be available 25 days after the filing of the abandonment notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public. Such comments will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to OEA, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423, or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance ("OFA") to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading

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08-01;2026

FDA approves a first-of-its-kind pill to cut cholesterol in high-risk patients

By MATTHEW PERRONE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration has approved a first-of-its-kind pill that can drastically reduce cholesterol in a way that's previously only been available with expensive, injectable drugs.

The drug from Merck was OK'd on Thursday for patients with artery-clogging cholesterol that persists even after taking statins, the standard medications for cutting heart attack risk. Merck will market its pill under the brand name Lipfendra.

It's the first noninjectable medication that works by blocking a liver protein called PCSK9. That protein limits the body's ability to clear cholesterol from the blood, and biotech injectables targeting it have been available from Amgen and other drugmakers for more than a decade. But patient access has been stymied for years by high prices, insurance restrictions and limited prescribing by doctors.

Statins block some of the liver's production of cholesterol and are the cornerstone of treatment. But even at the highest doses, many people need additional help lowering their LDL, or bad, cholesterol enough to meet medical guidelines.

RICHARD DREW | ASSOCIATED PRESS

The logo for Merck appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, May 1, 2025.

Merck, which has headquarters in Rahway, New Jersey, won approval based on two studies in high-risk patients who added the company's pill to their standard treatment, including statins. In one study of 3,000 patients, those taking Lipfendra saw their levels of LDL cholesterol drop more than 55% after six months. In a second study, patients averaged a reduction of 59% compared with patients who received a dummy pill.

That benefit dropped only slightly over a year, and side effects — including dizziness and diarrhea — were similar between those taking the pill or a placebo, researchers found. One caveat: The pill must be taken on an empty stomach.

The FDA reviewed the drug under its program that promises ultra-fast reviews for promising medications that serve the public interest. The pathway was created by then-FDA chief Dr. Marty Makary, who resigned from the agency in May after months of pressure from drugmakers, patients and other outside groups.

Heart disease is the nation's leading cause of death, and high LDL cholesterol, which causes plaque to build up in arteries, is a top risk factor for heart attacks and strokes. While an LDL level of 100 is considered fine for healthy people, doctors recommend lowering it to at least 70 once people develop high cholesterol or heart disease — and even lower for those at very high risk.

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PHASE 9A
CONTRACT 1-2025

The Village of New Boston (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

CSO Improvements Phase 9A
Contract 1-2025

Electronic Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by OWNER until **August 18, 2026, at 1 P.M.**, local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly downloaded and read aloud via teleconference. The login information for the teleconference is as follows: **(309) 205-3325. Conference ID 932 6150 7221.**

The Project includes the following Work: Installation of an 18-inch force main extension of an existing 12-inch force main, a force main valve vault, two crossings over a concrete flood wall, and two railroad bores.

Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at www.strand.com or at www.questcdn.com. Download the digital Bidding Documents for **$75** by inputting Quest project number 10281100 on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital Project information.

For this Project, Bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the Online Bidding button.

The Issuing Office is Strand Associates, Inc.®, 500 Neil Avenue, Suite 110, Columbus, OH 43215.

All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com or from Strand Associates, Inc.®

Bidders who submit a Bid must be a Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive.

The Bid must be accompanied by Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond for the full amount of the Bid or Bid security made payable to OWNER in an amount of **10%** of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

CONTRACTOR shall pay wages to each laborer and mechanic at a rate not less than the higher of the minimum wages specified in the current wage determination as published by the State of Ohio Department of Commerce or the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Any Contract or Contracts to be awarded are expected to be funded with assistance from the Ohio Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) and is subject to all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), including small, minority, and women-owned business, are encouraged to submit Bids for this project. This procurement is subject to the EPA policy of encouraging the participation of small business in rural areas (SBRA).

Bidders must demonstrate positive efforts to utilize DBEs. Failure to comply could result in disqualification of Bidder and termination of financial assistance or other sanctions. The successful Bidder will be required to conform to the wage requirements prescribed by the federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. All iron and steel products used on the Project shall be produced in the United States and comply with the American Iron and Steel requirements.

Bidders shall comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity as amended.

OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for **150 days** after the time set for receiving Bids.

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Additional funding is provided by Ohio EPAs Strategic Initiative's Fund H2Ohio program.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10 A.M., local time, on July 28, 2026**, at 3800 Rhodes Avenue, New Boston, OH 45662. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

The Strand Associates, Inc.® project manager is Mark A. Steve, P.E. and can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc.® 500 Neil Avenue, Suite 110, Columbus, OH 43215. **(614) 835-0460** regarding the Project.

For all further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and Contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Published by the authority of the Village of New Boston
Steve Hamilton, Administrator

Dated at Village of New Boston, Ohio

PDT: 489153
7-18, 8-1;2026

Scioto County Foreclosure Case# 25 CIF 00113 Scioto Finance, LP vs. Kimmy Seymour, et al. Subject property: 22 Meadowview Ave. Portsmouth, OH 45662 Clay TWP. See www.OhioSheriffSales.com for full info and legal description. Bids will be accepted only through said website. Bidding will open a minimum of 7 days prior to the auction ending on Wednesday, **August 12, 2026 at 11AM.** If the minimum bid is not garnered, a second sale will take place on the same website with no minimum bid on Wednesday, **August 19, 2026 at 11AM.** A deposit of **$10,000** is required for either sale. Purchaser shall be responsible for transfer taxes, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

PDT: 488614
7-18, 25, 8-1;2026

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO

CITIZENS BANK, NA, ETC.

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, ETC., IF ANY, OF JOE BAKER, ETC., ET AL.

DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO. 26 CIE 00127

To the Defendants the unknown spouse, creditors, executors, executrixes, administrators, heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees and/or assigns and their spouses, executors, executrixes, administrators, heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees and/or assigns of Joe Baker, aka Joe Baker, Jr. but whose present residence is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained

Plaintiff has brought this action naming you as a defendant in the above-named Court by filing its Complaint on the **23rd day of July, 2026.**

The object of the Complaint is to foreclose the equity of redemption under a mortgage against the real estate located at 1151 Gilbert Road, Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694. PPN: 01-0711.000

And for a judgment upon a Credit Line Agreement executed to RBS Citizens, NA by Joe Baker, Jr., now deceased, and Defendant Shelby Baker. The relief demanded is a judgment against the subject real estate as to Joe Baker, Jr. and against Defendant Shelby Baker in the amount of $69,411.25 plus interest at the rate of 9.240% per annum from February 5, 2025 and at the rate of 8.990% (variable) per annum from June 8, 2026 until paid, plus late fees, judgment for title costs, costs for protecting the real estate and for court costs, that said mortgage may be foreclosed and the said real estate described herein be sold at Sheriff's Sale and the proceeds of said sale applied to payment of plaintiff's claims; further that Defendants be required to answer setting forth their claims or interests in the subject real estate, if any, or forever be barred from claiming or asserting same; and for such other and further relief to which plaintiff may be entitled. You are required to answer the Complaint within twenty-eight **(28)** days after the last publication of this notice, which will be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, with the last publication to be made on the **19th day of August, 2026.** In case of your failure to answer or otherwise respond as permitted by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure within the time stated, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Jessica M. Bella
Counsel for Plaintiff
405 Madison Avenue, Suite 2200
Toledo, Ohio 43604
Phone: (419) 244-9500

PDT: 496815
8-1, 8, 15;2026

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X)

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") provides notice that on or about August 3, 2026, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board"), Washington, DC, a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments, permitting NSR to abandon rail service over approximately 24.43 miles of rail line extending from near or about milepost CT 80.57 +/- in near or about milepost CT 105.0 +/- (referred to herein as the "Line") in Scioto County, Ohio. The Line traverses United States Postal Zip Code territories 45662, 45652, 45663, 45660, 45671 and 45657. There are no customers served on the Line, which has been out of service for over two years. The related proceedings have been docketed as AB 290 (Sub-No. 422X), respectively.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") generally will prepare an Environmental Assessment ("EA"), which normally will be available 25 days after the filing of the abandonment notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public. Such comments will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to OEA, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423, or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance ("OFA") to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails public use, and OFA) must be filed directly with the Board's Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 (See 49 CFR §§ 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)), and one copy must be served on applicant's representative (See 49 CFR § 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding OFA, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0230. Copies of any comments or requests for specific Board action should be served on the applicant's representative: William A. Mullins, Mullins Law Group, 2001 L Street N.W., Suite 220, Washington, D.C. 20036; phone: 202-663-7823.

PDT-496452
08-01;2026

Public Notice
Zoning Board of Appeals
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 3:00 p.m. 728 Second Street, Room 25, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY **AUGUST 18, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M.** IN THE CITY ENGINEERING OFFICE, 728 SECOND STREET, ROOM 25, PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45662.

Item # 1 Mikaela Messer
Manufactured Home at 2504 Russell Road

Request: Permission for her manufactured home to remain on her property located at 2504 Russell Road within the city limits.

YOU MAY ATTEND THIS HEARING TO EXPRESS YOUR COMMENTS. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AT 740-354-7557.

