

Background Information

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Name of Wetland: Wetland E	
Vegetation Communit(ies): emergent	
HGM Class(es): Depression	
Location of Wetland: Include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See Delineation Report	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate:	41.4547, -81.4860
USGS Quad Name:	Chagrin Falls
County:	Cuyahoga
Township:	
Section and Subsection:	
Hydrologic Unit Code:	04110001 (Chagrin River)
Site Visit:	August 6 and, 15, 2013
National Wetland Inventory Map:	NA
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map:	
Soil Survey:	See Delineation Report
Delineation Report/Map:	See Attached

ORAM Forms—57.07Acres, Pinecrest Drive, Orange, Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for wetlands (ORAM v.5) forms were completed for the wetlands in the study area. Wetlands are given a numeric Category of 1, 2, or 3, with Category 3 being the highest quality wetlands. The table below provides a summary of the ORAM scores and categories for the Pinecrest Drive site in Orange, Cuyahoga County.

Summary of ORAM Scores and Categories

Wetlands	Cover Type	Area (Acres)	ORAM Score	ORAM Category
E	Emergent	0.014	26	1
F	Emergent, scrub/shrub, forest	1.949	41.5	Modified 2
G	Emergent, scrub/shrub, forest	1.564	43	Modified 2
H	Emergent, forest	0.388	48	2
I	Emergent	0.009	24	1
J	Scrub/shrub	0.125	23.5	1
K	Emergent, forest	0.305	28	1
Total			4.354	

Name of Wetland:	Wetland E
Wetland Size (acres, hectacres)	0.014 acre
<p>Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.</p> <p>See Delineation Report</p>	
<p>Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:</p>	
<p>Final Score: 26</p>	<p>Category: 1</p>

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances, this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below; however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	Done?	Not Applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	Yes	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human-induced changes, including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.		NA
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, <i>i.e.</i> , areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.		NA
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.		NA
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.		NA
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes, or rivers, or for dual classifications.		NA

End of Scoring Boundary Determination.
Begin Narrative Rating On Next Page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the literature *and* by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap>. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	Check One	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 2
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of, federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High-Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high-quality wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 5
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than 80% areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> ; or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that have little or no vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland. Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 6
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows; 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp.; 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover; 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present; and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 7
7	Ferns. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral pH (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8a

8a	“Old Growth Forest.” Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics; overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and multi-layered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8b
8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland’s hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland’s primary hydrological influence, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an “estuarine” wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9d	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance-tolerant native species can also be present.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance-tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings). Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (<i>e.g.</i> , Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (<i>e.g.</i> , Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic Plant Species

Invasive/Exotic Spp.	Fen Species	Bog Species	Oak Opening Species	Wet Prairie Species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis candensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating On Next Page.

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange			Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetlands: Wetland E			Rater: Judith Mitchell	
Wetland Acreage:	0.014	ORAM Score:	26	ORAM Category: Category 1

0	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size). (max 6 pts)

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

9	9
Subtotal	Points

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use. (max 14 pts)

2a. Calculate average buffer width (select one, do not double check)

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use (select one or double check & average)

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrubland, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

20	11
Subtotal	Points

Metric 3. Hydrology. (max 30 pts)

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation.

(select one or double check & average)

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime.

(select one or double check & average)

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only 1.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other- list

29	9
Subtotal	Points

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development. (max 20 pts.)

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select one.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange		Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetland:	Wetland E	Rater:	Judith Mitchell

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29	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 5. Special Wetlands. (max 10 pts.)

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10 pts)
- Fen (10 pts)
- Old Growth Forest (10 pts)
- Mature forested wetland (5 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5 pts)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10 pts)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10 pts)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/waterfowl habitat or usage (10 pts)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 of Qualitative Rating. (-10 pts)

26	-3
Subtotal	Points

Metric 6. Plant Communities, interspersions, microtopography. (max 20 pts.)

