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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION

RECIPIENT: City of Cincinnati

STATE: OH

PROJECT TITLE : Cincinnati City ARRA- EECBG Act 4 (Ohio River Trail - Corbin to Collins)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-EE0000704	DE-EE0000704		0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

A9 Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

Rational for determination:

The Project Activity Sheet titled "Ohio River Trail-From Corbin to Collins" submitted by the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, includes retaining an environmental consultant to perform the necessary analyses required to complete all needed environmental assessment documents and preliminary design documents for this proposed section of the trail, which currently includes three route options. The environmental documents prepared by the consultant will be formatted to meet the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) NEPA process in order to facilitate future funding requests for the construction of the trail.

The Corbin to Collins segment of the trail would be approximately 6,500 feet in length and would extend an existing trail segment. The current land uses for the Corbin to Collins segment of the trail are: gas utility, vacant residential, water pumping station, church parking lot, and City recreational fields and community center.

Work to be conducted by the environmental consultant includes conducting property surveys, Phase I environmental site assessments, Phase II environmental site investigations (as necessary, based on Phase I results), ecological and cultural resource assessments, and public involvement; and preparing preliminary engineering and construction documents, cost estimates, and specifications. EECBG funding will not be used for construction of the Corbin to Collins segment of the Ohio River Trail.

The retaining of an environmental consultant to perform necessary analyses and complete environmental assessment documents and preliminary design documents for the Corbin to Collins segment of the Ohio River Trail is categorically excluded from further NEPA review under A9, A11 and B5.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

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You are required to:
If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 6/7/10
NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

☐ Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager