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February 8, 2022

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Subject:

Water/Wetland Delineation Summary Report

Nash Road Property

Jefferson County, Kentucky Redwing Project No.: 105853

Dear Mr. Fehratbegovic:

RES Kentucky, LLC dba Redwing (Redwing) is pleased to provide Drum Trucking, LLC with this Water/Wetland Delineation Summary Report for the proposed Nash Road Property project in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The approximately 2.3-acre site is located on the east side of Nash Road, approximately 0.2 mile north of Outer Loop (Figure 1). The goal of these services was to identify the location and extent of jurisdictional waters/wetlands and federally threatened/endangered (T/E) species habitat within the project area to assist Drum Trucking with preliminary project planning.

Jurisdictional waters present in the project area are limited to one wetland measuring 0.013 acre (Figure 2). Suitable habitat for federally-listed T/E species on-site is limited to potential summer roosting habitat for the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) in the scattered trees present along and adjacent to the property boundaries.

### **METHODOLOGY**

The water/wetland delineation included in-house and field components. In-house research involved review of USGS topographic quadrangle maps, aerial photography, the Jefferson County soil survey, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain mapping. Following review of these materials, Redwing conducted a field visit on January 28, 2022 to identify the location and extent of jurisdictional waters/wetlands in the project area. During the field visit, the presence of streams was evaluated based on ordinary high-water mark, defined bed and bank features, and flow



regimes. Potential wetland areas were investigated using the Routine On-Site Determination Method as defined in the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Eastern Mountain Piedmont Region – Version 2.0 (April 2012). This technique uses a multiparameter approach that requires positive evidence of three criteria: wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrophytic vegetation. Please note that this delineation has not been verified by the USACE, who holds final authority over determinations of the location and extent of jurisdictional waters/wetlands.

The field assessment was also used to approximate the presence of suitable habitat for T/E species known to occur in Jefferson County, including the Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*). Potential impacts to T/E species must be addressed in any federal permitting process.

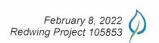
#### **RESULTS**

Habitat on the 2.3-acre site consists primarily of well-maintained open field with scattered trees and shrubs present along the property boundaries (Figure 2). Based on the delineation, jurisdictional waters present on the site are limited to one small scrub-shrub wetland measuring 0.013 acre, located in a drainage feature along the eastern property boundary. One fully channelized, concrete drainage ditch running along the northern project boundary is considered a non-jurisdictional feature. The water/wetland features delineated on-site are depicted on Figure 2 and summarized in the following table.

Feature	Area (acres)	Status
Wetland 1	0.013	Jurisdictional
Jurisdictional Wetland Total	0.013	

Wetland 1 is considered a jurisdictional water by the USACE because it exhibits a surface connection to downstream waters via its location in the FEMA 100-year floodplain of Southern Ditch. No additional water/wetland features were observed on site.

Portions of the scattered trees around the property boundary (approximately 0.2 acre) are considered suitable summer roosting habitat for the federally endangered Indiana bat and the federally threatened northern long-eared bat. No suitable habitat for the federally endangered gray bat was observed on-site.



#### DISCUSSION

Jurisdictional waters of the U.S., including wetlands, are defined by 33 CFR Part 328.3 and are protected by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344), which is administered and enforced by the USACE. Many water/wetland impacts are also regulated by the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) – Water Quality Certification (WQC) Section. Current permitting thresholds for wetland impacts are as follows:

- Avoidance of the jurisdictional wetland features would require no permits from, or coordination with, the USACE or KDOW. A formal Jurisdictional Determination (JD) can be obtained from the USACE, if desired.
- Impacts to less than 0.5 acre of wetland can be authorized under the federal Nationwide Permit (NWP) program with the USACE
- Impacts to greater than 0.5 acre of wetland require an Individual Section 404 Permit from the USACE
- Impacts to greater than 0.5 acre of wetland require an Individual Section 401 WQC from the KDOW.
- Impacts to less than 0.5 acre of wetland meet the conditions of a General WQC and do not require coordination with the KDOW.
- Impacts to 0.1 acre or more of jurisdictional wetlands will require compensatory mitigation. Wetland mitigation must be provided at a ratio of 2:1. If required, mitigation credits can be purchased from either a private mitigation bank or the Kentucky In-Lieu Fee program, which requires a 20% markup to cover temporal losses. The Kentucky In-Lieu Fee program currently charges \$61,500 per wetland credit.