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- Aquatic bed
- 1 Emergent
- Shrub
- Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other (list) _____

6b. Horizontal (plan view) interspersions

Select only one

- High (5)
- Moderately high (4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- 0 None (0)

6c. Coverage of invasive plants.

Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

- Phragmites australis*
- Extensive >75 % cover (-5)
 - Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
 - Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
 - Nearly Absent <5% cover (0)
 - Absent (1)

6d. Microtopography

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- 0 Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- 1 Coarse woody debris >15 cm (6")
- 0 Standing dead > 25 cm (10") dbh
- 0 Amphibian breeding pools

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
moderate	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres)
1	Low 0.1 ha to <1 ha (0.2471 acres to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 ha to <4 ha (2.47 acres to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4 ha (9.88 acres) or more

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

26	GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)
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End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		Check Answer or Insert Score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High-Quality Natural Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant Bird Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands – Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands-Unrestricted with native plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3; may also be 1 or 2
	Question 10. Oak Openings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	0	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	9	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	11	
	Metric 4. Habitat	9	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography	-3	
	TOTAL SCORE	26	Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Check One		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances, however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g., functional assessment, biological assessment, etc., and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C)
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g., a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

Choose One
 Category 1
 Category 2
 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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Address:	1500 North Mantua Street, Kent, OH 44240
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E-Mail Address:	Judith.mitchell@davey.com
Name of Wetland: Wetland F	
Vegetation Communit(ies): emergent, shrub swamp, forested swamp	
HGM Class(es): Depression, riverine	
Location of Wetland: Include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See Delineation Report	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate:	41.4547, -81.4860
USGS Quad Name:	Chagrin Falls
County:	Cuyahoga
Township:	
Section and Subsection:	
Hydrologic Unit Code:	04110001 (Chagrin River)
Site Visit:	August 6 and, 15, 2013
National Wetland Inventory Map:	NA
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map:	
Soil Survey:	See Delineation Report
Delineation Report/Map:	See Attached

Name of Wetland:	Wetland F
Wetland Size (acres, hectacres)	1.949 acres
<p>Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.</p> <p>See Delineation Report</p>	
<p>Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:</p>	
<p>Final Score: 41.5 Category: Modified 2</p>	

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances, this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below; however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	Done?	Not Applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	Yes	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human-induced changes, including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.	Yes	
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, <i>i.e.</i> , areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.	Yes	
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.	Yes	
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.	Yes	
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes, or rivers, or for dual classifications.		NA

End of Scoring Boundary Determination.
Begin Narrative Rating On Next Page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the literature *and* by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap>. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	Check One	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 2
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of, federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High-Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high-quality wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 5
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than 80% areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> ; or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that have little or no vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland. Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 6
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows; 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp.; 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover; 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present; and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 7
7	Ferns. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral pH (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8a

8a	“Old Growth Forest.” Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics; overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and multi-layered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8b
8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland’s hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland’s primary hydrological influence, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an “estuarine” wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9d	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance-tolerant native species can also be present.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance-tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings). Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (<i>e.g.</i> , Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (<i>e.g.</i> , Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic Plant Species

Invasive/Exotic Spp.	Fen Species	Bog Species	Oak Opening Species	Wet Prairie Species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis candensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccus</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating On Next Page.

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange			Date: August 15, 2013		
Wetlands: Wetland F			Rater: Judith Mitchell		
Wetland Acreage:	1.949	ORAM Score:	41.5	ORAM Category:	modified 2

2	2
Subtotal	Points

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size). (max 6 pts)

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

7	5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use. (max 14 pts)

2a. Calculate average buffer width (select one, do not double check)

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use (select one or double check & average)

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrubland, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

21.5	14.5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 3. Hydrology. (max 30 pts)

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation.

(select one or double check & average)

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime.

(select one or double check & average)

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only 1.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other- list

32.5	11
Subtotal	Points

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development. (max 20 pts.)