PDT: 496978
8-1;2026

IN THE MATTER OF:

J.A.M.
d.o.b. 05/24/2026
Alleged Abused/Neglected/Dependent Child

Case Nos. 26AN00045

LEGAL NOTICE

JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN FATHER of J.A.M., whose last known address is UNKNOWN, is hereby notified that on **May 26, 2026**, Scioto County Children Services ("SCCS") filed a Complaint alleging that said child is abused, neglected, and dependent and requesting the temporary emergency custody of said child. The mother of the child is Courtney Winn.

JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN FATHER of J.A.M. is further notified that an adjudication hearing will be held on **August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** and a disposition hearing will be held on **August 19, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.** at the Scioto County Juvenile Court, 602 7th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662 and that he is required to attend.

Any Court action can have an effect on parental rights and responsibilities. AN ADJUDICATION THAT THE CHILD IS AN ABUSED, NEGLECTED, OR DEPENDENT CHILD MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER OF TEMPORARY CUSTODY THAT WILL CAUSE THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILD FROM THEIR LEGAL CUSTODY UNTIL THE COURT TERMINATES THE ORDER OF TEMPORARY CUSTODY OR PERMANENTLY DIVESTS THE PARENTS OF THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Any party is entitled to counsel in all proceedings in Juvenile Court. If a party is indigent, the Court will appoint counsel to provide legal representation upon request thereof. Contact Juvenile Court at (740) 355-8306.

DATED: July 30, 2026

JUDGE REBECCA L. BENNETT
SCIOTO COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
JUVENILE DIVISION

PDT: 497167
8-1;2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Court of Common Pleas of Scioto County, Ohio.

Case No. 26CIE00009,

NEWAMERICAN FUNDING, LLC

VS

JORDAN HUNT AKA JORDAN R. HUNT, ET AL.
DEFENDANTS.

Jordan Hunt aka Jordan R. Hunt and Kaitlyn Hunt, whose last known address was 445 W Sullivan St., Apt. 371, Kingsport, TN 37660, and who cannot be served, will take notice that on **01/22/2026**, Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Money, Foreclosure and other Equitable Relief in the Scioto County Court of Common Pleas, Scioto County, Ohio, Case No. 26CIE00009 against Jordan Hunt aka Jordan R. Hunt, Kaitlyn Hunt and others as Defendants, alleging that, Jordan Hunt aka Jordan R. Hunt is in default for all payments from **June 1, 2025; that on September 22, 2022**, Jordan Hunt aka Jordan R. Hunt executed and delivered a certain Mortgage Deed in which said Defendant agreed, among other things, to pay the Note and to comply with all of the terms of the Mortgage Deed hereinafter described, which Mortgage Deed was filed in the Recorder's Office of Scioto County, Ohio on **September 26, 2022**, recorded in Instrument No. 2022R-6600 that, further, the balance due on the Note is **$155,868.66** with interest at the rate of **5.750000% per annum from June 1, 2025**; that to secure the payment of the Note, executed and delivered a certain Mortgage Deed to and thereby conveying, in fee simple, the following described premises:

Situated in the State of Ohio, in the County of Scioto, and in the City of Lucasville:
Commonly known as 2525 Flatwood Fallen Timber Road, Lucasville, OH 45648 and further alleging that the aforesaid Mortgage is a valid and subsisting first and best lien upon said premises after the lien of the Treasurer, that the Note is in default, whereby the conditions set forth in the Note and Mortgage have been broken, that the Mortgage has become absolute and that Plaintiff is entitled, therefore, to have the Mortgage foreclosed, the premises sold, and the proceeds applied in payment of Plaintiff's claims; that the Defendants, Jordan Hunt aka Jordan R. Hunt and Kaitlyn Hunt, among others, may have or claim to have some interest in or lien upon said premises; that all of the Defendants are required to set forth any claim, lien or interest in or upon the premises that he, she, or it may have or claim to have or be forever barred therefrom; that Plaintiff's Mortgage be declared to be a valid and subsisting first and best lien upon said premises after the lien of the Treasurer, if any. But its Mortgage be foreclosed; that all liens be marshaled; that the equity of redemption of all Defendants be forever cut off, barred, and foreclosed; that upon the sale of said premises the proceeds be paid to Plaintiff to satisfy the amount of its existing lien and the interest, together with its disbursements, advancements, and costs herein expended; and for such other and further relief to which is may be entitled in equity or at law. Defendants are further notified that they are required to answer the Complaint on or before **September 15, 2026** which includes twenty-eight **(28)** days from the last publishing, or judgment may be rendered as prayed for therein.

Submitted by Austin B. Barnes III (0052130)
Sandhu Law Group, LLC, 1213 Prospect Ave.
Suite 300, Cleveland OH, 216-373-1001, Attorney for Plaintiff.

PDT: 495793
8-1, 8, 15;2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A PUBLIC SALE WILL BE HELD BY AUTO NOW ACCEPTANCE CO., LLC D/B/A GLOCKNER FINANCE AT GLOCKNER PLAZA, RT 23 NORTH, PORTSMOUTH, OH ON **MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026 AT NOON.**

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT OR ACCEPT ANY BIDS. THE SALE IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF:

2005 JOHN DEERE GSOJ DOZER

PDT: 494489
8-1;2026

Public Notice - Invitation to Bid: 802 & 804 Chillicothe Street located in PORTSMOUTH, SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO 45662. A mandatory project bid walkthrough will be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**, at 9:00 AM for interested BIDDERS. Proposals must be submitted via email to Tetra Tech no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026.** The Scope of Work is for interior building demolition, with all materials to be disposed of off-site in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. A copy of the Scope of Work Bid Packages can be obtained by emailing **w e s . w i l l i a m s @tetratech.com**

PDT: 496525
8-1, 5, 8;2026

NOW LEASING
2-BEDROOM AVAILABLE NOW (Adults 55+)*

NOW LEASING: Horizon House Apartments
- Amenities: Spacious floor plans, ADA homes available, on-site computer lab, shared community room, laundry facilities, on-site resident services, 24-hour emergency maintenance, secured building, walking distance to grocery, pharmacies and dining, conveniently located in Downtown Portsmouth.
- Monthly Rent: Based on 30% of adjusted annual income.
- Details: Affordable housing community for adults 55+. Apartments consist of studio, one and two bedrooms.

CONTACT US
Horizon House Apartments, 700 2nd St., Portsmouth, OH 45662
P: 740.354.6595 | horizonhouseapts@cpo-rm.com | www.cpo-rm.org
cpo management | OCCH

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
– ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION –
IN SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO

AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X)

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPT ABANDONMENT

EXHIBIT D

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Certificate of Compliance

49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 – Advance Distribution of Environmental and Historic Report

I hereby certify that, on June 3, 2026, a copy of Norfolk Southern Railway Company's Consolidated Environmental and Historic Report for the proposed abandonment encompassed by AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), accompanied by a transmittal letter conforming to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11, was served upon the following entities as prescribed by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (copies of the transmittal letters are also appended hereto as part of Attachment 1):

Mr. Scottie Powell Commissioner – Scioto County 602 Seventh Street – Room 310 Portsmouth, OH 45662	Mark Johnson, Chief Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Surface Water P. O. Box 1049 Columbus, OH 43216-1049
Scioto County Engineering Office 602 Seventh Street – Room 401 Portsmouth, OH 45662	Deborah L. Beck, P.E. Acting Chief Office of Coastal Management Ohio Department of Natural Resources 2514 Cleveland Road East Huron, OH 44839
Harry Kallipolitis, Chief Community Officer Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Southeast District Office 2195 Front Street Logan, OH 43138	Kasey Taylor Regional Conservationist – Northeast Region USDA National Resources Conservation Service 1400 Independence Avenue, SW #5109-S Washington D.C. 20250
Anne Vogel Regional Administrator, Region 5 United States Environmental Protection Agency 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604	John Wilson Ohio State Conservationist 200 North High Street Room 422 Columbus, OH 43215-2469
Bert Frost Regional Director National Park Service 601 Riverfront Drive Omaha, NE 68102-4226	Will Meeks Regional Director, Midwest Region United States Fish and Wildlife Service 5600 American Boulevard West, Suite 990 Bloomington, MN 55437-1458
Communications and Outreach Branch, NOAA, N/NGS12 National Geodetic Survey, SSMC3 #9340 1315 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282	Colonel Jayson Putman United States Army Corps of Engineers Commander, Huntington Regulatory District 502 Eighth Street Huntington, WV 25701

Deirdre Hewitt National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Program Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460
Diana Welling, Director Ohio State Historic Preservation Office 800 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211	Bob Ratcliffe, Chief Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program 1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344 Washington, DC 20240
Jennifer French, Chair Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215	Mayor Charlotte Gordon City Council 728 2nd St, Portsmouth, OH 45662

/s/ William A. Mullins
William A. Mullins
Attorney for Norfolk Southern Railway Company

ATTACHMENT 1

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT INCLUDING SAMPLE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY PROPOSED ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION IN SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO

Environmental and Historic Report

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June 3, 2026 (Originally distributed), Revised August 3, 2026

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
PROPOSED ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION
IN SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO

Environmental and Historic Report

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") submits this DRAFT Environmental and Historic Report pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d), respectively, in connection with NSR's proposed abandonment of approximately 24.43 miles of rail line near or about milepost CT 80.57 +/- and near or about milepost CT 105.0 +/- (the "Line") in Scioto County, Ohio.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(1)

Proposed Action and Alternatives

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

RESPONSE: NSR proposes to abandon approximately 24.43 miles of rail line between the following mileposts: near or about milepost CT 80.57 +/- and near or about milepost CT 105.0 +/- (the "Line") in Scioto County, Ohio.[1] There are fourteen (14) structures (bridges) on the Line.