Because impacts to on-site jurisdictional water/wetland features would total less than 0.5 acre (Wetland 1 totals 0.013 acre), the project can be authorized under a NWP 39 with the USACE and no coordination with the KDOW would be required. NWPs typically take three to six months to receive. In addition, because impacts to Wetland 1 would be less than 0.1 acre, no compensatory mitigation would be required.

## THREATENED/ENDANGERED SPECIES

Under the Section 404 permitting process, the USACE determines if consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is required to address potential impacts to T/E species. The major T/E species issue of concern at this site is the clearing of the suitable Indiana and northern long-eared bat summer habitat. Based on maps released by the USFWS, the project is located in a "Potential" Habitat Zone for the Indiana and northern long-eared bat. Under the 404 permitting process, impacts

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to this habitat may require consultation with the USFWS. Consultation generally results in a combination of seasonal tree clearing restrictions, presence/absence surveys, and/or mitigation through payments into the Imperiled Bat Conservation Fund (IBCF). Current rates for tree clearing in a "Potential" Habitat Zone are \$2,000/acre in the unoccupied period (October 15 through March 31), \$4,000/acre for clearing in the occupied period (April 1 to October 14, excluding June/July), and \$8,000/acre for clearing during the non-volant period (June 1 through July 31).

#### CULTURAL HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Under the Section 404 permitting process, the USACE determines if consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is required to address potential impacts to significant archaeological/historic features. We are not aware of any archaeological features or studies that have been done on the site. We can obtain a quote for these surveys, if required.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on Redwing's delineation, jurisdictional waters present in the project area are limited to one wetland measuring 0.013 acre (Figure 2). If Wetland 1 can be avoided, no permits from, or coordination with, the USACE or KDOW is required. If impacts to Wetland 1 cannot be avoided, the project can be authorized under a NWP 39 with the USACE and no coordination with the KDOW or compensatory mitigation would be required.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you on this important project. Please call Ron Thomas at (502) 625-3009 with any questions on this report or the overall project.

Sincerely,

J. Anthony Evans
Ecologist II

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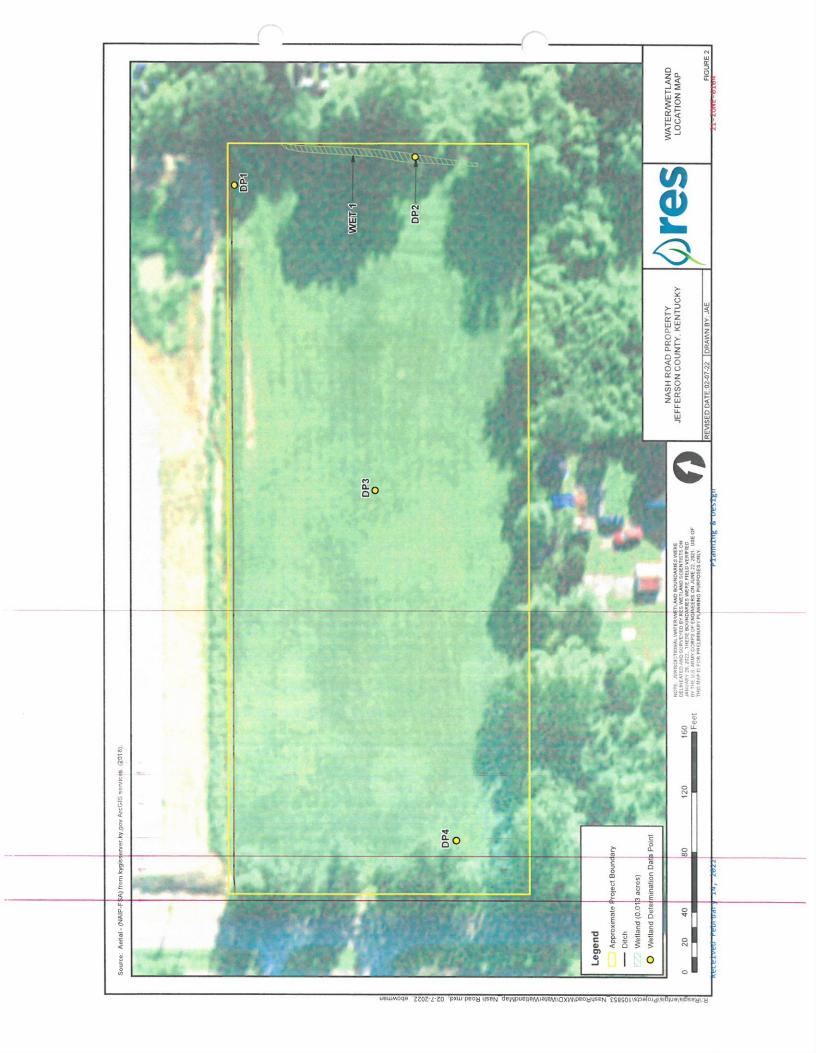
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Attachments: Figures

