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## Floodplain Statement of Findings

Date: 6/18/2026

**Floodplain Affected:** Auglaize River Zone AE in Wapakoneta, OH

**Description of Project:** The proposed project involves the rehabilitation of the Hamilton Street Bridge over the Auglaize River and the construction of a shared-use path under the north side of the bridge.

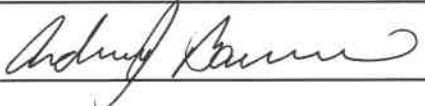
**Why must this project be located in the floodplain?** The proposed project involves a river crossing and is a functionally dependent use. It is not possible to undertake this action outside of the floodplain

**What alternative sites were considered, if any?** No alternative sites were considered. It is not possible or feasible to undertake this bridge construction action outside of the floodplain.

**Were any mitigation measures utilized on this project? If so, please describe.** The temporary fill for construction within the floodplain will be limited to that necessary to allow for construction and will be designed to meet the zero-rise stipulation. All temporary fill will be removed upon completion of the project. New permanent fill within the designated special flood hazard area will be limited to that necessary for erosion control and the shared-use path construction. The permanent fill is designed to comply with local and national flood insurance program requirements. Also, the existing bridge is being rehabilitated, thus minimizing major construction activities within the river that would have been necessary for full reconstruction.

*To the best of my knowledge, this project has complied with all applicable local, state and federal floodplain protection standards.*

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*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 8, 2026 and executed by FHWA and ODOT and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 3, 2024, and executed by FRA and ODOT.*