



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Craig W. Butler, Director

March 31, 2021

Steve Wilson, Project Manager
Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
1464 Pinehurst Drive
Defiance, Ohio 43512

Re: Blanchard River Flood Reduction
Director's Authorization
Approval
Scrap Tires
Hancock County
ST023094

**Subject: Hancock County Flood Risk Reduction Program, Hancock County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-513**

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On July 27, 2018, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Materials and Waste Management (DMWM), Northwest District Office (NWDO) received a request (including drawings), dated July 11, 2018, titled "Hancock County Flood Risk Reduction Program – Supplemental Soil Investigation and 'Rule 13' Application" (Request). The Request was submitted in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-13(F) by Stantec Consulting Services Inc, on behalf of the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District. Ohio EPA approved the request in a letter issued August 21, 2018.

Phase 1 of the project was initiated in October 2018. The project is subject to the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-13, now codified in OAC Chapter 3745-513, due to the presence of: a historic dump (Swale Park Landfill), a Corrective Action Facility (City of Findlay Street Department – Former Tar Pit and Drum Storage Area), and a former scrap tire site (Brandman Corporation). The general location of the project is along the north bank of the Blanchard River in the City of Findlay (see Figure 1 of Appendix A of the July 27, 2018 Request).

Taylor Carnahan of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. discussed Phase 2 of the project with John Pasquarette earlier this year and sent an e-mail February 17, 2021 with some details. Ohio EPA understands that Phase 2 will extend the river widening, and further augment the flood-control benefits created by Phase 1, by removal and replacement of a railroad bridge that runs along the south edge of the initial project boundary. Phase 2 will impact a small portion of fill from the former Brandman Corporation scrap tire site. The Phase 2 area is depicted on the two attached drawings, *Proposed Project Area and Supplemental Investigation Soil Boring Locations* and *Proposed Grading Plan*.

The initial Phase of the project is still on-going. As such, the final certification required by condition 11 of the August 21, 2018 approval has not yet been prepared. After reviewing the details associated with Phase 2, and the conditions from the August 21, 2018 authorization, we concur that a separate request under Chapter 513 and a separate formal approval is not

necessary. You may continue with Phase 2 of the project in accordance with the approval issued August 21, 2018. Please ensure that all the operational details outlined in the July 27, 2018, request and all the conditions included in the August 21, 2018 approval are followed.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence or associated with the Division of Materials and Waste Management's role with this project, please contact John Pasquarette of Ohio EPA, NWDO at (419) 373-3057.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vlad Cica".

Vlad Cica, Chief

Division of Materials and Waste Management

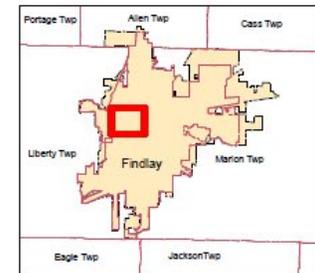
Attachments: *Proposed Project Area and Supplemental Investigation Soil Boring Locations*
Proposed Grading Plan

cc: Taylor Carnahan, Stantec Consulting Services Inc.



Legend

- Proposed Floodplain Bench
- 300' Buffer Zone
- INTERPRETED EXTENTS OF NON-NATIVE FILL MATERIAL
- INTERPRETED EXTENTS OF NATIVE FILL MATERIAL
- EXCAVATION AREAS WITH POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED MATERIAL
- Parcels



Notes
 1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Ohio North FIPS 3401

Project Location
 Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
 Blanchard River Hydraulic Improvements
 174314204
 Client/Project

Figure No.

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Title
 Proposed Project Area and Supplemental Investigation Soil Boring Locations

