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Dear Rob,

Following up on our proposal of May 14, 2009, regarding the possibility of wetlands in the vicinity of the proposed extension to Quadral Drive, Dr. Sam Mazzer and I visited the site several times during May and June, flagged the wetlands found, and have mapped them as follows. Please find below two aerial photos with added drawings. On the first photo, we have indicated wetland areas in blue. This is the more important of the images, and should be what you need.

The wetlands examined would qualify as "level two" quality under the Ohio Rapid Assessment Method (ORAM) used to grade the quality of wetlands.

The second image is simply an FYI that we thought we should record as long as we were there. On this image, we added in gray some "potentially" wet areas that we noted during our examination. Only the blue areas should, under current conditions and regulations, be considered "wetland" for the purposes of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Ohio EPA (OEPA) and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The gray areas have potential, given soil and elevation, to acquire wetland vegetation during a wet year, a string of wet years, or if current agricultural practices were discontinued. If that were to happen, some of these areas would likely turn into wetland for regulatory purposes. (As you know, to be considered a wetland, an area must generally have wetland soils, wetland hydrology, and a predominance of wetland vegetation.)

Also attached are jpeg files of these images, and a Google Earth file containing coordinates and outlines.

Please feel free to call if you'd care to discuss any of this.

Thanks very much for bringing this project our way.

Very best regards,



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