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select one.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

32.5	subtotal this page
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Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange		Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetland:	Wetland F	Rater:	Judith Mitchell

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32.5	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 5. Special Wetlands. (max 10 pts.)

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10 pts)
- Fen (10 pts)
- Old Growth Forest (10 pts)
- Mature forested wetland (5 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5 pts)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10 pts)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10 pts)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/waterfowl habitat or usage (10 pts)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 of Qualitative Rating. (-10 pts)

41.5	9
Subtotal	Points

Metric 6. Plant Communities, interspersions, microtopography. (max 20 pts.)

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- Aquatic bed
- 2 Emergent
- 1 Shrub
- 2 Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other (list) _____

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

6b. Horizontal (plan view) interspersions

Select only one

- High (5)
- Moderately high (4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
moderate	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

6c. Coverage of invasive plants.

Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

Phragmites australis
Alnus frangula

- Extensive >75 % cover (-5)
- Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly Absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres)
1	Low 0.1 ha to <1 ha (0.2471 acres to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 ha to <4 ha (2.47 acres to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4 ha (9.88 acres) or more

6d. Microtopography

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- 1 Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- 2 Coarse woody debris >15 cm (6")
- 1 Standing dead > 25 cm (10") dbh
- 1 Amphibian breeding pools

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

41.5 GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)

End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		Check Answer or Insert Score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High-Quality Natural Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant Bird Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands – Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands-Unrestricted with native plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3; may also be 1 or 2
	Question 10. Oak Openings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	2	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	5	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	14.5	
	Metric 4. Habitat	11	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography	9	
	TOTAL SCORE	41.5	Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Check One		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances, however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g., functional assessment, biological assessment, etc., and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C)
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g., a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

Choose One Category 1 Category 2 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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E-Mail Address:	Judith.mitchell@davey.com
Name of Wetland: Wetland G	
Vegetation Communit(ies): emergent, shrub swamp, forested swamp	
HGM Class(es): Depression, riverine	
Location of Wetland: Include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See Delineation Report	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate:	41.4547, -81.4860
USGS Quad Name:	Chagrin Falls
County:	Cuyahoga
Township:	
Section and Subsection:	
Hydrologic Unit Code:	04110001 (Chagrin River)
Site Visit:	August 6 and, 15, 2013
National Wetland Inventory Map:	NA
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map:	
Soil Survey:	See Delineation Report
Delineation Report/Map:	See Attached

Name of Wetland:	Wetland G
Wetland Size (acres, hectacres)	1.564 acres
<p>Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.</p> <p>See Delineation Report</p>	
<p>Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:</p>	
<p>Final Score: 43</p>	<p>Category: Modified 2</p>

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances, this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below; however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	Done?	Not Applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	Yes	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human-induced changes, including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.	Yes	
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, <i>i.e.</i> , areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.	Yes	
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.	Yes	
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.	Yes	
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes, or rivers, or for dual classifications.		NA

End of Scoring Boundary Determination.
Begin Narrative Rating On Next Page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the literature *and* by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap>. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	Check One	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 2
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of, federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High-Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high-quality wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 5
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than 80% areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> ; or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that have little or no vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland. Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 6
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows; 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp.; 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover; 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present; and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 7
7	Ferns. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral pH (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8a

8a	“Old Growth Forest.” Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics; overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and multi-layered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8b
8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland’s hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland’s primary hydrological influence, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an “estuarine” wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9d	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance-tolerant native species can also be present.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance-tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings). Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (<i>e.g.</i> , Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (<i>e.g.</i> , Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic Plant Species

Invasive/Exotic Spp.	Fen Species	Bog Species	Oak Opening Species	Wet Prairie Species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis candensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating On Next Page.

