



I-69 EVANSVILLE TO INDIANAPOLIS TIER 2 STUDIES

Section 5—Final Environmental Impact Statement

**APPENDIX K
NRCS FOR MS**

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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January 23, 2013

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Dear Mr. Yeager:

The updated proposed project to construct Section 5 of I-69 following SR 37 from the City of Bloomington to the City of Martinsville in Monroe and Morgan Counties, Indiana, as stated in your letter initially received August 13, 2012, will cause 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 317-295-5842.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Kult".

ROGER KULT
Acting State Conservationist

Enclosures

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of <u>2</u>
1. Name of Project <u>Sect 5 I69 Evansville to Indpls</u>		5. Federal Agency Involved	
2. Type of Project <u>Interstate Hwy</u>		6. County and State <u>Monroe Co, IN</u>	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <u>1-17-13</u>	2. Person Completing Form <u>Lisa B. / tm</u>
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 <u>111</u>	
5. Major Crop(s) <u>Corn</u>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <u>156,666</u> % <u>60</u>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <u>60,100</u> % <u>23</u>	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <u>LESA</u>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <u>1-23-13</u>	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Corridor <u>A4</u>	Corridor <u>B5</u>	Corridor <u>C6</u>	Corridor <u>D7</u>
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	599.1	563.8	258.4	221.3
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	7.6	4.9	10.1	11.6
C. Total Acres In Corridor	606.7	568.7	268.5	232.9

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<u>74.97</u>	<u>67.63</u>	<u>32.88</u>	<u>21.73</u>
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<u>0.125</u>	<u>0.086</u>	<u>0.062</u>	<u>0.044</u>
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<u>80</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>

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)				
	<u>55</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>58</u>

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	15	15	15	15
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10	10	10	10
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	0	0	0	0
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	0	0	0
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0	0	0	0
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0	0	0	1
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5	5	5	5
8. On-Farm Investments	20	20	20	20	20
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0	0	0
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	5	5	3	3
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	55	55	53	54

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	55	67	61	58
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	55	55	53	54
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	110	122	114	112

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"/>
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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	4. Sheet <u>1</u> of <u>2</u>
1. Name of Project <u>Sec 5 F69 Evansville to Indpls</u>		5. Federal Agency Involved	
2. Type of Project <u>Interstate Hwy</u>		6. County and State <u>Monroe Co, IN</u>	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <u>1-17-13</u>	2. Person Completing Form <u>Lisa Bo / km</u>
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 <u>111</u>	
5. Major Crop(s) <u>Corn</u>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <u>156,666</u> % <u>60</u>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <u>60,100</u> % <u>23</u>	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <u>LESA</u>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment _____			
	Corridor <u>A</u>	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	280.1			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	10.3			
C. Total Acres In Corridor	290.4	0	0	0

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information	
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<u>32.52</u>
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<u>0.066</u>
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<u>73</u>

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)

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	15			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	0			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	20			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	3			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	53	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	63			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	53	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	116	0	0	0

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"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: _____ DATE _____

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PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of <u>2</u>
1. Name of Project <u>Sect 5 Evansville to Indpls</u>	5. Federal Agency Involved		
2. Type of Project <u>Interstate Hwy</u>	6. County and State <u>Morgan Co, IN</u>		
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <u>1-17-13</u>	2. Person Completing Form <u>Lisa Bohan</u>
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 <u>178</u>
5. Major Crop(s) <u>Corn</u>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <u>201,267</u> % <u>77</u>		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <u>154,228</u> % <u>59</u>
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <u>Lesr</u>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Corridor A (<u>4</u>)	Corridor B (<u>5</u>)	Corridor C (<u>6</u>)	Corridor D (<u>7</u>)
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	201.7	197.9	91.5	99.3
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	9.5	5.9	13.9	13.3
C. Total Acres In Corridor	211.2	203.8	105.4	112.6

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<u>65.19</u>	<u>114.96</u>	<u>52.55</u>	<u>62.33</u>
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<u>0.040</u>	<u>0.068</u>	<u>0.027</u>	<u>0.031</u>
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<u>93</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>42</u>

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)				
	<u>60</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>

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	15	15	15	15	15
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10	10	10	10	10
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	4	9	8	9	9
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	0	0	0	0
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0	0	0	0	0
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	1	0	12	9	9
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5	5	5	5	5
8. On-Farm Investments	20	20	20	20	20	20
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0	0	0	0
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	5	5	3	3	3
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	60	64	73	71	71

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)						
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	60	62	72	72	72
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	60	64	73	71	71
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	120	126	145	143	143

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"/>
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Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

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2. Type of Project <u>Interstate Hwy</u>	6. County and State <u>Morgan County</u>		
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <u>1-7-13</u>	2. Person Completing Form <u>Lisa Bolton</u>
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PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Corridor <u>A</u>	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	94.5			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	17.6			
C. Total Acres In Corridor	112.1	0	0	0

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information	
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<u>71.35</u>
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<u>0.044</u>
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<u>93</u>

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)	
	<u>59</u>

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	15			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	10			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	7			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	17			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	20			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	3			
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	77	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	59			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	77	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	136	0	0	0

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"/>
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