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[1] The western termination point of the Line is located on the border of Scioto and Adams County in Ohio.

No customers have been served on the Line in over ten years.[2] Following abandonment, the Line's rail and related track material will be salvaged. Salvage will consist of removing the rail, crossties, and railroad appurtenances from the existing roadbed.[3] The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. When the rail and track material are removed, the contractor will smooth the roadbed to a level surface. No ballast will be removed, and no new soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be permitted. Accordingly, NSR believes that no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required. All salvaged steel components will either be reused or sold as scrap. Crossties may be reused in other railroad operations, or they will be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

The alternative to abandonment is to not abandon the Line and retain the track in place. This alternative is not satisfactory. NSR would continue to incur opportunity and other holding costs that would need to be covered by non-existent shippers were the Line to be retained.

A map depicting the Line is attached as **Appendix A**. An example of the letter sent to federal, state and local government agencies along with a list of the consulting agencies NSR has contacted is attached as **Appendix B.** Comments received as a result of NSR's written requests for feedback can be found in **Appendix C.** A listing of the structures on the line is contained in **Appendix D**. Topographical Maps and Color Photographs are included in **Appendix E.**

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(2) Transportation system

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other

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[2] See Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Adams and Scioto Counties, Ohio, AB 290 (Sub No. 373X) (STB served December 3, 2014).

[3] The fourteen (14) structures (bridges) will be left intact and in place.

transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

RESPONSE: Effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns are negligible. There is no rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(3) Land use

(i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

RESPONSE: An outline of future land use plans has been requested from the Scioto County (the "County") Commissioners and the County Engineer, which were asked to comment on the consistency of the proposed abandonment with existing land use plans. A copy of this E&HR was also mailed to the County on June 3, 2026. See Appendix B. In a correspondence received on July 9, 2025, the County Engineer provided a response indicating that the proposed abandonment "fits into the County's long-range plans as long as the abandoned line is a 'Rails to Trails' projects as previously discussed by both Norfolk Southern and Scioto County."[4] The County Engineer further requested advisement of the removal of any existing electrical or communication poles and lines that would run parallel to the Line as a lack of removal of the poles will be a detriment to the County's long-range plans for the Line. Copies of the respective response from the County Engineer is included in **Appendix C**. At the time of this filing, NSR has not received a response from the County Commissioners.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

RESPONSE: The abandonment is not anticipated to have any adverse impact on prime agricultural land. Consultation was requested from the United States Department of Agriculture

[4] As mentioned below, Norfolk Southern and Scioto County are in discussions regarding the Lines use as a trail.

Natural Resources Conservation Service ("USDA NRCS"), as well as the State Conservationist of Ohio, through an initial letter dated June 30, 2025. A copy of this E&HR was also mailed to USDA NRCS on June 3, 2026. See Appendix B.

(iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by Sec. 1105.9.

RESPONSE: Not applicable. Consultation was requested from Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("OH DNR") Office of Coastal Management through an initial letter dated June 30, 2025. A copy of this E&HR was also mailed to the OH DNR on June 3, 2026. See **Appendix B**. In correspondence received on July 7, 2025, OH DNR confirmed, "The project location is not within or near Ohio's designated coastal zone. A Federal Consistency review is not required for this project." A copy of the OH DNR response is included in **Appendix C**.

(iv) If the proposed action is an abandonment state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.

RESPONSE: NSR ownership of the right-of-way underlying the Line proposed for abandonment is mixed, with a combination of mostly fee simple with other parcels held via easement; thus, NSR may have a corridor available for redeployment for alternative public use(s) under 49 U.S.C. § 10905. The Line does not contain any federally granted right-of-way. NSR is actively engaged in discussions with Scioto County regarding the Line's use as a trail.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(4) Energy

(i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.

RESPONSE: Development and transportation of energy resources will not be affected by the abandonment.

(ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

RESPONSE: Movement or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be affected by

the abandonment. There is no rail freight or passenger traffic originating or terminating on the Line.

(iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

RESPONSE: The proposed action will not result in any material impact in overall energy efficiency.

(iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than:
(A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or
(B) An average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

RESPONSE: The diversion of traffic to motor carriers will not exceed the thresholds set forth at 49 CFR §1105.7(e)(4) as no diversions will occur. Accordingly, there is no need to produce data on diverted traffic or to quantify the net change in energy consumption.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(5) Air

(i) If the proposed action will result in either:
(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or
(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or
(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either:
(A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line,
(B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity), or
(C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(6) Noise

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause:

(i) An incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or

(ii) An increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater.

If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

RESPONSE: The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(7) Safety

(i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

RESPONSE: Abandonment of the Line will have no adverse impact on public health and safety.

(ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

(iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

RESPONSE: NSR has no knowledge of hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way or in adjacent areas.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(8) Biological Resources

(i) Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.

RESPONSE: NSR requested input from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") to ascertain any impacts to surrounding habitats and species via an initial letter sent on June 30, 2025. In correspondence received on July 14, 2025, via email, the USFWS stated they had no comment on the project. A copy of this E&HR was also mailed to the USFWS on June 3, 2026. A copy of the correspondence from USFWS is included in Appendix C.

(ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

RESPONSE: The Line does appear to pass through Scioto Brush Creek State Nature Preserve; however, no adverse effects on wildlife sanctuaries, national parks or forests, or state parks or forests are anticipated. Consultation from the U.S. National Parks Service has been requested to confirm via an initial letter sent on June 30, 2025. A copy of this E&HR was also mailed to the U.S. National Parks Service on June 3, 2026.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(9) Water

(i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

RESPONSE: The abandonment is consistent with applicable water quality standards. The proposed action will not remove or alter the contour of the roadbed underlying the Line to be abandoned by way of excavation or other ground-disturbance activity. Accordingly, no soils will be disturbed as a result of the proposed abandonment, and no storm water mitigation measures –

including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required. There are no plans to undertake in-stream work, or dredge and/or use any fill materials in connection with the proposed abandonment, so, for this reason also, the proposed abandonment will not result in water quality impacts.

Consultation was requested from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") via an initial letter dated June 30, 2025. In its July 15, 2025, response, the Ohio EPA confirmed, "[t]he Division of Surface Water (DSW) has reviewed the proposed action and determined it is consistent with Federal and State water quality standards." A copy of this E&HR was also mailed to the Ohio EPA on June 3, 2026. A copy of the response from Ohio EPA is included in Appendix C.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

RESPONSE: No discernible effects on either 100-year flood plains or adjacent wetlands are expected in connection with the proposed abandonment. The geometry of the roadbed will not be altered, and no in-stream work is contemplated. Consultation was requested from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") on June 30, 2025. At the time of this filing, NSR has not received a response from the USACE. A copy of this E&HR was also mailed to USACE on June 3, 2026.

(iii) State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action.

RESPONSE: The proposed action will not remove or alter the roadbed underlying the Line to be abandoned, to undertake in-stream work or to dredge or use any fill materials. There will be no excavation or other ground-disturbance activity, and, because no soils will be disturbed, no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination

System permit – will be required. NSR anticipates that the abandonment will not affect water quality and that additional permitting under Section 402 will not be required.

NSR requested input from OH DNR and the Ohio EPA. In the same correspondence received from the Ohio EPA on July 15, 2025, Ohio EPA confirmed that a permit will not be required for this project. A copy of the response from Ohio EPA is included in **Appendix C**.

49 CFR 1105.7(e)(10) Proposed Mitigation

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

RESPONSE: Abandonment of the Line is not expected to produce adverse environmental impacts for the reasons set forth above. Only minimal physical activity may occur as a result of the proposed abandonment, such as removal of rail, crossties, and other railroad appurtenances. NSR will undertake all reasonable mitigation associated with these activities as directed by the Board to assure the abandonment does not produce adverse environmental impacts.

HISTORIC REPORT

49 CFR 1105.8(d)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

NSR proposes to abandon and over approximately 24.43 miles of rail line between the following mileposts: near or about milepost CT 80.57 +/- and near or about milepost CT 105.0 +/- (the "Line") in Scioto County, Ohio. There are fourteen (14) structures (bridges) on the Line.

No customers have been served on the Line in over ten (10) years.[5] Following abandonment, the rail and related track material will be salvaged. Salvage will consist of removing the rail and track material from the existing roadbed. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. When the rail and track material are removed, the contractor will smooth the roadbed to a level surface. No ballast will be removed, and no new soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be permitted. Accordingly, NSR believes that no storm water mitigation measures – including, but not limited to, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit – will be required. All salvaged steel components will either be reused or sold as scrap. Crossties may be reused in other railroad operations, or they will be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The alternative to abandonment is to not abandon the Line and retain the track in place. This alternative is not satisfactory. NSR would continue to incur opportunity and other holding costs that would need to be covered by non-existent shippers were the Line to be retained.

A map depicting the Line proposed for abandonment is attached in **Appendix A**.

