

## 1. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: **Whites Woods Nature Center**

Date of Review: **5/17/2023 09:49:36 PM**

Project Category: **Forest Stewardship Plan**

Project Area: **299.31 acres**

County(s): **Indiana**

Township/Municipality(s): **INDIANA; WHITE TOWNSHIP**

ZIP Code:

Quadrangle Name(s): **ERNEST; INDIANA**

Watersheds HUC 8: **Conemaugh; Middle Allegheny-Redbank**

Watersheds HUC 12: **McKee Run-Crooked Creek; Two Lick Creek-Blacklick Creek**

Decimal Degrees: **40.632153, -79.169361**

Degrees Minutes Seconds: **40° 37' 55.7496" N, 79° 10' 9.6979" W**

This is a draft receipt for information only. It has not been submitted to jurisdictional agencies for review.



## 2. SEARCH RESULTS

| Agency  | Results                     | Response   |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| PA Game Commission                                  | <b>Conservation Measure</b> | <b>No Further Review Required, See Agency Comments</b> |
| PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources | No Known Impact             | No Further Review Required                             |
| PA Fish and Boat Commission                         | No Known Impact             | No Further Review Required                             |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service                      | <b>Conservation Measure</b> | <b>No Further Review Required, See Agency Comments</b> |

Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records indicate that while threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources are in the project vicinity and that recommended Conservation Measures should be implemented in their entirety to avoid and minimize impacts to these species, no further coordination is required with the jurisdictional agencies. If a DEP permit is required for this project, DEP has the discretion to incorporate one or more Conservation Measures into its permit. This response does not reflect potential agency concerns regarding potential impacts to other ecological resources, such as wetlands.

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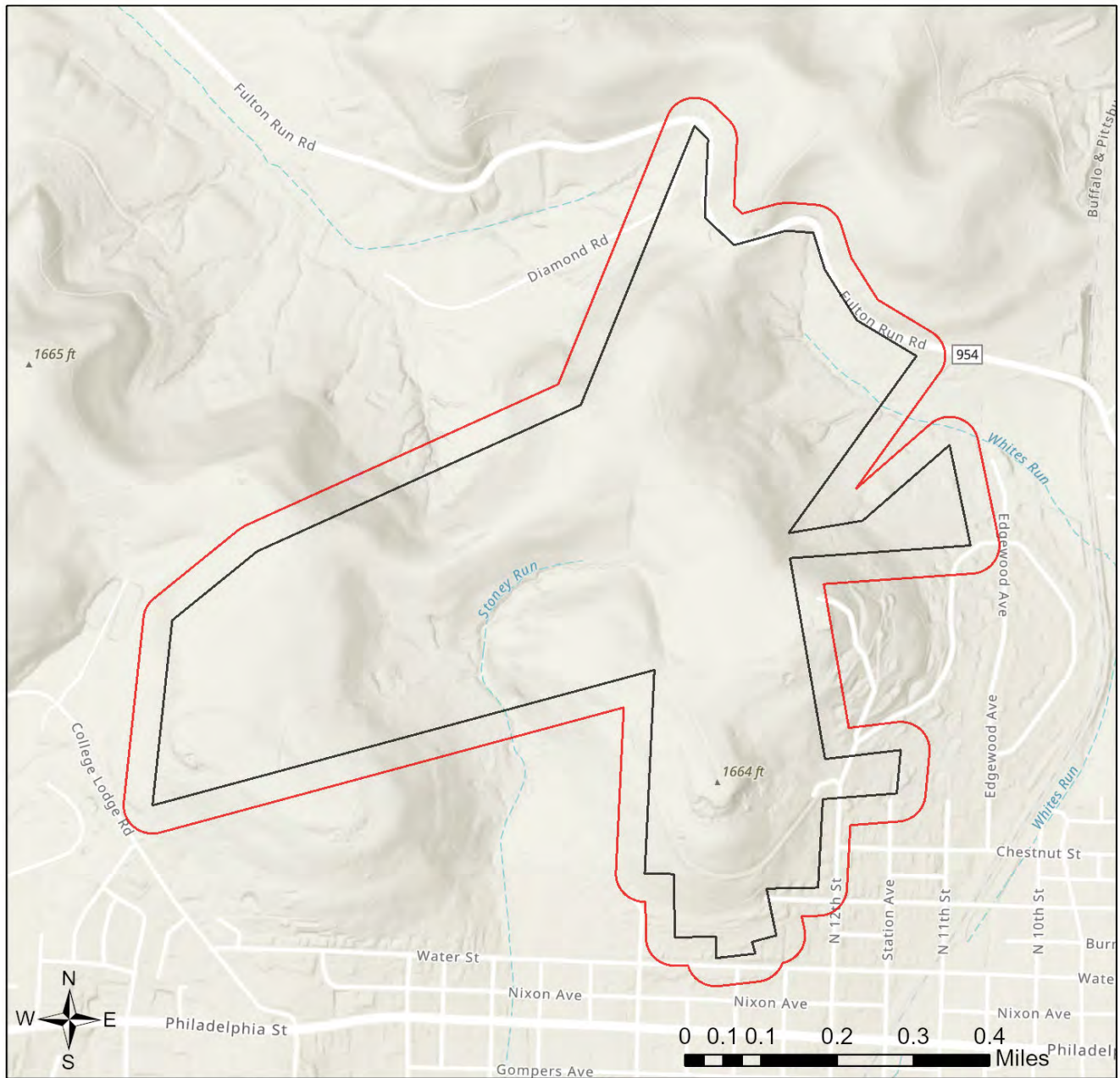