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange			Date: August 15, 2013		
Wetlands: Wetland G			Rater: Judith Mitchell		
Wetland Acreage:	1.564	ORAM Score:	43	ORAM Category:	modified 2

2	2
Subtotal	Points

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size). (max 6 pts)

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

7	5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use. (max 14 pts)

2a. Calculate average buffer width (select one, do not double check)

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use (select one or double check & average)

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrubland, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

22.5	15.5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 3. Hydrology. (max 30 pts)

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation.

(select one or double check & average)

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime.

(select one or double check & average)

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only 1.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other- list

34	11.5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development. (max 20 pts.)

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select one.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange		Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetland:	Wetland G	Rater:	Judith Mitchell

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34	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 5. Special Wetlands. (max 10 pts.)

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10 pts)
- Fen (10 pts)
- Old Growth Forest (10 pts)
- Mature forested wetland (5 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5 pts)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10 pts)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10 pts)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/waterfowl habitat or usage (10 pts)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 of Qualitative Rating. (-10 pts)

43	9
Subtotal	Points

Metric 6. Plant Communities, interspersions, microtopography. (max 20 pts.)

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- Aquatic bed
- 2 Emergent
- 1 Shrub
- 2 Forest
- Mudflats
- 0 Open water
- Other (list) _____

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

6b. Horizontal (plan view) interspersions

Select only one

- High (5)
- Moderately high (4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
moderate	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

6c. Coverage of invasive plants.

Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

- Extensive >75 % cover (-5)
 - Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
 - Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
 - Nearly Absent <5% cover (0)
 - Absent (1)
- Phragmites australis*
Alnus frangula
Typha angustifolia

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres)
1	Low 0.1 ha to <1 ha (0.2471 acres to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 ha to <4 ha (2.47 acres to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4 ha (9.88 acres) or more

6d. Microtopography

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- 0 Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- 2 Coarse woody debris >15 cm (6")
- 1 Standing dead > 25 cm (10") dbh
- 1 Amphibian breeding pools

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

43	GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)
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End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		Check Answer or Insert Score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High-Quality Natural Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant Bird Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands – Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands-Unrestricted with native plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3; may also be 1 or 2
	Question 10. Oak Openings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	2	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	5	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	15.5	
	Metric 4. Habitat	11.5	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersions, microtopography	9	
	TOTAL SCORE	43	Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Check One		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances, however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g., functional assessment, biological assessment, etc., and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C)
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g., a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

Choose One Category 1 Category 2 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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Name of Wetland: Wetland H	
Vegetation Communit(ies): emergent, forested swamp	
HGM Class(es): Depression	
Location of Wetland: Include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See Delineation Report	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate:	41.4547, -81.4860
USGS Quad Name:	Chagrin Falls
County:	Cuyahoga
Township:	
Section and Subsection:	
Hydrologic Unit Code:	04110001 (Chagrin River)
Site Visit:	August 6 and, 15, 2013
National Wetland Inventory Map:	NA
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map:	
Soil Survey:	See Delineation Report
Delineation Report/Map:	See Attached

Name of Wetland:	Wetland H
Wetland Size (acres, hectacres)	0.388 acre
<p>Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.</p> <p>See Delineation Report</p>	
<p>Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:</p>	
<p>Final Score: 48 Category: 2</p>	

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances, this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below; however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	Done?	Not Applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	Yes	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human-induced changes, including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.	Yes	
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, <i>i.e.</i> , areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.	Yes	
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.		NA
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.		NA
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes, or rivers, or for dual classifications.		NA

End of Scoring Boundary Determination.
Begin Narrative Rating On Next Page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the literature *and* by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap>. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	Check One	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 2
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of, federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High-Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high-quality wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 5
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than 80% areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> ; or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that have little or no vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland. Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 6
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows; 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp.; 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover; 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present; and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 7
7	Ferns. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral pH (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8a

8a	“Old Growth Forest.” Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics; overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and multi-layered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8b
8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland’s hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland’s primary hydrological influence, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an “estuarine” wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9d	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance-tolerant native species can also be present.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance-tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings). Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (<i>e.g.</i> , Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (<i>e.g.</i> , Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic Plant Species

Invasive/Exotic Spp.	Fen Species	Bog Species	Oak Opening Species	Wet Prairie Species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis candensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccus</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating On Next Page.