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[5] See Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Adams and Scioto Counties, Ohio, AB 290 (Sub No. 373X) (STB served December 3, 2014).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(1) **U.S.G.S. Topographic Map** – U.S.G.S. topographic maps depicting the location of the proposed abandonment are attached **Appendix E.** These topographic maps were furnished to the State of Ohio State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO"), also known as the Ohio History Connection ("OHC") as part of a complete copy of this report on June 3, 2026.

(2) **Written Description of Right of Way** – The right-of-way width varies along the corridor, but it is generally 100 feet wide along the main track centerline (50 feet from centerline each side). The right-of-way is in Scioto County, Ohio. Pursuant to Surface Transportation Board policy, the railroad right-of-way will constitute the Area of Potential Effect ("APE") for this undertaking.

(3) **Photographs** – There are fourteen (14) structures, all bridges, on the Line. Photographs of the structures are included in **Appendix E.**

(4) **Date of Construction of Structures** – As stated in Appendix D, the fourteen (14) structures (bridges) were constructed between the early 1900's through to 1989. A bridge list is attached as **Appendix D.**

(5) **History of Operations and Changes Contemplated** – The Line proposed for abandonment is near or about milepost CT 80.57 +/- and near or about milepost CT 105.0 +/- in Scioto County, Ohio.

The Line was originally part of the construction plans for the Cincinnati, Batavia, and Williamsburg Railroad Company, which was founded in 1876 to connect the cities of Cincinnati, Ohio and Williamsburg, Ohio.[6] In the same year, the name of the line was changed to the

[6] Pierce Township, Great Bradbury Road Trainwreck of 1885, https://piercetownship.org/history/great-bradbury-road-trainwreck-of-1885/; Ron Hill, Bicentennial Batavia's Railroads: Norfolk and Western,

Cincinnati & Eastern Railroad ("C&E"), which ultimately led to the change in the line's terminus location to Portsmouth, Ohio.[7] Construction of the main line was completed in 1884; however, C&E opened sections of the line upon their competition beginning in 1877.[8] C&E's mainline consisted of 102 miles of single-track, narrow-gauge railroad that connected Idlewild, Ohio to Portsmouth, Ohio, as well as 15 miles of branch line connecting the Richmond Junction to New Richmond, Ohio.[9] The Cincinnati & Eastern Railroad operated until 1887 when it was sold at foreclosure auction to the Ohio and North Western Railroad Company ("O&NW").[10] O&NW was incorporated in 1886 and purchased the main line of C&E at foreclosure sale on January 5, 1887.[11] After acquiring the line, O&NW changed the line from narrow to standard gauge and constructed a 5.50 mile extension of the line connecting Portsmouth to Sciotoville, Ohio.[12] O&NW operated until 1890, until it succumbed to foreclosure and was ultimately acquired by the Investment Company of Philadelphia, and was reorganized as the Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Virginia Railroad Company.[13] The Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Virginia Railroad Company ultimately merged with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company ("N&W") in 1901 and operated under N&W until 1982, when N&W merged with the Southern Railway Company to form Norfolk Southern Railway.

Feb. 13, 2014, https://www.clermontsun.com/2014/02/13/bicentennial-batavia%E2%80%99s-railroads-norfolk-and-western 26 I.C.C. Valuation Rep. 1, 306 (1929).

[7] Id.

[8] 26 I.C.C. Valuation Rep. 1, 374 (1929).

[9] Id.

[10] Id. at 372.

[11] Id. The 15 miles of C&E's branch line was purchased by other parties and subsequently abandoned.

[12] Id.

[13] 26 I.C.C. Valuation Rep. 1, 305 (1929)

(6) Summary of Documents In Carrier's Possession That Might Be Useful for Documenting a Structure That Is Found To Be Historic – While plans may be available for the fourteen (14) structures (bridges) on the Line, it is most likely that any such plans are standard plans used for the construction of similar structures on the dates of construction.

(7) Opinion Regarding Criteria For Listing In The National Register Of Historic Places Based on available information, none of the 14 structures (bridges), either individually or collectively, nor the Line itself, meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Further, NSR has no reason to believe that archaeological resources or historic properties are present within the Line proposed for abandonment.

(8) Subsurface Ground Conditions That Might Affect Archaeological Recovery The railroad is not aware of any prior subsurface ground disturbances or environmental conditions that would affect archaeological recovery. Moreover, abandonment of the Line and salvage of material from its surface will not affect any potential archaeological resources. The subsurface of the right-of-way was originally disturbed in the construction of the Line by grading and filling. Abandonment and salvage of the Line will not result in activities below the surface, or below the level of initial disturbance.

(9) Follow-Up Information – Additional information will be provided as appropriate.

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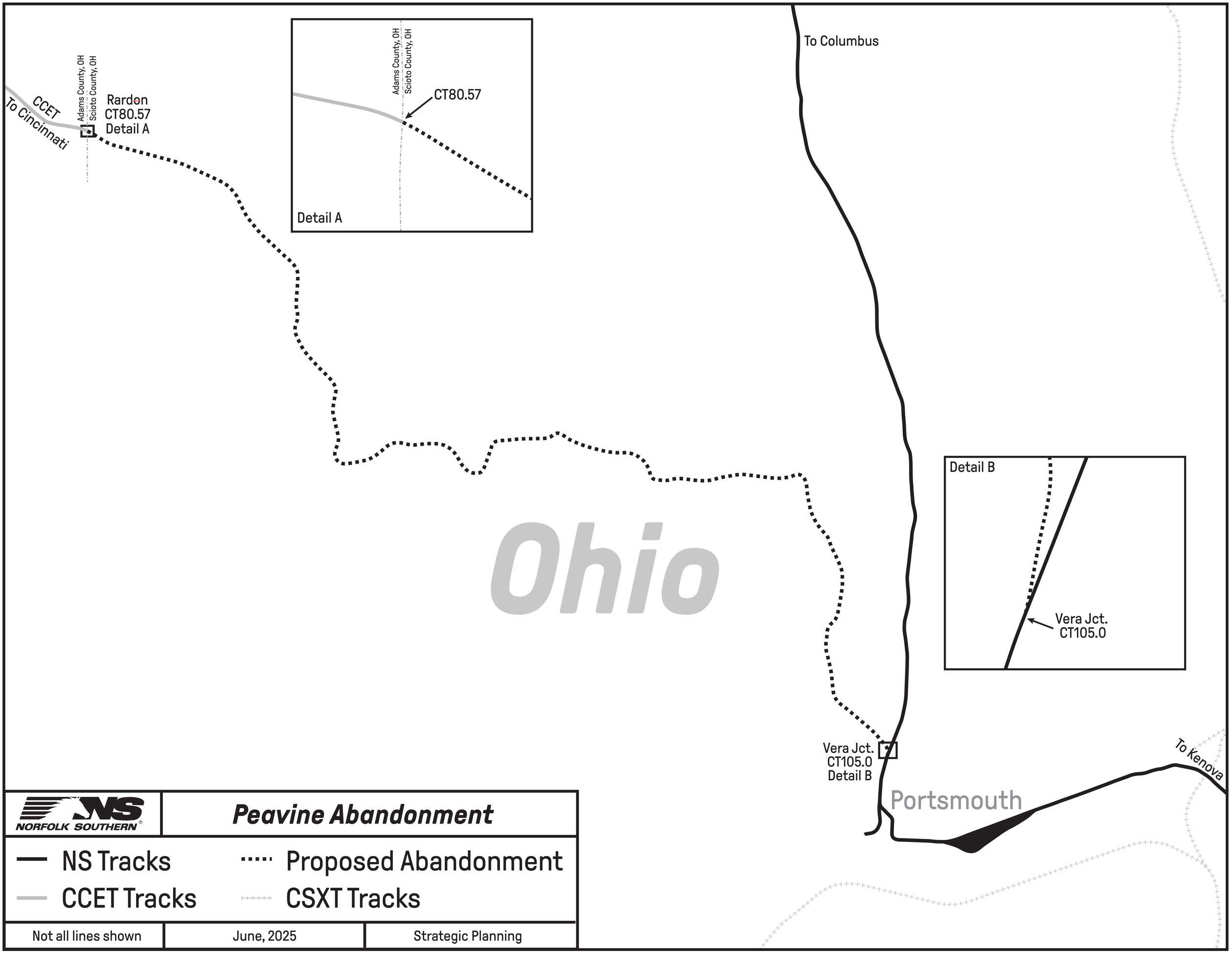
Map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CT105.0
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NORFOLK SOUTHERN
Peavine Abandonment
NS Tracks
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Not all lines shown
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Sample Consultation Letter & Recipient List

Norfolk Southern Corporation
650 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

Scott Plum
Director – Strategic Planning
470 463 6627
scott.plum@nscorp.com

June XX, 2026

[ENTITY}

RE: AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – Scioto County in Ohio

[GREETING]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Norfolk Southern") is considering the abandonment of its railroad line from Milepost CT 80.57 +/-, near the Scioto County/Adams County Line in Ohio, to Milepost CT 105.0 +/- near Portsmouth Ohio, OH ("Line"). A map is included with this letter depicting the area under consideration.

