

Appendix V

Projects that clear >10% of the available forested habitat within a half-mile buffer of the action area

The Michigan Ecological Services Field Office believes that projects that clear more than 10% of the available forested habitat within a half-mile buffer of the project area may result in adverse effects or take of Indiana bats and/or northern long-eared bats (NLEB), even if the clearing is conducted during the inactive season (October through March), due to the extent of local habitat loss (see <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/s7process/mammals/inba/INBAEcologySummary.html> for more information). In such cases, further assessment (potentially including surveys) and coordination with the Service is needed to determine whether indirect effects may be significant or could potentially lead to take.

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Example 1: Project that clears >10% of available habitat within 0.5 miles

Project location

LOCATION: Gratiot County, Michigan

AREA: 15.15 acres

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Example 2: Project that clears >10% of available habitat within 0.5 miles

Project location

LOCATION: Kent County, Michigan

AREA: 17.71 acres

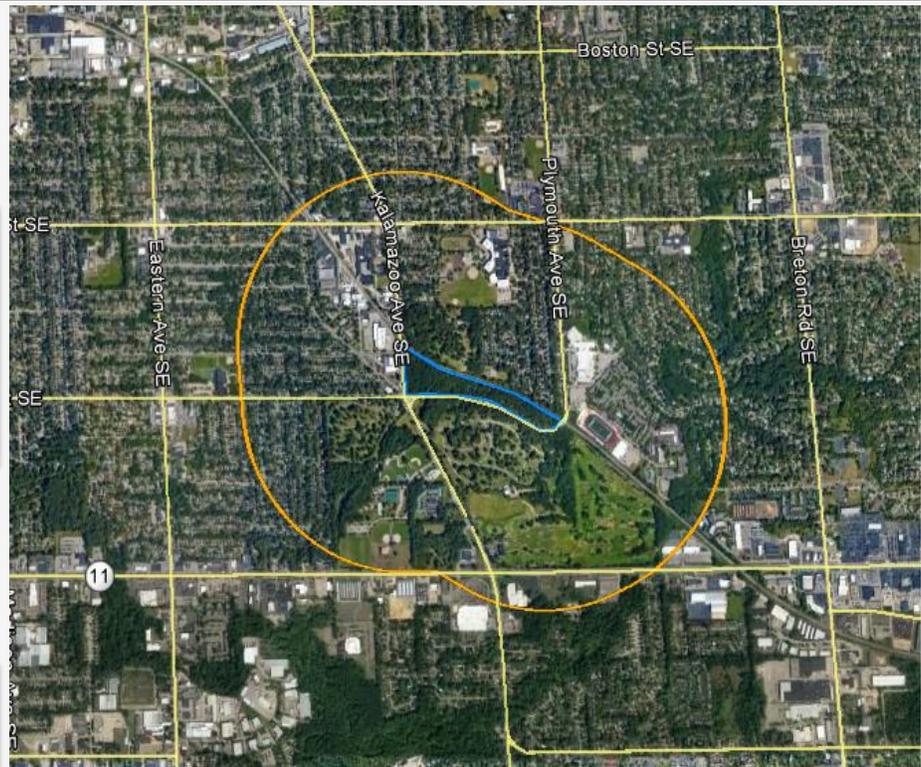
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*Note: Examples do not represent current or previously proposed projects.