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Project ID 5783-03-00/71 County CRAWFORD Route STH 131 Title VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS Termini DELLAMATER HOLLOW CREEK DOT Contact HEIDI SCHWARZ

# ----Type of Review Requested----

- Preliminary Comments
- Final Concurrence
- Water Quality Certification

Other

- Major (expansion, relocation)
- Reconstruction
- Recondition
- Resurface

# ----Project Type----

SHRM (State Hwy Rehab/Maintenance)
 Bridge Deck
 Bridge Replacement
 Other

# ----Work Involved----

- Culvert Replacements/Extensions
- Storm Sewer
- Clearing and Grubbing
- Intersection Improvement
- Beam Guard Replacement/Upgrade
  - Right of Way Required

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- \_\_\_\_ Grading
- Slope Intercept Expansion
- Borrow/Waste Site Required
- Channel Change/Stream Relocation
- Other

Environmental Document Type
<ul> <li>Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)</li> <li>Environmental Assessment (EA)</li> <li>Environmental Report (ER)</li> </ul>
Programmatic Environmental Report (pER) Categorical Exclusion (CE)

### ----Project Description (attach additional sheets as necessary)----

The project described above is a bridge replacement, preservation project that will include replacing the existing structure B-12-0618. The existing beam guard at B-12-0618 will be replaced and updated with Energy Absorbing Terminals. There will be shoulder work associated with the installation of the new end treatments.

The project location is the Dellamater Hollow Creek Bridge located in the Village of Gays Mills just north of the intersection with Brockway Drive. I have included preliminary project overview sheets and maps for your review.

If you have any questions please contact Joseph Gregas at (608) 789-5700 or joseph.gregas@dot.wi.gov.

Heidi L. Schwarz, CE-TRANS WisDOT SW Region La Crosse Office

# **CDR Map**







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November 29, 2011

Tom Oldenburg WisDOT 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd La Crosse, WI 54601

> SUBJECT: DOT/DNR Initial Project Review Project I.D. # 5783-03-71 STH 131

B-12-618 Dellamater Hollow Creek Crawford County

Dear Mr. Oldenburg:

Preliminary information on the above referenced project has been reviewed by DNR Southwest Region staff under the DOT/DNR Cooperative Agreement. Pertinent environmental considerations are presented below:

## WETLANDS

The proposed project sites do have any mapped wetlands within the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory system. A site inspection has been completed and has determined that wetlands are present at the existing toe-of-slope at the project locations. The wetlands are currently mowed but are classified emergent/wet meadow.

## WILDLIFE/FISHERIES

The project areas likely provide a corridor for the movement of mammals, as well as a source of water for area wildlife.

### **ENDANGERED RESOURCES**

There are no records for any federal or state endangered, threatened, or special concern species at either of the project sites.

# FLOODPLAINS

A determination must be made as to whether the project lies within a mapped/zoned floodplain. If the project lies in such an area, DNR requires the results of a 100-year flood analysis for the structure(s). Also, if the new structure(s) will create an increase in the 100-year backwater, DNR requires that letters be sent to all affected upstream landowners. For areas lying outside of mapped/zoned floodplain, DNR may request results of DOT flow and backwater calculations.

## **OTHER COMMENTS**

- There is potential for wetland impacts to occur as a result of this project, outside of the proposed project area, and therefore wetland impacts must be minimized and/or avoided to the greatest extent possible. Unavoidable wetland impacts must be mitigated for in accordance with the DOT/DNR Cooperative Agreement and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Wetland Mitigation Banking Technical Guideline. The Department requests more specific information regarding the amount of unavoidable wetland impacts.
- 2. During structure removal, prevent all large pieces of debris and minimize the number of small pieces from entering the waterway or wetland. Remove all reinforcing steel, wood, concrete, and all other debris that falls into the waterway or wetland. The contractor may leave limited amounts of small concrete pieces scattered over the waterway floor or wetland only if the engineer allows.
- 3. All construction must take place outside of the stream.
- 4. The width and depth of the Dellamater Hollow Creek must not be altered.
- 5. All demolition material generated as a result of this project must be disposed of according to state law.
- 6. The bridge should be inspected for evidence of swallow nesting. If evidence exists then swallow nests with eggs and/or young cannot be disturbed between May 1 and August 30 of a given year.
- 7. All equipment must be properly cleaned and disinfected to address the spread of invasive species or viruses.
- 8. An erosion control/prevention plan must be approved and implemented prior to construction in order to prevent erosion and siltation into the stream.

### 9.

The above comments represent the Department's initial concerns for the proposed project and do not constitute final concurrence. Final concurrence will be granted after review of plans and further consultation if necessary. If any of the concerns or information provided in this letter requires further clarification, please contact this office at (608) 785-9115.

Sincerely,

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Karen Kalvelage Environmental Analysis and Review Specialist

cc. Steve Vetch – WisDOT SW Region Bruce Norton - ACOE