



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

July 31, 2013

Mr. Tim Hendrixson
Hamilton County Park District
10245 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45231

**RE: Miami Whitewater Forest Simmonds Family Dog Park; NPDES Permit #
1GC04368*AG; Construction Site Inspection**

Dear Mr. Hendrixson:

On Tuesday, July 23, 2013, I inspected the Miami Whitewater Forest Simmonds Family Dog Park located in Harrison, Ohio, to determine compliance with its NPDES construction site storm water discharge permit. I walked the property, but did not meet with anyone while at the site. I did not review sediment control inspection logs, or the site's storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP).

During my initial inspection I noticed that a number of the sediment and erosion controls located in the drainage ditches around the site had been undercut and/or blown out by flow from heavy rains. Water that drained from these ditches appeared to be ponding in the southeast corner. From my observations, there did not appear to be any sediment leaving the site. I spoke with the gentleman who leases the adjacent land from the park district for farming and he confirmed my findings.

Following this inspection I reached out to Brian Blake of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District to get more information. Mr. Blake and I then met back at the site on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. We both agreed that because no sediment was leaving the site, the failure of the controls did not constitute a violation of the permit. However, we also agreed the repair of the controls would be beneficial in preventing further erosion of the site and make the site easier to stabilize in the future.

As a reminder, compliance with the permit must be upheld until construction is complete, and all areas of the site have been permanently stabilized with vegetation or other ground cover. Once final stabilization is achieved, the construction permit must be

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terminated by completing the one page "notice of termination" (NOT) form found at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/permits/General NOT.pdf> and sending it to the following address:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
General Permit Program
PO Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216-1049

If you have questions regarding this letter you can contact me at (937) 204-1003, or via email at eric.damian@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Damian", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Damian
Storm Water Group
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure: Inspection Form

Ohio EPA DSW Storm Water Section, Construction Site Visit Information Form

Inspector initials: EST Visit date: 7/23/13 Permit # 1GC04368*AG

Site Name: Miami Whitewater Forest Simmonds Family Dog Park

Site Address: 8712 State Route 128

People Contacted On Site: none

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

1. Did you see the following on site?

ITEM	YES	NO	Not Requested	Comments
NOI				
Coverage Letter				
SWP3				
Inspection Records				
Contractor & Subs signature document				

2. Acreage Disturbed: 20

3. Site Status: Clearing/grubbing Rough Grading Storm sewers in
 Streets in Utilities installed Final Grade Final stabilization

4. Are BMPs needed: possible repairs needed

5. Are BMPs effective? All Some None No BMPs
 Explain: most controls blown out but all drainage is ponded

6. What post construction controls are shown on the SWP3? n/a

7. Were Photos taken & saved? yes 8. Was an NOV issued? no

Additional notes/comments:

- Revisited 7/30/13 w/ Brian Blake of Hamilton County SWCD
 - agreed that while no sediment leaving site controls should be repaired to prevent further erosion and make it easier to stabilize in future