Following abandonment, the Line's rail and related track material will be salvaged. Salvage will consist of removing the rail and track material from the existing roadbed. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. When the rail and track material are removed, the contractor will smooth the roadbed to a level surface. No ballast will be removed and no new soil disturbance will occur (and, accordingly, no National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will be required). No digging or burying of any kind will be permitted. All salvaged steel components will either be reused or sold as scrap. Crossties may be reused in other railroad operations or they will be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Should Norfolk Southern abandon the rail segment, the authorization of the Surface Transportation Board is required. In addition, Federal Regulation 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(3)(i) requires Norfolk Southern to address the following statement:

(i) "Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies."

Your consideration of our proposed action in conjunction with Scioto County's long-range plans would be appreciated. Please provide comments on how an abandonment of this particular rail segment would interact with such plans, and if possible, provide a planning map.

As information, Norfolk Southern is in discussions with an entity regarding the future of this Line as a trail.

Your response and questions can be directed to me by phone, email, or regular mail:

Best regards,

Scott D. Plum

Attachment

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[ENTITY}

RE: AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – Scioto County in Ohio

[GREETING]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("Norfolk Southern") plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") to abandon approximately 24.43 miles of its railroad line from Milepost CT 80.57 +/-, near the Scioto County/Adams County Line in Ohio, to Milepost CT 105.0 +/- near Portsmouth Ohio, OH ("Line"). A map is included with this letter depicting the area under consideration. The Line is entirely within United States Zip Codes 45662, 45652, 45663, 45660, 45671 and 45657. In accordance with procedures set forth in 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and 1105.8, AGS is required to submit the following consolidated Environmental and Historic Report ("E&HR" or "Report").

Enclosed is the E&HR, which describes the proposed abandonment and other pertinent information. A map of the proposed track abandonment can be found in **Appendix A** of this report. **Appendix B** of this report lists the various agencies receiving it. **Appendix C** of this report lists various agency responses NSR has received. **Appendix D** of this Report provides a list of structures (bridges) on the Line. Topographical Maps and Color Photographs are included in **Appendix E.**

NSR does not anticipate adverse environmental impacts as NSR will not disturb the existing roadbed during its salvage operations; however, if you identify any adverse environmental effects, please describe the actions that would assist in alleviating them. Please provide us with a written response indicating any concerns or lack thereof, which will be included in the Report and sent to the STB.

This Report is being provided so that you may submit information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of the proceeding. If you believe any of the information is incorrect, if you think pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's Environmental Review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) by telephone at (202) 245-0245 or by mail to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Room 1106, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, and refer to AB 290 (Sub-No. 422X).

Questions regarding the abandonment process generally, offers of financial assistance, and/or public use or trail use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0230. Based on information in our possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. However, any documentation in Norfolk Southern's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. Please refer to the above Docket when contacting the STB. Applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action. For this reason, your written comments (with a copy to us) would be appreciated within three weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. In order for us to consider your input prior to filing with the STB, AGS must receive your comments within three weeks. Please provide information to Norfolk Southern's counsel by email: wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net; or by telephone: (202) 663-7823 or by mail at: MULLINS LAW GROUP PLLC, ATTN: WILLIAM A. MULLINS, 2001 L St., N.W., Suite 720 Washington, D.C. 20036. If I am not available, you may also contact Spencer M. Naake, who can be reached at (202) 663-7829 or by e-mail at snaake@mullinslawgroup.net.

Best regards,

/s/ *William A. Mullins*

William A. Mullins

Attachment

RECIPIENT LIST

Proposed Rail Line Abandonment on Norfolk Southern Railway Company's rail line segment between CT 80.57+/- and CT 105.0 +/- in Scioto County, Ohio, a distance of approximately 24.43 miles.

Mr. Scottie Powell Commissioner – Scioto County 602 Seventh Street – Room 310 Portsmouth, OH 45662	Mark Johnson, Chief Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Surface Water P. O. Box 1049 Columbus, OH 43216-1049
Scioto County Engineering Office 602 Seventh Street – Room 401 Portsmouth, OH 45662	Deborah L. Beck, P.E. Acting Chief Office of Coastal Management Ohio Department of Natural Resources 2514 Cleveland Road East Huron, OH 44839
Harry Kallipolitis, Chief Community Officer Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Southeast District Office 2195 Front Street Logan, OH 43138	Kasey Taylor Regional Conservationist – Northeast Region USDA National Resources Conservation Service 1400 Independence Avenue, SW #5109-S Washington D.C. 20250
Anne Vogel Regional Administrator, Region 5 United States Environmental Protection Agency 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604	John Wilson Ohio State Conservationist 200 North High Street Room 422 Columbus, OH 43215-2469
Bert Frost Regional Director National Park Service 601 Riverfront Drive Omaha, NE 68102-4226	Will Meeks Regional Director, Midwest Region United States Fish and Wildlife Service 5600 American Boulevard West, Suite 990 Bloomington, MN 55437-1458
Communications and Outreach Branch, NOAA, N/NGS12 National Geodetic Survey, SSMC3 #9340 1315 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282	Colonel Jayson Putman United States Army Corps of Engineers Commander, Huntington Regulatory District 502 Eighth Street Huntington, WV 25701
Deirdre Hewitt National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Program Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building 100 Alabama Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

Diana Welling, Director Ohio State Historic Preservation Office 800 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211	Bob Ratcliffe, Chief Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program 1849 C. Street NW, Room 1344 Washington, DC 20240
Jennifer French, Chair Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215	Mayor Charlotte Gordon City Council 728 2nd St, Portsmouth, OH 45662

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Agency Comments/Responses

From: Steve.Holland@dnr.ohio.gov
To: Plum, Scott D.
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Abandonment - Scioto County in Ohio
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025 2:56:28 PM

Hello Scott,

I was forwarded the letter sent to Acting Chief Debi Beck regarding the above-referenced railway abandonment project. The project location is not within or near Ohio's designated coastal zone. A Federal Consistency review is not required for this project.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven J. Holland, MPA
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OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

From:	Ohio, FW3
To:	Plum, Scott D.
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] AB-290 Norfolk Southern Railway Abandonment, Scioto County, OH
Date:	Monday, July 14, 2025 9:08:11 AM
Attachments:	Document_250707_131035.pdf

Scott,
The US Fish and Wildlife Service has no comment on this project.
Sincerely,

Megan Seymour
Wildlife Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ohio Ecological Services Field Office
4625 Morse Rd., Suite 104
Columbus, OH 43230
380-265-1568

From: Thewis, Kevin A <kevin_thewis@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:02 PM
To: Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov>
Subject: RO mail item

Hello,
Please see attached mail item that arrived to the Regional Director's Office.
FYI

Thank you,

Kevin Thewis
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SCIOTO COUNTY ENGINEER

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sciotocountyengineer.org

July 9, 2025

Norfolk Southern Corporation
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Attention: Scott Plum, Director
Strategic Planning – Box 7

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL: scott.plum@nscorp.com

Subject: AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), NS Abandonment – Scioto County in Ohio
County Engineer Comments concerning Peavine Abandonment

Dear Mr. Plum:

Thank you for requesting our comments concerning the abandonment of the Peavine Line and its impact on Scioto County's long range plans. Please be advised of the following comments and concerns:

1. Abandonment of the Peavine Line fits into Scioto County's long range plans as long as the abandoned line is a "Rails to Trails" project as previously discussed by both Norfolk Southern and the Scioto County Commissioners and that the abandoned line will be "railbanked" for preservation of the rail corridor.
2. Please advise concerning the removal of any existing electric/communication poles and lines that run parallel to the tracks. Pole/line removal is not listed as an activity in the abandonment description. Lack of removal of these poles/lines will be a detriment to Scioto County's long range plans.

Thank you again for requesting our comments. Please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Darren LeBrun, PE, PS
Scioto County Engineer

cc: Scottie Powell, Scioto County Commissioner - Chairman
Shane Tieman, Scioto County Prosecutor
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From Steve.Holland@dnr.ohio.gov <Steve.Holland@dnr.ohio.gov>
Date Mon 7/7/2025 2:56 PM
To Plum, Scott D. <Scott.Plum@nscorp.com>

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[EXTERNAL] AB-290 Sub 422x

From Baker, Steven - FPAC-NRCS, OH <steven.baker@usda.gov>
Date Fri 7/11/2025 10:56 AM
To Plum, Scott D. <Scott.Plum@nscorp.com>

Hi Scott,

This project requires no coordination with FPPA. No anticipated impact to prime farmlands.

Thank you,

Steven Baker

State Soil Scientist
NRCS | OH

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Natural Resources Conservation Service
200 N. High St, Rm. 522 , Columbus, OH, 43215

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RE: General Correspondence
Site Assessment
Scioto County

Dear Mr. Plum:

This letter is in response to your June 30, 2025, request for input regarding Norfolk Southern abandonment of the railroad line near the Scioto County/Adams County Line. After reviewing the information provided in your request, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office identified the following compliance or permitting concerns associated with the proposed project.

- The Division of Air Pollution Control noted that the dust emissions generated by the project activities should be controlled in a manner that prevents the dust emissions from causing a nuisance condition and that open burning of the demolition debris or scrap construction materials from the project is strictly prohibited pursuant to OAC rule 3745-19.

- The Division of Surface Water (DSW) has reviewed the proposed action and determined it is consistent with Federal and State water quality standards.
- The proposed action will not require permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1342.

