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Dear Ms. Zhan,

I am providing information regarding stream and wetland impacts and mitigation in Ohio during state fiscal year (SFY) 2023, as required by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6111.025(D). ORC requires that:

"The director of environmental protection annually shall issue a report to the members of the general assembly on the total number of acres of wetlands and lineal feet of stream that were subject to filling during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The report also shall include the total number of acres of wetlands that were restored, created, enhanced, or preserved through compensatory mitigation that same year as a result of state isolated wetland permits issued under sections 6111.02 to 6111.027 of the Revised Code and the state section 401 water quality certification program administered under section 6111.30 of the Revised Code."

The following stream and wetland impacts/mitigation occurred in SFY 2023 as authorized by individual 401 water quality certifications and isolated wetland permits:

- Total acres of wetlands filled: **150.5 acres**
 - o Acres of isolated wetlands filled: **90.6 acres**
 - Acres of jurisdictional wetlands filled: 59.9 acres
- Total acres of wetland mitigation: 409.9 acres
 - o Acres of wetland mitigation required by state isolated wetland permits: **221 acres**
 - Acres of wetland mitigation required by state section 401 water quality certifications:
 188.9 acres
- Lineal feet of streams filled/mitigated:
 - o Lineal feet of streams filled: 22,716 lineal feet
 - Lineal feet of stream mitigation required by state section 401 water quality certifications: 21,241 lineal feet

If you have questions about this information, please contact my legislative officer, Andrew Smith, at (937) 232-0916 or andrew.smith@epa.ohio.gov.

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Anne M. Vogel, Director