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### 3. AGENCY COMMENTS

Regardless of whether a DEP permit is necessary for this proposed project, any potential impacts to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources must be resolved with the appropriate jurisdictional agency. In some cases, a permit or authorization from the jurisdictional agency may be needed if adverse impacts to these species and habitats cannot be avoided.

These agency determinations and responses are **valid for two years** (from the date of the review), and are based on the project information that was provided, including the exact project location; the project type, description, and features; and any responses to questions that were generated during this search. If any of the following change: 1) project location, 2) project size or configuration, 3) project type, or 4) responses to the questions that were asked during the online review, the results of this review are not valid, and the review must be searched again via the PNDI Environmental Review Tool and resubmitted to the jurisdictional agencies. The PNDI tool is a primary screening tool, and a desktop review may reveal more or fewer impacts than what is listed on this PNDI receipt. The jurisdictional agencies **strongly advise against** conducting surveys for the species listed on the receipt prior to consultation with the agencies.

#### PA Game Commission

##### RESPONSE:

Conservation Measure: Potential impacts to state and federally listed species which are under the jurisdiction of both the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may occur as a result of this project. As a result, the PGC defers comments on potential impacts to federally listed species to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No further coordination with the Pennsylvania Game Commission is required at this time.

#### PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

##### RESPONSE:

No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

#### PA Fish and Boat Commission

##### RESPONSE:

No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

##### RESPONSE:

Conservation Measure: Voluntary implementation of the following recommendation(s) will contribute to the conservation and recovery of endangered and threatened species. To conserve foraging and roosting habitat for endangered bats, while also carrying out the proposed conservation, restoration, or stewardship project/activity, conserve and protect forested areas. Emphasis should be placed on retaining (or restoring, if not already present) mature forests with at least 60% canopy closure. Also, retain all hickory trees, and large diameter (>12 inches d.b.h.) snags, dying, and injured trees to ensure a continuing supply of potential roost trees for bats. If agricultural lands are proposed for inclusion in the conservation project/activity, use Integrated Pest Management, with an emphasis on avoiding or minimizing the use of chemical pesticides, and review this project under the appropriate "Agriculture/Farming" project categories. If any timber harvesting or tree cutting is proposed, review this project under the category "Timber harvesting and Vegetation Management" -- "Timber sale/harvest."

#### 4. DEP INFORMATION

The Pa Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires that a signed copy of this receipt, along with any required documentation from jurisdictional agencies concerning resolution of potential impacts, be submitted with applications for permits requiring PNDI review. Two review options are available to permit applicants for handling PNDI coordination in conjunction with DEP's permit review process involving either T&E Species or species of special concern. Under sequential review, the permit applicant performs a PNDI screening and completes all coordination with the appropriate jurisdictional agencies prior to submitting the permit application. The applicant will include with its application, both a PNDI receipt and/or a clearance letter from the jurisdictional agency if the PNDI Receipt shows a Potential Impact to a species or the applicant chooses to obtain letters directly from the jurisdictional agencies. Under concurrent review, DEP, where feasible, will allow technical review of the permit to occur concurrently with the T&E species consultation with the jurisdictional agency. The applicant must still supply a copy of the PNDI Receipt with its permit application. The PNDI Receipt should also be submitted to the appropriate agency according to directions on the PNDI Receipt. The applicant and the jurisdictional agency will work together to resolve the potential impact(s). See the DEP PNDI policy at <https://conservationexplorer.dcnr.pa.gov/content/resources>.



## 5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The PNDI environmental review website is a preliminary screening tool. There are often delays in updating species status classifications. Because the proposed status represents the best available information regarding the conservation status of the species, state jurisdictional agency staff give the proposed statuses at least the same consideration as the current legal status. If surveys or further information reveal that a threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources exist in your project area, contact the appropriate jurisdictional agency/agencies immediately to identify and resolve any impacts.

For a list of species known to occur in the county where your project is located, please see the species lists by county found on the PA Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) home page ([www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us](http://www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us)). Also note that the PNDI Environmental Review Tool only contains information about species occurrences that have actually been reported to the PNHP.