- The Division of Materials and Waste Management noted that any solid waste and construction and demolition debris generated by the improvement project should be properly disposed of at a licensed municipal solid waste landfill or construction and demolition debris facility, respectively. A list of licensed facilities is available on the division's website: www.epa.ohio.gov/dmwm. The Division of Materials and Waste Management encourages responsible recycling and beneficial reuse of materials.

- The Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization has no comments.

- The Division of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention has no comments.

- The Division of Drinking and Ground Waters has no comments.

I would also like to thank you for the opportunity to comment. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (740) 380-5239.

Sincerely,

Harry Kallipolitis, Chief
Southeast District Office

HK/cs

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Bridge List

Milepost	Crossing	Bridge Type	Deck Construction	Length in Feet	Height in Feet	Date Constructed
CT 81.72	Rarden Creek	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	146.25	13.0	Early 1900's
CT 82.06	Jessie Run	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	36.0	6.0	1902
CT 84.14	Thompson Run	Concrete Slab	Ballast Deck	12.0	5.0	1928
CT 84.72	Road	Thru Plate Girder	Open Deck	96.0	12.0	1902
CT 87.37	Bloody Run	Steel Beam	Ballast Deck	23.67	9.0	1989
CT 88.07	Waterway	Steel Beam	Ballast Deck	34.74	6.0	1906
CT 90.80	St. Rte. 73	Concrete Slab	Ballast Deck	13.0	10.0	1928
CT 92.60	Scioto Brush Cr.	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	259.62	36.0	Early 1900's
CT 94.37	Wrights Run	Concrete Slab	Ballast Deck	13.67	17.0	1927
CT 94.60	Scioto Brush Cr.	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	211.49	53.0	1906
CT 96.41	Scioto Brush Cr.	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	270.96	54.0	1897
CT 102.32	Pond Cr.	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	180.12	16.0	1941
CT 104.28	Dry Run	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	133.0	34.0	1899
CT 104.52	Scioto River	Deck Plate Girder	Open Deck	2164.13	39.0	1904

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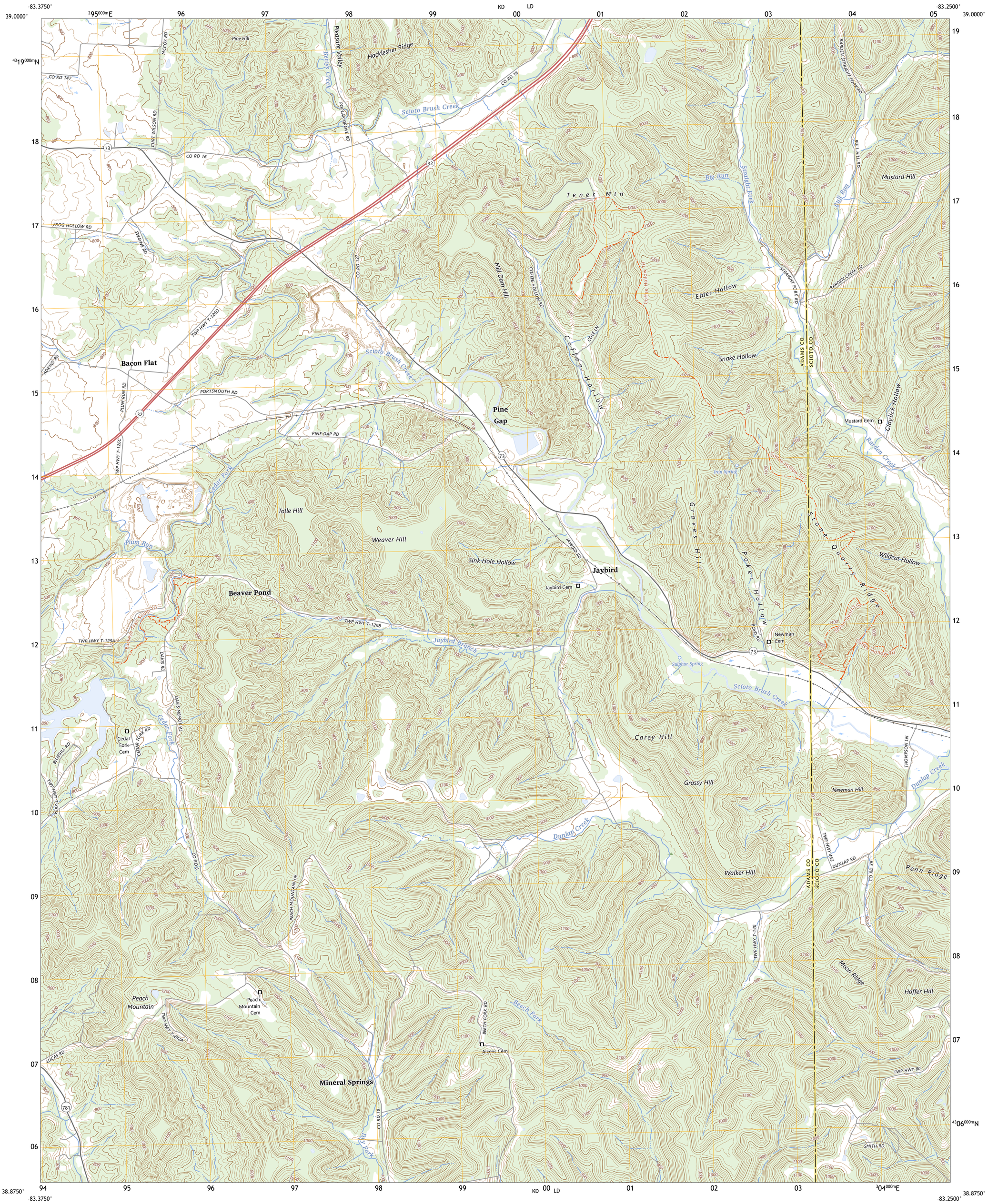

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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ADJOINING QUADRANGLES
1 Sinking Spring
2 Byington
3 Latham
4 Peebles
5 Rarden
6 Lynx
7 Blue Creek
8 Otway

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Expressway
Secondary Hwy
Ramp
Local Connector
Local Road
4WD
Interstate Route
US Route
State Route

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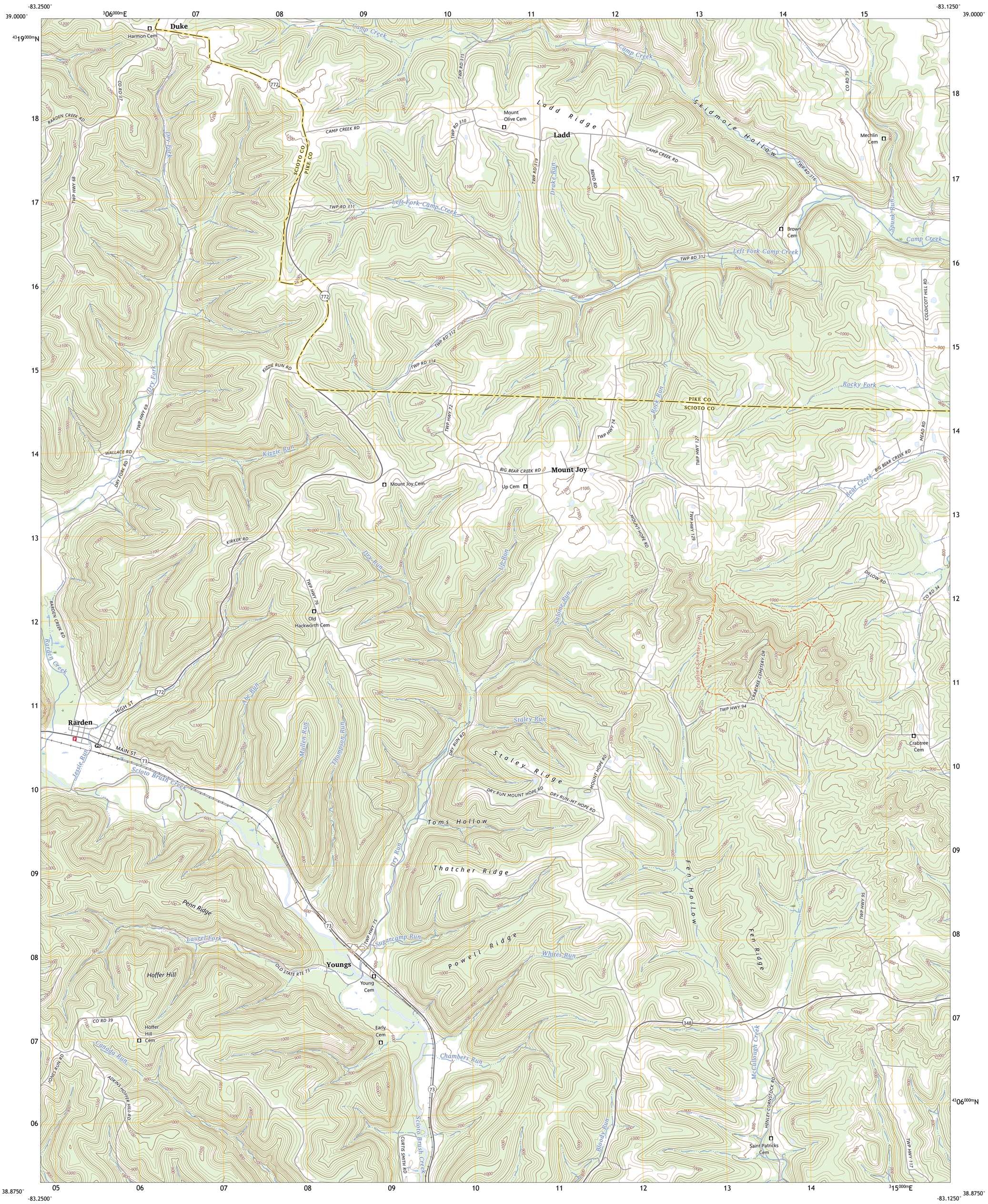

