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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: City of Cincinnati

STATE: OH

PROJECT TITLE : Cincinnati City ARRA- EECBG Act 3 (Mill Creek Restoration Project-Phase 3)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	DE-EE0000704.001	GFO-0000704-005	0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

- A9** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.
- B5.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

Rational for determination:

Activity #3, titled "Mill Creek Restoration Project", submitted by the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, includes funding of feasibility studies, property and utility surveys, geotechnical analyses, preliminary engineering and landscape drawings, due diligence documentation, and NEPA documentation related to the proposed sections of bike trail that are included in Phase 2 of the City of Cincinnati's Queen City-South Mill Creek Greenway Trail program. This activity has received a CX determination.

This NEPA determination applies to the change in scope for Activity #3 as described below:

The city would like to change the scope of Activity #3 (previously CX'd) to include Phase 3 of the Queen City-South Mill Creek Greenway Trail. Work done for Phase 3 will be the same as the work described above for Phase 2, but will cover additional sections of the proposed bike path that are outlined in Phase 3. EECBG funded work does not include construction.

Feasibility studies, property and utility surveys, geotechnical analyses, preliminary engineering and landscape drawings, due diligence documentation, and NEPA documentation for Phase 2 and 3 of the City of Cincinnati's Queen City-South Mill Creek Greenway Trail are consistent with actions outlined in A9, A11 and B5.1; therefore, the revised Activity #3 is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

EF-2a completed by Logan Sholar

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 11/16/10

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____
Field Office Manager

Date: _____