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange			Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetlands: Wetland H			Rater: Judith Mitchell	
Wetland Acreage:	0.388	ORAM Score:	48	ORAM Category: Category 2

2	2
Subtotal	Points

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size). (max 6 pts)

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

7	5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use. (max 14 pts)

2a. Calculate average buffer width (select one, do not double check)

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use (select one or double check & average)

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrubland, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

22	15
Subtotal	Points

Metric 3. Hydrology. (max 30 pts)

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation.

(select one or double check & average)

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime.

(select one or double check & average)

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only 1.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other- list

38	16
Subtotal	Points

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development. (max 20 pts.)

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select one.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange		Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetland:	Wetland H	Rater:	Judith Mitchell

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38 **0**
Subtotal Points

Metric 5. Special Wetlands. (max 10 pts.)

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10 pts)
- Fen (10 pts)
- Old Growth Forest (10 pts)
- Mature forested wetland (5 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5 pts)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10 pts)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10 pts)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/waterfowl habitat or usage (10 pts)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 of Qualitative Rating. (-10 pts)

48 **10**
Subtotal Points

Metric 6. Plant Communities, interspersions, microtopography. (max 20 pts.)

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- Aquatic bed
- 2 Emergent
- 1 Shrub
- 2 Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other (list) _____

6b. Horizontal (plan view) interspersions

Select only one

- High (5)
- Moderately high (4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

6c. Coverage of invasive plants.

Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

Phragmites australis
Alnus frangula

- Extensive >75 % cover (-5)
- Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly Absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

6d. Microtopography

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- 1 Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- 2 Coarse woody debris >15 cm (6")
- 1 Standing dead > 25 cm (10") dbh
- 0 Amphibian breeding pools

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
moderate	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres)
1	Low 0.1 ha to <1 ha (0.2471 acres to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 ha to <4 ha (2.47 acres to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4 ha (9.88 acres) or more

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

48 **GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)**

End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		Check Answer or Insert Score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High-Quality Natural Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant Bird Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands – Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands-Unrestricted with native plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3; may also be 1 or 2
	Question 10. Oak Openings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	2	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	5	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	15	
	Metric 4. Habitat	16	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography	10	
	TOTAL SCORE	48	Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Check One		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions: Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM.
Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions: Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
Did you answer "Yes" to Narrative Rating No. 5	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM.
Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances, however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
Does the quantitative score fall within the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g., functional assessment, biological assessment, etc., and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C)
Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g., a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

Choose One Category 1 Category 2 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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E-Mail Address:	Judith.mitchell@davey.com
Name of Wetland: Wetland I	
Vegetation Communit(ies): emergent	
HGM Class(es): Depression	
Location of Wetland: Include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See Delineation Report	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate:	41.4547, -81.4860
USGS Quad Name:	Chagrin Falls
County:	Cuyahoga
Township:	
Section and Subsection:	
Hydrologic Unit Code:	04110001 (Chagrin River)
Site Visit:	August 6 and, 15, 2013
National Wetland Inventory Map:	NA
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map:	
Soil Survey:	See Delineation Report
Delineation Report/Map:	See Attached

Name of Wetland:	Wetland I
Wetland Size (acres, hectacres)	0.009 acre
<p>Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.</p> <p>See Delineation Report</p>	
<p>Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:</p>	
<p>Final Score: 24</p>	<p>Category: 1</p>

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances, this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below; however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	Done?	Not Applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	Yes	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human-induced changes, including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.		na
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, <i>i.e.</i> , areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.		NA
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.		NA
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.		NA
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes, or rivers, or for dual classifications.		NA

