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Rusty Yeager  
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6200 Vogel Road  
Evansville, IN 47715-4006

**BLA - EVANSVILLE**

RE: Project No. 103-0001-1PL  
I-69 Evansville-Indianapolis  
Daviss and Greene Counties, Indiana

Dear Mr. Yeager:

Enclosed are the completed questionnaire and/or the AD-1006 Farmland Conversion Rating Form from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the above named project(s). It has been found that there will be a conversion of prime farmland.

The attached packet of information is for your use in completing Parts VI and VII of the AD-1006. After completion the federal funding agency needs to forward one copy to NRCS for our records.

If you need additional information, please contact Lisa Bolton at (317) 290-3200, extension 342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane E. Hardisty".

JANE E. HARDISTY  
State Conservationist

Enclosures

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 8/22/06	4. Sheet 1 of <b>1 of 2</b>
1. Name of Project <b>Sect. 3, I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	
2. Type of Project <b>Interstate Highway</b>		6. County and State <b>Daviess County, Indiana</b>	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 8-23-06	2. Person Completing Form Steve Wade
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated / Average Farm Size <b>187 Acres</b>	
5. Major Crop(s) <b>Corn</b>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <b>249,817</b> % <b>89</b>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <b>184,635</b> % <b>'66</b>	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>LESA</b>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 9-8-06	

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment : Daviess Co.</b>			
	<b>Alt. 1</b>	<b>Alt. 2</b>	<b>Alt. 3</b>	<b>Alt. 4</b>
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	1,431.9	1,419.9	1,482.5	1,432.5
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	2.2	4.3	3.4	3.0
C. Total Acres In Corridor	1,434.1	1,424.2	1,485.9	1,435.5

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	1,039.9	1,037.0	1,104.8	1,041.2
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.5740	0.5700	0.5950	0.5740
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	58.0	58.0	57.0	58.0

<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>	68	67	69	68
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<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	14	14	14	14
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10	10	10	10
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	16	16	16	16
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	0	0	0
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	3	3	3	3
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0	0	0	0
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5	5	5	5
8. On-Farm Investments	20	13	13	13	13
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0	0	0
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	5	5	5	5
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<del>66</del> 66	<del>66</del> 66	<del>66</del> 66	<del>66</del> 66

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	68	67	69	68
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	<del>66</del> 66	<del>66</del> 66	<del>66</del> 66	<del>66</del> 66
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<del>132</del> 134	<del>132</del> 133	<del>132</del> 135	<del>132</del> 134

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used?  YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Reason For Selection:			

Signature of Person Completing this Part: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

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**PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)** 3. Date of Land Evaluation Request **8/22/06** 4. Sheet 1 of **2 of 2**

1. Name of Project **Sect. 3, I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2** 5. Federal Agency Involved **Federal Highway Administration**  
2. Type of Project **Interstate Highway** 6. County and State **Greene County, Indiana**

**PART II (To be completed by NRCS)** 1. Date Request Received by NRCS **8-23-06** 2. Person Completing Form **Steve Wade**

3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland?  
(If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form.) YES  NO  4. Acres Irrigated | Average Farm Size  
**203 Ac**

5. Major Crop(s) **Corn** 6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction  
**Acres: 284,994 % 82** 7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA  
**Acres: 173,641 % 50**

8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used **LESA** 9. Name of Local Site Assessment System 10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS  
**9-8-06**

**PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)** **Alternative Corridor For Segment : Greene Co.**

	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	307.1	307.1	307.1	307.1
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
C. Total Acres in Corridor	307.6	307.6	307.6	307.6

**PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information**

A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	176.9	176.9	176.9	176.9
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.1080	0.1080	0.1080	0.1080
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	59.0	59.0	59.0	59.0

**PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)**

	60	60	60	60
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**PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))**

	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	14	14	14	14
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10	10	10	10
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	16	16	16	16
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	0	0	0
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	3	3	3	3
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0	0	0	0
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5	5	5	5
8. On-Farm Investments	20	13	13	13	13
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0	0	0
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	5	5	5	5
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>

**PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)**

Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	60	60	60	60
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	66	66	66	66
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>126</b>

1. Corridor Selected: 2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 3. Date Of Selection: 4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used?  
YES  NO

5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor