

APPENDIX A: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

October 12, 2006

Addressees

Dear _____,

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of bridges over the Ohio & Erie Canal (Waste Weir Bridge) and the Cuyahoga River (Fitzwater Truss Bridge), the construction of a public trailhead and parking area for the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, and miscellaneous improvements on Fitzwater Road. The EA will include discussion of the proposed project's potential for social, economic, and/or environmental impacts, and will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, and National Park Service Director's Order #12.

The Fitzwater Truss Bridge and Waste Weir Bridge are both structurally deficient. Both bridges present potential safety concerns to Park visitors and employees. Alternatives being considered for the Waste Weir Bridge and Fitzwater Truss Bridge include rehabilitating the Fitzwater Truss Bridge and replacing the Waste Weir Bridge, replacing both bridges on the existing alignment, and replacing both bridges on a new alignment.

You are invited to send us your questions and concerns regarding the proposed projects alternatives or environmental impacts. The National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment site, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> provides access to the project information, as well as future environmental documents. This project can be found under Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Comments can be submitted through the website from November 1, 2006 through December 15, 2006. Comments can also be submitted by writing to the address below.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

John P. Debo, Jr.
Superintendent