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RE: [External Email]12 Mile Road Widening Novi, Oakland County, MI

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Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 5:49 PM

To: "Jeske, Ariana" <ajeske@sda-eng.com>

Cc: "Obrien, Jeff" <jobrien@rcoc.org>, "Junco, Kelley K." <kjunco@rcoc.org>

Ariana,

I concur that 12 Mile Road in Novi from Beck Road to Dixon Road is located in the Detroit Urbanized Area that there would be no negative impact to prime and/or unique farmland as Subpart B of Part 523 does not apply to lands in an "urbanized area" on Census Bureau Maps. Should the scope of the project change to where expansion will occur, please resubmit the proposal for our review.

Thanks,

Marty

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From: Jeske, Ariana <ajeske@sda-eng.com>

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Martin,

I was given your contact information by Kelley Junco of the Road Commission for Oakland County. She recently consulted with NRCS regarding the Pontiac Trail from Haggerty Road to Green Lake Road project and potential farmland impacts under Part 523. That project was found to have no negative impact on unique/prime farmland because it was identified as being located in the urbanized area on the Census Bureau Reference Map for the Detroit, MI.

We are completing an environmental assessment for the widening of 12 Mile Road in Novi from Beck Road to Dixon Road and are in the process of assessing farmland impacts. I'm writing to you to get your concurrence that because the 12 Mile Road project is also located in the Detroit Urbanized Area that there would be no negative impact to prime and/or unique farmland as Subpart B of Part 523 does not apply to lands in an "urbanized area" on Census Bureau Maps.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Regards,

Ariana

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Mr. Brad Knight
Environmental Concerns Coordinator
Centennial Road Commission for Oakland County
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Dear Mr. Knight:

Thank you for your letter of February 21, 2013, to Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack, requesting early coordination with the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to identify key issues related to proposed transportation improvements to 12 Mile Road in Oakland County. Secretary Vilsack asked that I respond on his behalf.

You specifically requested comments relative to the following three topics: (1) specific issues or geographic areas of concern based on our expertise or regulatory jurisdiction, (2) mitigation or permitting requirements that may be necessary for project implementation, and (3) available technical information regarding these issues.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has special expertise with respect to prime and unique farmland, and has determined that such farmland is present within the project's area of potential effect. Garry Lee, NRCS State Conservationist in Michigan, also received this letter and has responded to you directly. A copy of Mr. Lee's letter is enclosed.

While mitigation or permitting is not required, as Mr. Lee indicated, you may need to complete a Farmland Conservation Impact Rating Form if more than one acre of prime or unique farmland will be converted. USDA does not expect there to be any impacts to NRCS easements as a result of your project. Please work directly with Mr. Lee and his staff if you have questions or need additional technical information regarding these issues. Mr. Lee can be reached by telephone at (517) 324-5277; or email: garry.lee@mi.usda.gov.

Again, thank you for writing, and for the opportunity to provide early comments on the proposed improvements to 12 Mile Road.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harris Sherman".

Harris Sherman
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March 11, 2013

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Ms. Cheryl Gregory, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Knight and Ms. Gregory,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) under Part 523 of the Farmland Protection Policy Act has reviewed the proposal for improvements to 12 Mile Road between the Wixom City Limit and just east of Dixon Road. This review was conducted with respect to the effect(s) that the proposal may have on prime and/or unique farmland. Since there are prime and/or unique farmed lands in the proposed projects extent (see attachment Farmland Classification Report-Oakland County Michigan), the attached Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form for Corridor Type Projects (CPA-106) needs to be completed to rate the land being converted if the land conversion **exceeds 1 acre**. If the proposed land conversion exceeds 1 acre, please complete Parts I, III, VI, and VII and submit to the address below for that office to complete their portion.

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The completed form will be returned to your office. If no alternative for improvements to 12 Mile Road is practical please state this in the **Reason for Selection** block at the bottom of the form.

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Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



GARRY LEE
State Conservationist

Enclosures:

CPA-106

Farmland Classification-Oakland County, Michigan

cc: w/o enclosures

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