End of Scoring Boundary Determination.
Begin Narrative Rating On Next Page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the literature *and* by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap>. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	Check One	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 2
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of, federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High-Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high-quality wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 5
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than 80% areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> ; or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that have little or no vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland. Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 6
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows; 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp.; 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover; 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present; and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 7
7	Ferns. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral pH (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8a

8a	“Old Growth Forest.” Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics; overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and multi-layered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8b
8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland’s hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland’s primary hydrological influence, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an “estuarine” wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9d	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance-tolerant native species can also be present.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance-tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings). Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (<i>e.g.</i> , Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (<i>e.g.</i> , Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic Plant Species

Invasive/Exotic Spp.	Fen Species	Bog Species	Oak Opening Species	Wet Prairie Species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis candensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating On Next Page.

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange			Date: August 15, 2013		
Wetlands: Wetland I			Rater: Judith Mitchell		
Wetland Acreage:	0.009	ORAM Score:	24	ORAM Category:	Category 1

0	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size). (max 6 pts)

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

3	3
Subtotal	Points

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use. (max 14 pts)

2a. Calculate average buffer width (select one, do not double check)

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use (select one or double check & average)

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrubland, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

13	10
Subtotal	Points

Metric 3. Hydrology. (max 30 pts)

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation.

(select one or double check & average)

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime.

(select one or double check & average)

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only 1.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other- list

24	11
Subtotal	Points

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development. (max 20 pts.)

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select one.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

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Wetland:	Wetland I	Rater:	Judith Mitchell

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24	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 5. Special Wetlands. (max 10 pts.)

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10 pts)
- Fen (10 pts)
- Old Growth Forest (10 pts)
- Mature forested wetland (5 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5 pts)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10 pts)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10 pts)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/waterfowl habitat or usage (10 pts)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 of Qualitative Rating. (-10 pts)

24	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 6. Plant Communities, interspersions, microtopography. (max 20 pts.)

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- Aquatic bed
- 1 Emergent
- Shrub
- Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other (list) _____

6b. Horizontal (plan view) interspersions

Select only one

- High (5)
- Moderately high (4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

6c. Coverage of invasive plants.

Refer to Table 1 ORAM long

form for list. Add or deduct

points for coverage

Alnus frangula

- Extensive >75 % cover (-5)
- Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly Absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

6d. Microtopography

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- 0 Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- 0 Coarse woody debris >15 cm (6")
- 0 Standing dead > 25 cm (10") dbh
- 0 Amphibian breeding pools

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
moderate	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres)
1	Low 0.1 ha to <1 ha (0.2471 acres to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 ha to <4 ha (2.47 acres to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4 ha (9.88 acres) or more

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

24	GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)
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End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		Check Answer or Insert Score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High-Quality Natural Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant Bird Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands – Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands-Unrestricted with native plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3; may also be 1 or 2
	Question 10. Oak Openings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	0	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	3	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	10	
	Metric 4. Habitat	11	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography	0	
	TOTAL SCORE	24	Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Check One		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances, however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g., functional assessment, biological assessment, etc., and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C)
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g., a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

Choose One
 Category 1
 Category 2
 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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Name of Wetland: Wetland J	
Vegetation Communit(ies): shrub swamp	
HGM Class(es): Depression	
Location of Wetland: Include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See Delineation Report	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate:	41.4547, -81.4860
USGS Quad Name:	Chagrin Falls
County:	Cuyahoga
Township:	
Section and Subsection:	
Hydrologic Unit Code:	04110001 (Chagrin River)
Site Visit:	August 6 and, 15, 2013
National Wetland Inventory Map:	NA
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map:	
Soil Survey:	See Delineation Report
Delineation Report/Map:	See Attached

Name of Wetland:	Wetland J
Wetland Size (acres, hectacres)	0.125 acre
<p>Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.</p> <p>See Delineation Report</p>	
<p>Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:</p>	
Final Score: 23.5	Category: 1

