



## Endangered Species Act Information Paper

Before a federal agency can fund, authorize or implement a project, they must comply with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) and ensure that their project is not likely to jeopardize Federally listed endangered or threatened species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. If an endangered or threatened species or critical habitat occurs on a project site, and/or the action would directly or indirectly affect a federally-listed species, Section 7 consultation under the ESA is required. Consultation may require some time to complete, and may require project modifications to avoid adverse effects. To avoid any project delays, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) strongly recommends that the **Federal agency, permit applicant, or their representative contact the Service during the project planning process** to determine if any endangered or threatened species issues exist in the project area. Early coordination with the Service will help to ensure timely review and evaluation of projects and will identify ESA concerns early in the planning and design process.

The Service recommends that the following be included in a letter requesting threatened and endangered species information for Federal projects in Ohio:

- Location data including latitude and longitude of project area, site address, and county
- A detailed project description, including layout of any new construction
- A detailed description of onsite habitat, including the size, location, and quality (when available) of streams, wetlands, forested areas and other natural areas, and proposed impacts
- A description of the forested habitat onsite, including type of forest, and presence of dead or live trees with split branches or trunks or exfoliating bark, and proposed impacts
- Photographs representative of all cover types on the site and encompassing views of the entire site (photocopies are acceptable)
- A topographic map with the project area identified

The above information should be submitted to the following address:

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If you have additional questions, you may contact the Service at (614) 469-6923.