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February 14, 2012

Mark Gronceski  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District  
1776 Niagara Street, Attn: CELRB-TD-R  
Buffalo, NY 14207-3199

Re: Ashtabula Area City School District  
Wade Avenue New Elementary School Campus, Public Notice # 2007-00520  
Ashtabula City, Ashtabula County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gronceski,

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office received notice from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on December 27, 2011, authorizing this project under Section 401 water quality certification, with conditions (see attached). The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 [36 CFR 800]).

The project involves construction on an 80 acre parcel. This is to remind you that to date OHPO has not received a response from the Corps to our comments submitted October 8, 2008 requesting additional information (see attached). It is our position that insufficient information has been provided for the federal agencies to fulfill requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. It is our opinion that archaeological and architecture-history surveys are needed in order to compile sufficient information for federal agencies to provide a well supported finding to the consulting parties pursuant to regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [36 CFR 800].

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to David Snyder at (614) 298-2000, between the hours of 8 am. to 5 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Snyder, Ph.D., RPA, Archaeology Reviews Manager  
Resource Protection and Review

DMS/ds (OHPO Serial Number 1042214)

xc: OEPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/IWP Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049 (Attn: OEPA ID 083410 and 083398)

Attachments: OEPA correspondence dated December 22, 2011 (first page only)  
OHPO comments submitted October 8, 2008, regarding Public Notice from ACOE-Buffalo

OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

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**Certified Mail**

December 22, 2011

Ashtabula Area City School District  
Attn: Mr. Joseph Donatone, Superintendent  
401 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the  
official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio  
Environmental Protection Agency.

By: D. Lassler Date: 12-22-11

Re: Ashtabula County / Saybrook Township  
Grant of Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Isolated Wetlands Permit;  
Preferred Design Alternative  
Ashtabula Elementary School Campus  
ACOE Public Notice No. 2007-00520  
Ohio EPA ID Nos. 083410 and 083398

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency hereby authorizes the above referenced project under one or both of the following authorities and is subject to the following modifications and/or conditions:

Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Public Law 95-217, the director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency hereby certifies that the above-referenced project will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Ohio Isolated Wetland Permit

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-1, and other applicable provisions of state law, the director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency hereby concludes that the above-referenced project will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 6111.03 and 6111.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This authorization is specifically limited to a Section 401 Water Quality Certification and/or Ohio Isolated Wetlands Permit (here after referred to as "permit") with respect to water pollution and does not relieve the applicant of further Certifications or Permits as may be necessary under the law. I have determined that a lowering of water quality in the Red Brook (04110003-040) Watershed as authorized by this permit is necessary. I have made this determination based upon the consideration of all public comments, and including the technical, social, and economic considerations concerning this application and its impact on waters of the state.



**TO:** Thomas C. Switala  
US Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District  
1776 Niagra Street  
Buffalo, New York 14207

**FROM:** Nathan J. Young, Project Reviews Manager  
Resource Protection and Review

**RE:** Public Notice Application # 2007-00520, Ashtabula Area City School,  
Saybrook Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio

Please be aware that we have implemented new submission standards for projects submitted to OHPO beginning in January 2007. Most projects, including all those involving direct assistance from the COEB, will need to be submitted using our new Project Summary Form (PSF). The PSF, detailed instructions for completing it, and associated documentation are available for download at <http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres/services/PSDF.html>.

Please note that the public notice that you sent regarding this undertaking does not constitute proper consultation with this office, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the associated regulations at 36 CFR Part 800, particularly 36 CFR Section 800.11. In the future, we request that you provide us complete documentation of the undertaking, including findings of National Register eligibility and effect, as required by the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations. As such, we have developed the PSF as a means to streamline the Section 106 consultation process. The PSF provides agencies, applicants, and their consultants with a form designed to assist them in compiling a level of documentation sufficient to meet the requirements established in 36 CFR Section 800.11. The instructions available for download at the website referenced above provide valuable guidance regarding how to complete the form and assemble the necessary supporting documentation. If, after reading the instructions, you have questions about the new Project Summary Form, please contact OHPO staff by phone at (614) 298-2000 or by e-mail at [section106@ohiohistory.org](mailto:section106@ohiohistory.org).

We cannot complete our review of your project at this time. Please provide our office with the following information about the proposed project in order to meet the minimum information requirements of 36 CFR 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act:

- ✕ **Description of the Area of Potential Effect (APE)** for the proposed project and how this APE was determined, as described in 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1).

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55 East Hudson Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1030 ph: 614-298-2500 fx: 614-294-0017  
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Assessment of effect for the project, using the language found in 36 CFR 800.4 and 36 CFR 800.5.

- "No historic properties affected"  
This means that either that there are no historic properties present in the APE, or that the historic properties that are present will not be affected by the project.
- "No adverse effect"  
This means that there are historic properties within the APE, but that the effects of the project on the historic properties are negligible and won't diminish their historic characteristics.
- "Adverse effect"  
The project may have substantial effects on historic properties that should be avoided, reduced or mitigated.

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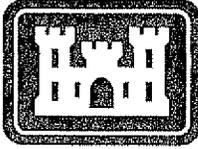
If you have any questions about this letter or the review of your project, please contact Nathan J. Young or another staff reviewer at 614-298-2000.

Please send the requested information to:

Mark Epstein, Department Head  
Resource Protection & Review  
Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
567 East Hudson St.  
Columbus, OH 43211-1030

RPR Serial No: 1021316

Xc: ACHP



# Public Notice

REC'D BY OHPO SEP 02 2008

**Applicant:**  
Ashtabula Area City  
School District

**Date**  
Published: August 27, 2008  
Expires: September 26, 2008

**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**

**Buffalo District CELRB-TD-R**      **In Reply Refer To:**      **RE: 2007-00520**      **Section: OH 404**

Application for Permit under Authority of  
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

The Ashtabula Area City School District, 401 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 has requested Department of the Army authorization to place fill in waters of the United States in order to construct an elementary school campus consisting of five buildings and associated infrastructure including access drives, parking, recreational fields and stormwater management facilities. The project will be located on 80 acres located south of Wade Avenue and west of Ohio Avenue in Saybrook Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio.

A formal jurisdictional determination for the site was issued by the Corps of Engineers on 1 April 2008. The site contains 5.46 acres of wetlands, 2380 linear feet of man-made ditches and 0.07 acre of pond which are regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as well as 1.6 acres of isolated wetlands. The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to fill 1.41 acres of wetlands (woodland, scrub-shrub and emergent) and 1001 linear feet of ditch which are federally regulated. In mitigation, the applicant proposes to create 2.8 acres of mixed emergent/scrub-shrub/woodland scrub-shrub wetlands in the southeast corner of the site and to enhance structurally and vegetatively 730 linear feet of ditch corridor.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Mark Gronceski, who can be contacted by calling (440) 437-5847, or by e-mail at: mark.e.gronceski@usace.army.mil

The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Based on preliminary findings, there do not appear to be any properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places within the permit area as shown on Sheet 1 of 4. This notice constitutes initiation of consultation with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. All currently available historic resource information pertaining to this proposed project if any has been provided to the SHPO. Additional information concerning historic properties should be submitted to the Corps before the end of the comment period of this notice. The Corps will forward that information to the SHPO for their review.