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ADJOINING QUADRANGLES
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2 Latham
3 Piketon
4 Jaybird
5 Wakefield
6 Blue Creek
7 Otway
8 West Portsmouth

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Expressway
Secondary Hwy
Ramp
Local Connector
Local Road
4WD
Interstate Route
US Route
State Route

RARDEN, OH
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NSN. 7643016387916
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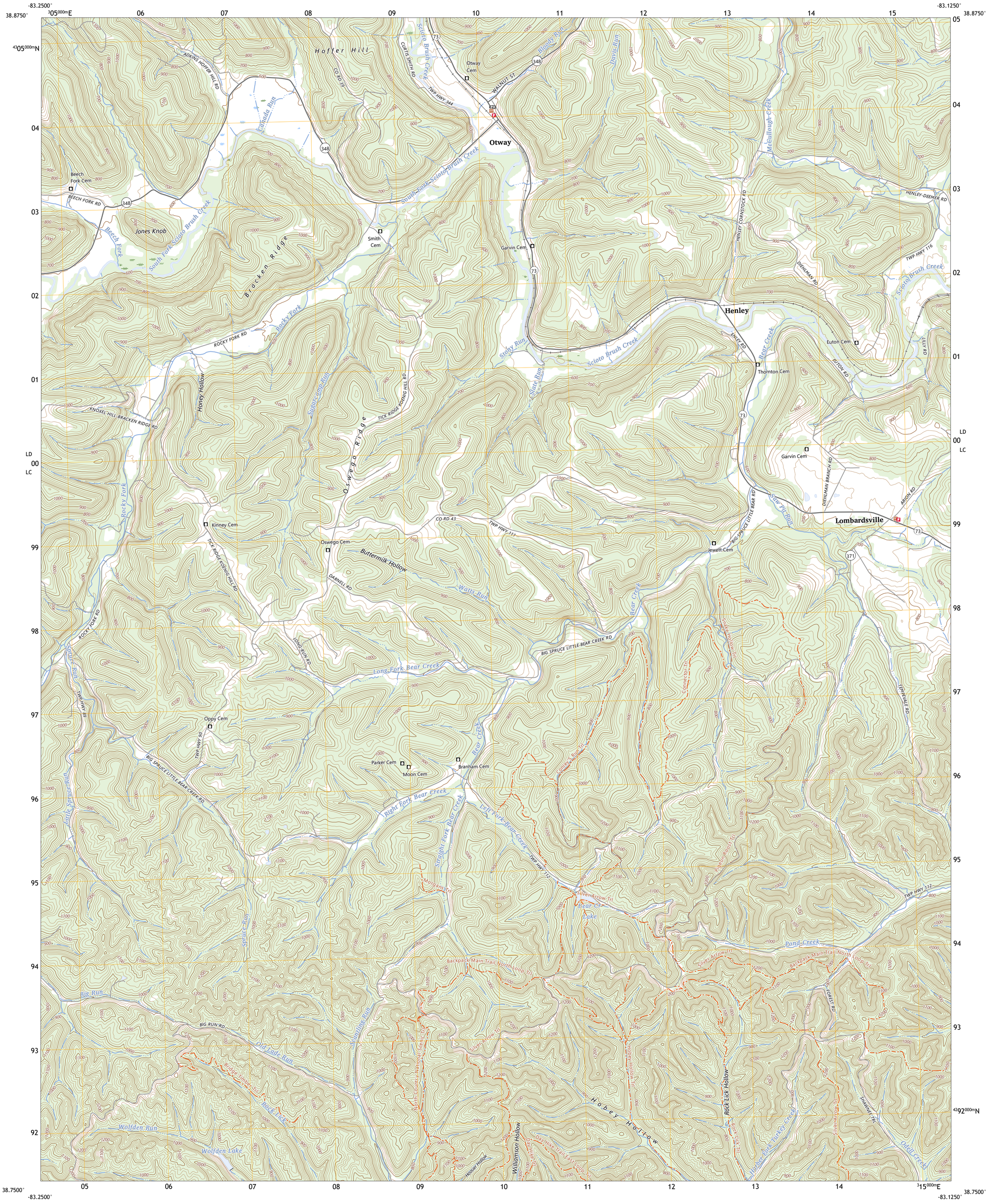

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OHIO
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1	2	3
4		5
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ADJOINING QUADRANGLES

1 Jaybird
2 Rarden
3 Wakefield
4 Blue Creek
5 West Portsmouth
6 Buena Vista
7 Pond Run
8 Friendship

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Expressway
Secondary Hwy
Ramp
Local Connector
Local Road
4WD
Interstate Route
US Route
State Route

OTWAY, OH
2023

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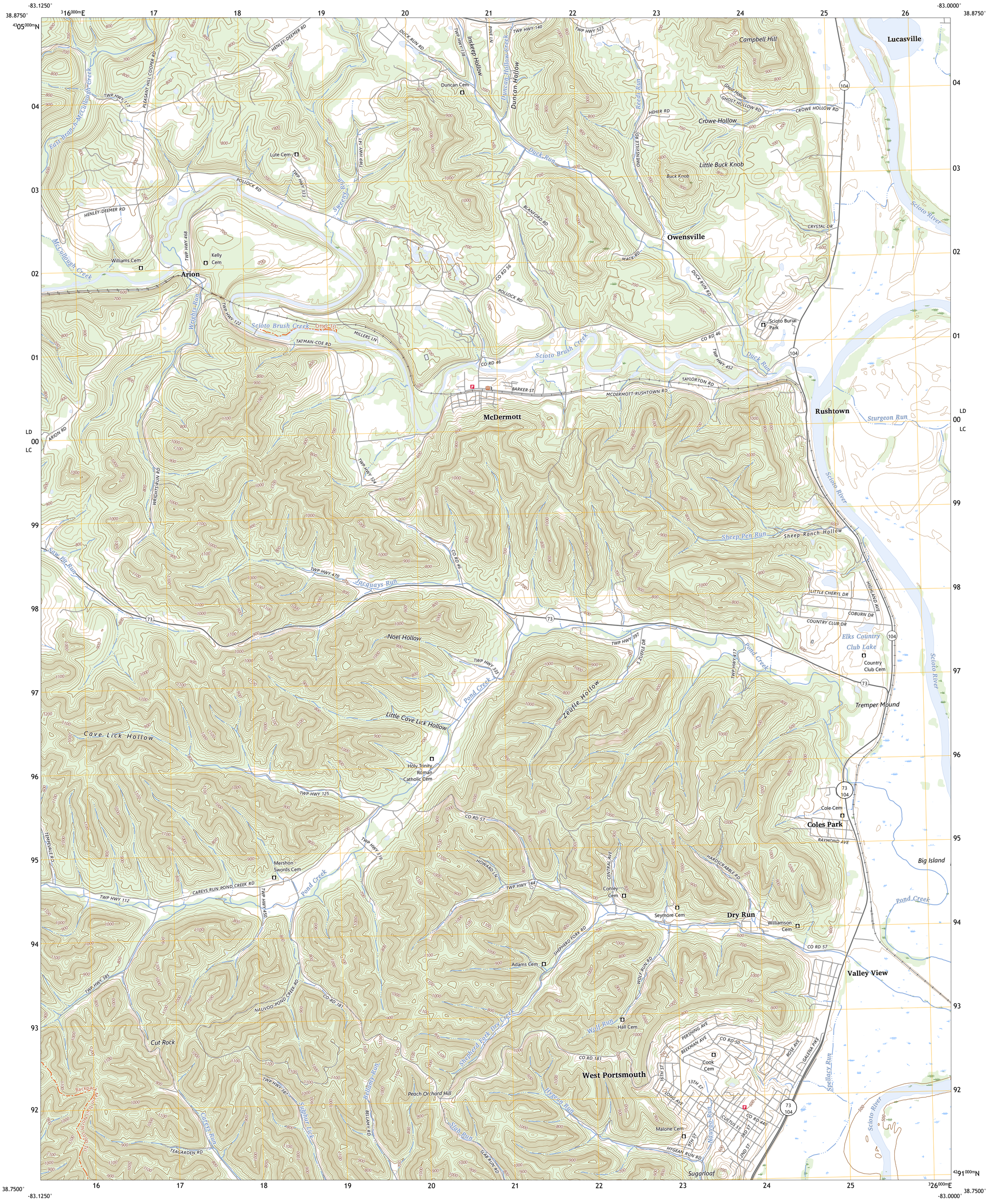

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23 MILS

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OHIO
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1	2	3
4		5
6	7	8