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances, this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below; however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	Done?	Not Applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	Yes	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human-induced changes, including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.		na
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, <i>i.e.</i> , areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.		NA
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.		NA
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.		NA
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes, or rivers, or for dual classifications.		NA

End of Scoring Boundary Determination.
Begin Narrative Rating On Next Page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the literature *and* by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap>. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	Check One	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 2
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of, federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High-Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high-quality wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 5
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than 80% areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> ; or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that have little or no vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland. Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 6
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows; 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp.; 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover; 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present; and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 7
7	Ferns. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral pH (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8a

8a	“Old Growth Forest.” Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics; overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and multi-layered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8b
8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland’s hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland’s primary hydrological influence, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an “estuarine” wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9d	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance-tolerant native species can also be present.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance-tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings). Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (<i>e.g.</i> , Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (<i>e.g.</i> , Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic Plant Species

Invasive/Exotic Spp.	Fen Species	Bog Species	Oak Opening Species	Wet Prairie Species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis candensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccus</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating On Next Page.

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange			Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetlands: Wetland J			Rater: Judith Mitchell	
Wetland Acreage:	0.125	ORAM Score:	23.5	ORAM Category: Category 1

1	1
Subtotal	Points

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size). (max 6 pts)

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

5	4
Subtotal	Points

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use. (max 14 pts)

2a. Calculate average buffer width (select one, do not double check)

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use (select one or double check & average)

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrubland, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

15	10
Subtotal	Points

Metric 3. Hydrology. (max 30 pts)

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation.

(select one or double check & average)

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime.

(select one or double check & average)

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only 1.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other- list

24.5	9.5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development. (max 20 pts.)

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select one.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange		Date: August 15, 2013	
Wetland:	Wetland J	Rater:	Judith Mitchell

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24.5	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 5. Special Wetlands. (max 10 pts.)

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10 pts)
- Fen (10 pts)
- Old Growth Forest (10 pts)
- Mature forested wetland (5 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5 pts)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10 pts)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10 pts)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/waterfowl habitat or usage (10 pts)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 of Qualitative Rating. (-10 pts)

23.5	-1
Subtotal	Points

Metric 6. Plant Communities, interspersions, microtopography. (max 20 pts.)

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- Aquatic bed
- Emergent
- 1 Shrub
- Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other (list) _____

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

6b. Horizontal (plan view) interspersions

Select only one

- High (5)
- Moderately high (4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- X None (0)

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
moderate	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

6c. Coverage of invasive plants.

Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

Alnus frangula

- Extensive >75 % cover (-5)
- X Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly Absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres)
1	Low 0.1 ha to <1 ha (0.2471 acres to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 ha to <4 ha (2.47 acres to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4 ha (9.88 acres) or more

6d. Microtopography

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- 0 Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- 1 Coarse woody debris >15 cm (6")
- 0 Standing dead > 25 cm (10") dbh
- 0 Amphibian breeding pools

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

23.5 GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)

End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		Check Answer or Insert Score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High-Quality Natural Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant Bird Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands – Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands-Unrestricted with native plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3; may also be 1 or 2
	Question 10. Oak Openings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	1	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	4	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	10	
	Metric 4. Habitat	9.5	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography	-1	
	TOTAL SCORE	23.5	Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Check One		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances, however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g., functional assessment, biological assessment, etc., and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C)
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g., a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

Choose One
 Category 1
 Category 2
 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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Name of Wetland: Wetland K	
Vegetation Communit(ies): emergent and forest	
HGM Class(es): Depression	
Location of Wetland: Include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See Delineation Report	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate:	41.4547, -81.4860
USGS Quad Name:	Chagrin Falls
County:	Cuyahoga
Township:	
Section and Subsection:	
Hydrologic Unit Code:	04110001 (Chagrin River)
Site Visit:	August 6 and 15, 2013, August 21, 2014
National Wetland Inventory Map:	NA
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map:	
Soil Survey:	See Delineation Report
Delineation Report/Map:	See Attached

