

**APPENDIX I**

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

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June 28, 2006

Mr. Calvin L. Trice  
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Re: AHTD Job Number R60101  
Hwy. 67- I-40 West  
Pulaski County

Dear Mr. Trice:

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the referenced project. A map illustrating the project corridor is enclosed along with a copy of Form NRCS-CPA-106, the Farmland Conversation Impact Rating.

Please complete the form and we also ask that you make an analysis of significance of impacts to prime farmland on all of the corridors illustrated on the map. A 300-foot right-of-way should be used to calculate prime farmland conversion.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact John Baber of my staff at (501) 569-2281.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn P. Malbrough', is written over the typed name.

Lynn P. Malbrough  
Division Head  
Environmental Division

LPM:JB:trb

Enclosures

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Natural Resources Conservation Service		NRCS-CPA-106 (Rev. 1-91)	
<b>FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS</b>			
<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	4. Sheet 1 of _____
1. Name of Project		5. Federal Agency Involved	
2. Type of Project		6. County and State	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size
5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: _____ %	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: _____ %	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS	
<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment</b>	
		Corridor A	Corridor B
		Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services			
C. Total Acres In Corridor		0	0
		0	0
<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>			
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland			
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value			
<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>			
<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	
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use		10	
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed		20	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government		20	
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		10	
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland		25	
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services		5	
8. On-Farm Investments		20	
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		25	
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		10	
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>		160	0
		0	0
		0	0
<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>			
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	0
		0	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>		260	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"/>
5. Reason For Selection:			
Signature of Person Completing this Part:			DATE
<b>NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor</b>			

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Mr. John Baber  
Environmental Section  
Arkansas Highway Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-2261

Dear Mr. Baber:

This letter is in response to your request for adjustments on AHTD Job Number R60101, Hwy. 67-140 West Project in Pulaski County, Arkansas. Attached are forms CPA-106 which contain information on Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance in the area.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (501) 301-3172.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edgar P. Mersiofsky".

EDGAR P. MERSIOFSKY  
Assistant State Soil Scientist

Attachments

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

1. Name of Project: **North Belt Loop**

2. Type of Project: **Highway Corridor**

3. Date of Land Evaluation Request: **8/15/06**

4. Federal Agency Involved: **Ark. Highway Dept**

5. County and State: **Pulaski County, Arkansas**

6. Person Completing Form: **Edgar Mersiovsky**

7. 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

8. Major Crop(s):

9. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: **268,093** % **51.9**

10. Acres Irrigated: **22,195** Average Farm Size: **206 ac**

11. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: **256,729** % **49.7**

12. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used: **SCS-LESA**

13. Name of Local Site Assessment System:

14. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS: **9/1/06**

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

Alternative Corridor For Segment

A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	716.80	716.12	727.76	724.68
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor	716.80	716.12	727.76	724.68

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

A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	111	97	110	114
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	0	0	0	0
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	100	100	100	100

**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)**

1. Area In Nonurban Use	15	5	5	5	5
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	10	0	0	0	0
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	0
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	0	0	0	0
8. On-Farm Investments	20	0	0	0	0
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	0	0	0
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>0 20</b>	<b>0 20</b>	<b>0 20</b>	<b>0 20</b>

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

Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	13.1	11.9	12.7	13.1
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	0 20	0 20	0 20	0 20
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>0 33.1</b>	<b>0 31.9</b>	<b>0 32.7</b>	<b>0 33.1</b>

1. Corridor Selected:

2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: **see Part V**

3. Date Of Selection: **10/2/06**

4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES  NO

5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: *Joe Bill* DATE: **10/2/06**

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

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1. Name of Project <b>North Belt Loop</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>Ark. Highway Dept</b>	
2. Type of Project <b>Highway Corridor</b>		6. County and State <b>Pulaski County, Arkansas</b>	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>			
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"/>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <b>8/15/06</b>	2. Person Completing Form <b>Edgar Mersiovsky</b>
5. Major Crop(s)		4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size <b>22,195   206 ac</b>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA <b>Acres: 256,729 * 49.7</b>
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>SCS-LESA</b>		6. Farmable Land In Government Jurisdiction <b>Acres: 268,093 * 51.9</b>	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <b>9/1/06</b>
9. Name of Local Site Assessment System			

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		*Alternative Corridor For Segment		
		<b>Alt A</b>	<b>Alt B</b>	<b>Alt C</b>
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		703.74	712.54	842.10
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor		<del>703.74</del>	<del>712.54</del>	<del>842.10</del>
		0	0	0

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		139	98	108
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland		0	0	0
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		0.05	0.04	0.04
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		100	100	100

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

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>				
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	14.5	12.7
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	0.20	0.20
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>		260	0.345	0.302

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: <b>See Part V</b>	3. Date Of Selection: <b>10/2/06</b>	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: *John Bell* DATE: 10/2/06

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

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