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## **FIGURES**







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Reference:

Pavement Evaluation Letter

**Drum Trucking - Nash Road Pavement Evaluation** 

8315 Nash Road

Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky 40214

ECS Project No. 61-2707

## Dear Mr. Fehratbegovic:

ECS Southeast, LLP (ECS) has completed the pavement evaluation for the above-referenced project. Our services were performed in general accordance with ECS Proposal No. 61-P2658, dated March 18, 2022. It is our understanding that the existing asphalt pavement along Nash Road in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky could experience an increase in traffic loading from semi-tractor trailers due to new construction along Nash Road. The existing pavement section is unknown. Therefore, the suitability of the existing pavement for an increase to 12 semi-tractor trailers loaded and unloaded daily was evaluated.

### SUBSURFACE SUMMARY

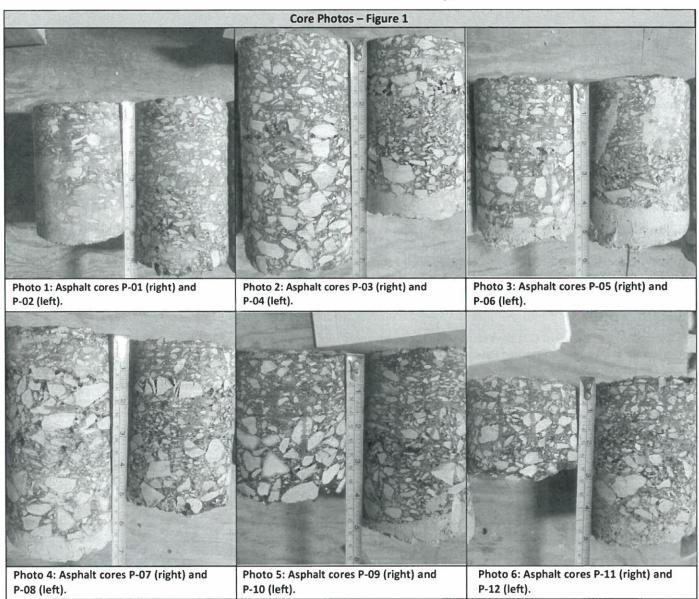
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	SUMMARY OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS		
LOCATION	TOTAL ASPHALT THICKNESS (in)	GRANULAR BASE (in)	
P-01	5	37+	
P-02	6	9+	
P-03	7	10+	
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P-06	5 1/4	8+	
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P-08	5 1/4	9+	
P-09	4	9+	
P-10	5	9+	
P-11	2 ¾	9+	
P-12	5	8+	

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In general, the surface materials consisted of approximately 4 to 7 inches (average of approximately 5 ½ inches) of asphalt pavement. However, approximately 2 ¾ inches of total asphalt thickness was encountered at P-11. The existing wearing base (surface asphalt) was approximately 1 to 4 inches with a binder or base (base asphalt) of approximately 1 to 6 inches. The existing asphalt was underlain by at least 8 inches of crushed stone and extended to more than 37 inches at P-01. Due to the depth of gravel and the limitations of the available equipment, the gravel base was not penetrated in any of the coring locations. The crushed typically consisted of fine to coarse grained gravel approximately ¼ to 1 ¼ inches with varying amounts of fines (sand to clay-sized material). No signs of significant distress were observed in the pavement cores. Refer to the **Core Photos - Figure 1** for photos of the cores recovered.