Name of Wetland:	Wetland k
Wetland Size (acres, hectacres)	0.305 acre
<p>Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.</p> <p>See Delineation Report</p>	
<p>Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:</p>	
Final Score: 28	Category: 1

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS: The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances, this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below; however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	Done?	Not Applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	Yes	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human-induced changes, including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.		na
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, <i>i.e.</i> , areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.		NA
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.		NA
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.		NA
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes, or rivers, or for dual classifications.		NA

End of Scoring Boundary Determination.
Begin Narrative Rating On Next Page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the literature *and* by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap>. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	Check One	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 2
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of, federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High-Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high-quality wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 5
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than 80% areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> ; or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that have little or no vegetation?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland. Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 6
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows; 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp.; 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover; 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present; and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 7
7	Ferns. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral pH (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8a

8a	“Old Growth Forest.” Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics; overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and multi-layered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 8b
8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland’s hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland’s primary hydrological influence, <i>i.e.</i> , the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an “estuarine” wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Go to Question 9d	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance-tolerant native species can also be present.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance-tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings). Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (<i>e.g.</i> , Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (<i>e.g.</i> , Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic Plant Species

Invasive/Exotic Spp.	Fen Species	Bog Species	Oak Opening Species	Wet Prairie Species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis candensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating On Next Page.

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange		Date: August 21, 2014	
Wetlands: Wetland K		Rater: Judith Mitchell	
Wetland Acreage: 0.305	ORAM Score: 28	ORAM Category:	Category 1

2	2
Subtotal	Points

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size). (max 6 pts)

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

5	3
Subtotal	Points

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use. (max 14 pts)

2a. Calculate average buffer width (select one, do not double check)

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use (select one or double check & average)

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrubland, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

15.5	10.5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 3. Hydrology. (max 30 pts)

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation.

(select one or double check & average)

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime.

(select one or double check & average)

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only 1.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other- list

25	9.5
Subtotal	Points

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development. (max 20 pts.)

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select one.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

Site: Pinecrest Drive, Orange		Date:	August 21, 2014
Wetland:	Wetland K	Rater:	Judith Mitchell

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25	0
Subtotal	Points

Metric 5. Special Wetlands. (max 10 pts.)

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10 pts)
- Fen (10 pts)
- Old Growth Forest (10 pts)
- Mature forested wetland (5 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10 pts)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5 pts)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10 pts)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10 pts)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/waterfowl habitat or usage (10 pts)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 of Qualitative Rating. (-10 pts)

28	3
Subtotal	Points

Metric 6. Plant Communities, interspersions, microtopography. (max 20 pts.)

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- Aquatic bed
- 2 Emergent
- Shrub
- 0 Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other (list) _____

6b. Horizontal (plan view) interspersions

Select only one

- High (5)
- Moderately high (4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

6c. Coverage of invasive plants.

Refer to Table 1 ORAM long

form for list. Add or deduct

points for coverage

Phalaris arundinacea
Alnus frangula

- Extensive >75 % cover (-5)
- Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly Absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

6d. Microtopography

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale

- 0 Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- 1 Coarse woody debris >15 cm (6")
- 0 Standing dead > 25 cm (10") dbh
- 0 Amphibian breeding pools

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
moderate	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1 ha (0.2471 acres)
1	Low 0.1 ha to <1 ha (0.2471 acres to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 ha to <4 ha (2.47 acres to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4 ha (9.88 acres) or more

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

28	GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)
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End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		Check Answer or Insert Score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High-Quality Natural Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant Bird Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands – Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands-Unrestricted with native plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3; may also be 1 or 2
	Question 10. Oak Openings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	2	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	3	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	10.5	
	Metric 4. Habitat	9.5	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography	3	
	TOTAL SCORE	28	Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Check One		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, re-evaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances, however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g., functional assessment, biological assessment, etc., and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C)
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g., a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

Choose One
 Category 1
 Category 2
 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.