1 Rarden
2 Wakefield
3 Lucasville
4 Otway
5 New Boston
6 Pond Run
7 Friendship
8 Portsmouth

ADJOINING QUADRANGLES

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Expressway
Secondary Hwy
Ramp
Local Connector
Local Road
4WD
Interstate Route
US Route
State Route

WEST PORTSMOUTH, OH
2023

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OHIO - KENTUCKY
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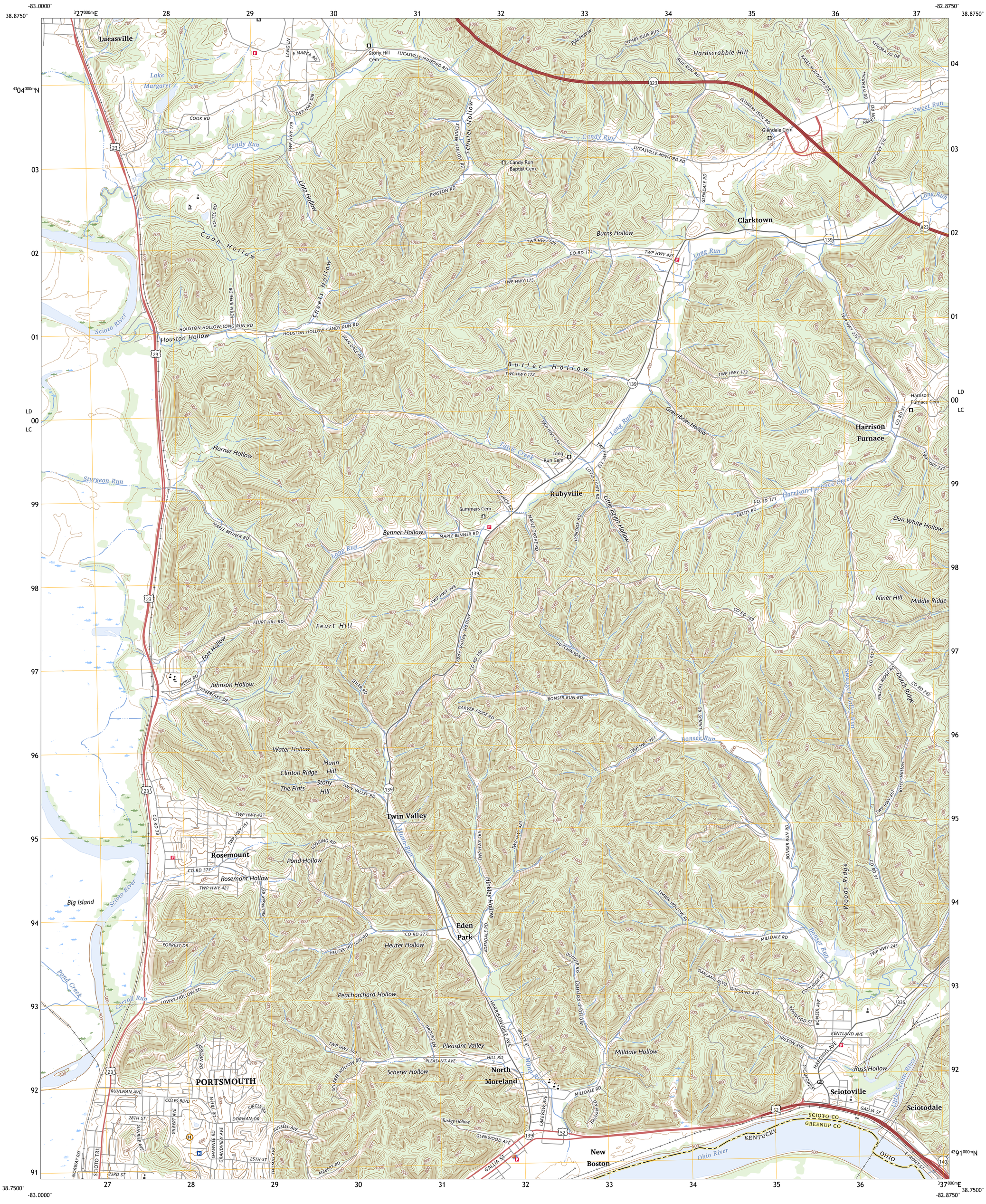

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7°4'
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NEW BOSTON, OH, KY
2023

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CONSULTING AGENCY RESPONSES TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT (POST-CIRCULATION)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, HUNTINGTON DISTRICT
502 8TH STREET
HUNTINGTON, WV 25701-2018

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

June 22, 2026

Office of Counsel

RE: AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – Scioto County, OH

Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20434-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the comments, and response to consolidated Environmental and Historical report (E&HR), of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntington District, regarding the docket AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X).

Based on the information provided to the Huntington District by NSRC's Counsel, and the text of the draft E&HR, "no in-stream work is contemplated" for the proposed abandonment and salvage of rail and railroad ties from the roadbed. Such work would not involve a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States and thus would not require a USACE Section 404 Clean Water Act authorization.

The track segment proposed for abandonment and salvage crosses the Scioto River at various points. The Scioto River is a navigable water regulated by Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899 (Section 10). Section 10 prohibits the unauthorized obstruction or alteration of any navigable water of the United States. 33 USC § 403. Permits are required under Section 10 for "the construction of any structure in *or over* any navigable water of the United States, the excavating from or depositing material in such waters, or the accomplishment of any other work affecting the course, location, or capacity of such waters." 33 CFR § 320.2(b) (emphasis added). Completing the abandonment and salvage with "no in-stream" work, or other work that does not affect the course, location, or capacity of the Scioto River, would not require a Section 10 permit based on the information provided.

However, to the extent the salvage plans of NSRC or its contractor do include work in waters of the United States or the Scioto River, the Regulatory Division of the Huntington District should be consulted for the potential need for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or or a Section 10 of the

Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Any inquiries regarding the potential need for USACE Regulatory permits in the Huntington District should be addressed to:

Teresa Spagna
Chief, North Branch
U.S. Army Engineer District Huntington
502 8th Street
Huntington, WV 25701
teresa.d.spagna@usace.army.mil

I am the point of contact for this correspondence and can be reached at (304)399-5886, and paul.j.loftus@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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District Counsel

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June 29, 2026

Transmitted Electronically
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Re: AB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – Scioto County

Dear Mr. Mullins:

This letter is in response to your June 3, 2026, letter regarding the proposal of abandonment of Norfolk Southern's railroad line from Milepost CT 80.57 +/-, near the Scioto County/Adams County Line in Ohio, to Milepost CT 105.0 +/- near Portsmouth Ohio, OH ("Line"). Your letter described the abandonment project to consist of the following:

"Following abandonment, the Line's rail and related track material will be salvaged. Salvage will consist of removing the rail, crossties and railroad appurtenances from the existing roadbed. The contour of the existing roadbed will remain as is, and existing drainage systems will remain intact. When the rail and track material are removed, the contractor will smooth the roadbed to a level surface. No ballast will be removed, and no new soil disturbance will occur. No digging or burying of any kind will be permitted. All salvaged steel components will either be reused or sold as scrap. Crossties may be reused in other railroad operations, or they will be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations."

Based on your description of this proposed project, Ohio EPA agrees that a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit will not be required for this project. Please note that if any soil disturbing/fill activities are needed for access roads or equipment/material staging areas then permitting may be required. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact me at Jason.Fyffe@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 728-1793.

Sincerely,

Jason R. Fyffe, Manager
Stormwater Section
Division of Surface Water

ec: Ashley Ward, P.E., Assistant Chief, DSW

In reply, please refer to:
2026-SCI-68558

July 21, 2026

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RE: **ATB-290 (Sub-No. 422X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment**
Scioto County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Mullins,

This letter is in response to correspondence received on June 8, 2026, with additional information received on June 22, 2026 and July 17, 2026. The comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are made in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the associated regulations at 36 CFR Part 800 and Ohio Revised Code 149.53. The SHPO appreciates the opportunity to comment on the undertaking.

The proposed undertaking involves abandonment of 24.43 miles of railroad line from Milepost CT 80.57 +/-, near the Scioto County/Adams County Line in Ohio, to Milepost CT 105.0 +/- near Portsmouth Ohio, OH. On July 14, 2026, the SHPO office received additional information from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding this project. ODOT stated that the proposed undertaking involves donating a portion of the rail line to Scioto County. The county will assume ownership of the rail corridor and convert it, along with its associated bridges, into a bike path. The bridges will not be removed or altered, except for the removal of the rail lines and ties. If removing the ties would compromise the structural integrity of a bridge, the ties will remain in place.

Based on the information received, the SHPO requires more information, specifically on the deck plate girder bridge located at milepost CT 104.52, in order to make a final determination of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, it is SHPO's opinion that the proposed work should not impact the significance or integrity of the property in a way that would alter its potential National Register eligibility. Therefore, it is the opinion of the SHPO that the proposed work will have **No Effect** on historic properties. No further coordination with this office is necessary, unless there is a change in the proposed project.

If you have any questions, please contact Miranda Fisher at mfisher@ohiohistory.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Miranda Fisher
Architecture Transportation Reviews Manager, Resource Protection and Review
State Historic Preservation Office

RPR Serial No: 1114900

Outlook

Fw: AB-290 (Sub-No 422x)

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Thank you,

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State Soil Scientist
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