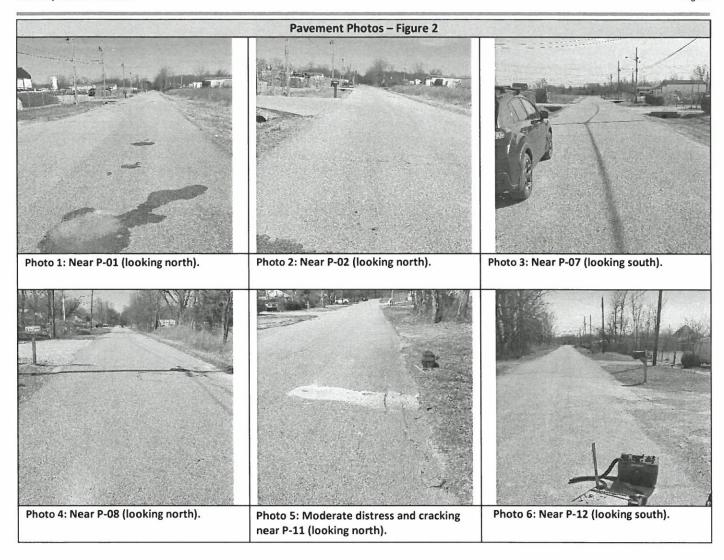


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## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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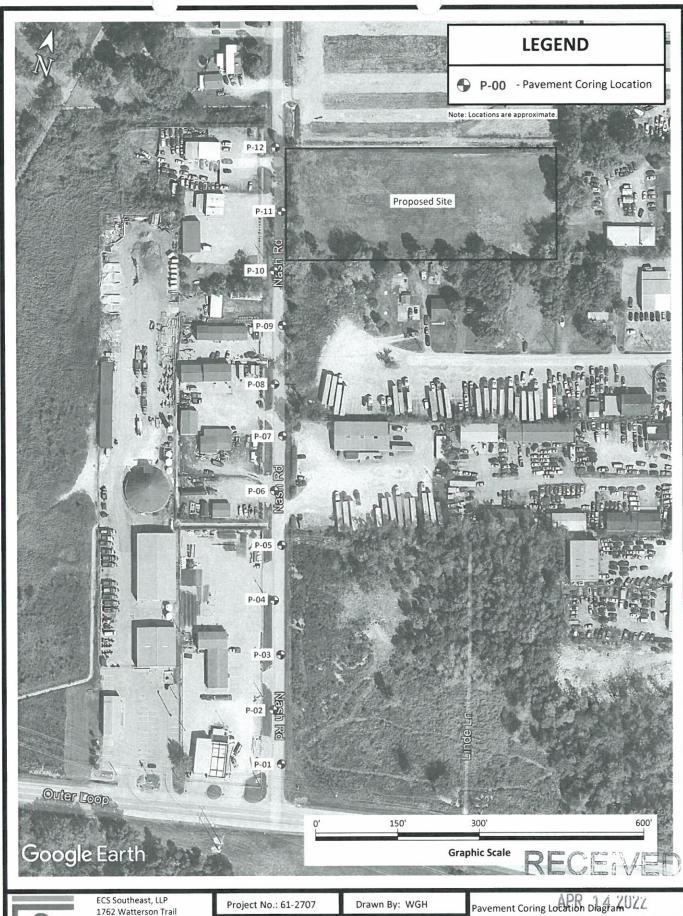


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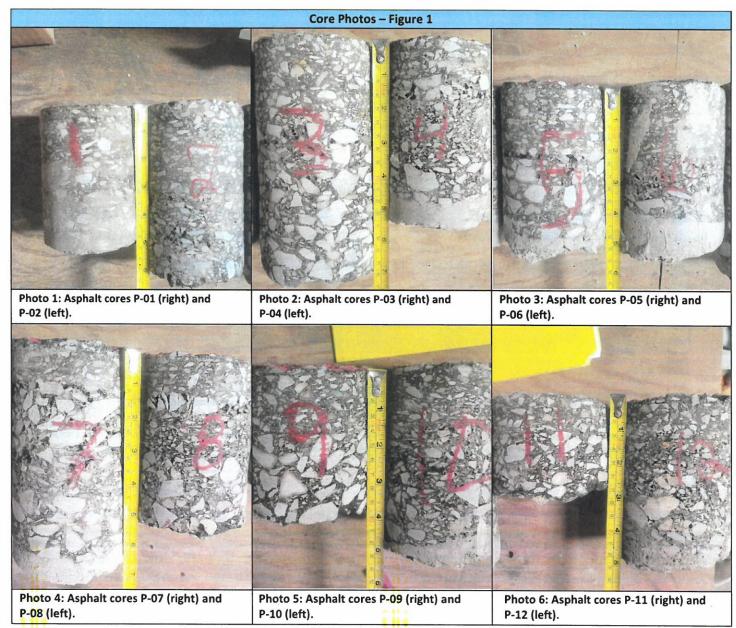
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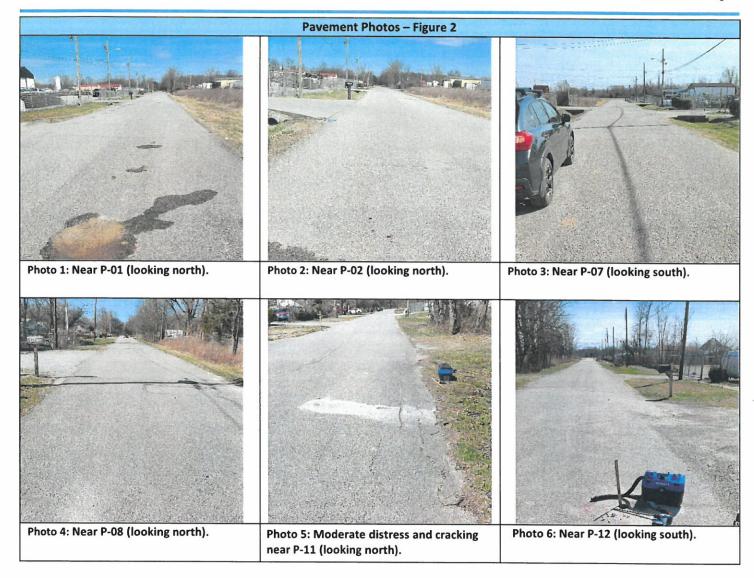
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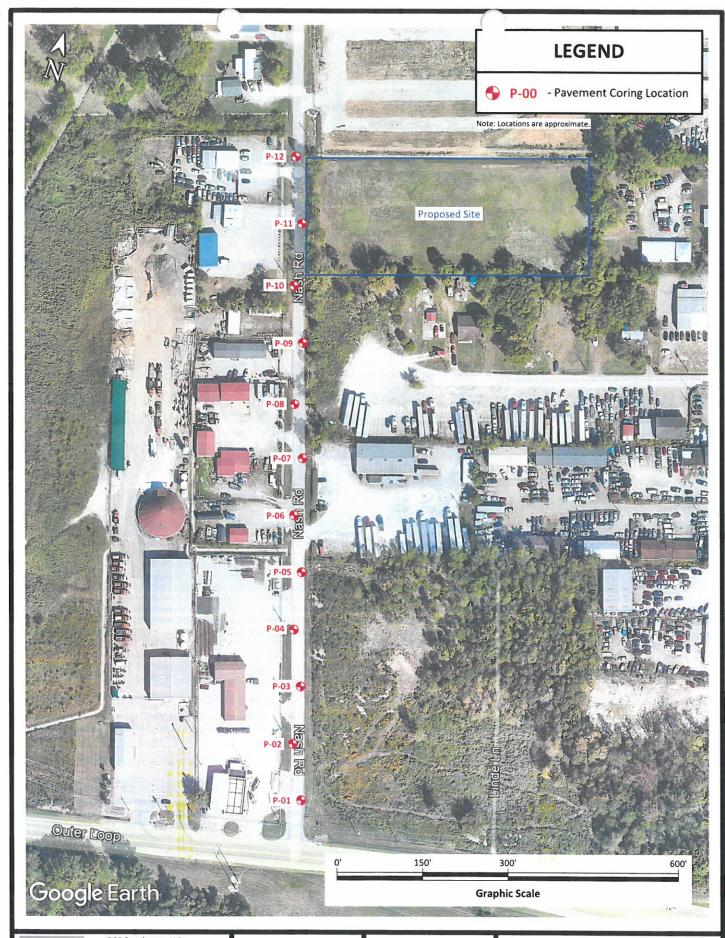
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