



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Washington DC 20420

February 9, 2024

Sent via email

SUBJECT: Scoping Notice for the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Phase 4 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements Project and Master Planning at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery Located at 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, Medina County, Ohio 44273

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action Phase 4 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements Project and Master Planning at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery located at 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, Medina County, Ohio (see attached **Figure A – Project Location** and **Figure B – Site Aerial**). As part of the decision-making process, VA will undertake activities to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by preparing an EA. VA is seeking input on issues to be addressed during the NEPA process. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to develop additional gravesites and make improvements to the existing cemetery in Phase 4, in addition to master planning the rest of the VA owned land for future phased expansion and improvements. The Proposed Action is needed to continue to provide accessible interment services to Veterans and their families and maintain the existing Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

Concurrent with this mailing, this scoping notice will also be published in Medina Gazette and the Northern Wayne Post to inform and solicit input from the public. The notice is also available on the VA website at <https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/>.

VA will prepare the Draft EA according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370h), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500- 1508), and VA Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26). Through this notice, VA is also providing the public with information about the undertaking and seeking public comment and input about the undertaking's effects on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, (54 USC § 306108), and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800 – Protection of Historic Properties). VA is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA in lieu of public involvement requirements in subpart B of the Section 106 regulations per 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). This notice does not serve as an invitation to consult under Section 106, it is solely to seek and consider the views of the public. VA will initiate its Section 106 review and invite consulting parties to participate via a separate communication.

VA recognizes that you as an identified Stakeholder and/or your organization may have comments on the scope of issues for analysis or information relevant to the Proposed Action for consideration in the Draft EA. Please submit your comments/information via email within 30-days following receipt of this notice to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "Phase 4 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements, Ohio WRNC".

VA will address and incorporate relevant comments/information in the Draft EA. Once VA completes the Draft EA, it will be published and made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. VA will announce the start of this review period by publishing a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EA in the Medina Gazette and Northern Wayne Post. VA will concurrently notify stakeholders with instructions on how to submit comments. For additional information or questions, please contact Fernando Fernandez at fernando.fernandez@va.gov with the subject line "Phase 4 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements, Ohio WRNC".

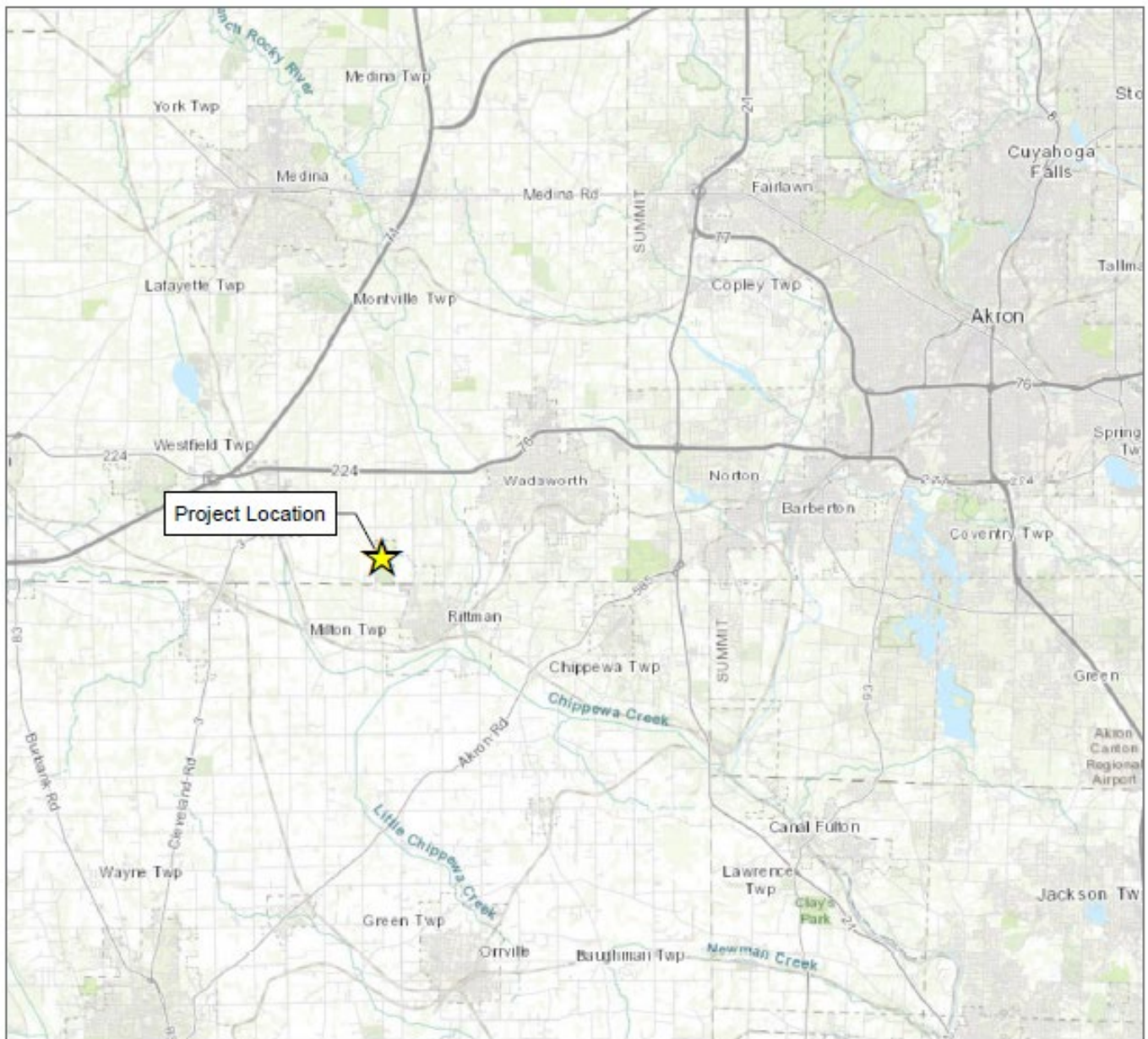
Respectfully,

Kathryn Domm
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**Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
Phase 4 Expansion**

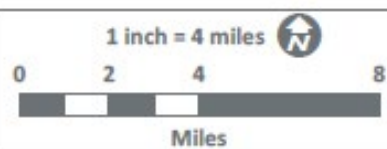
**Figure A
Project Location**



Legend

 Project Location

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Seville, OH 44273
Lat/Long: 40.99906, -81.81197
PID: Multiple
Project No: 17477
Date: 10.4.2023



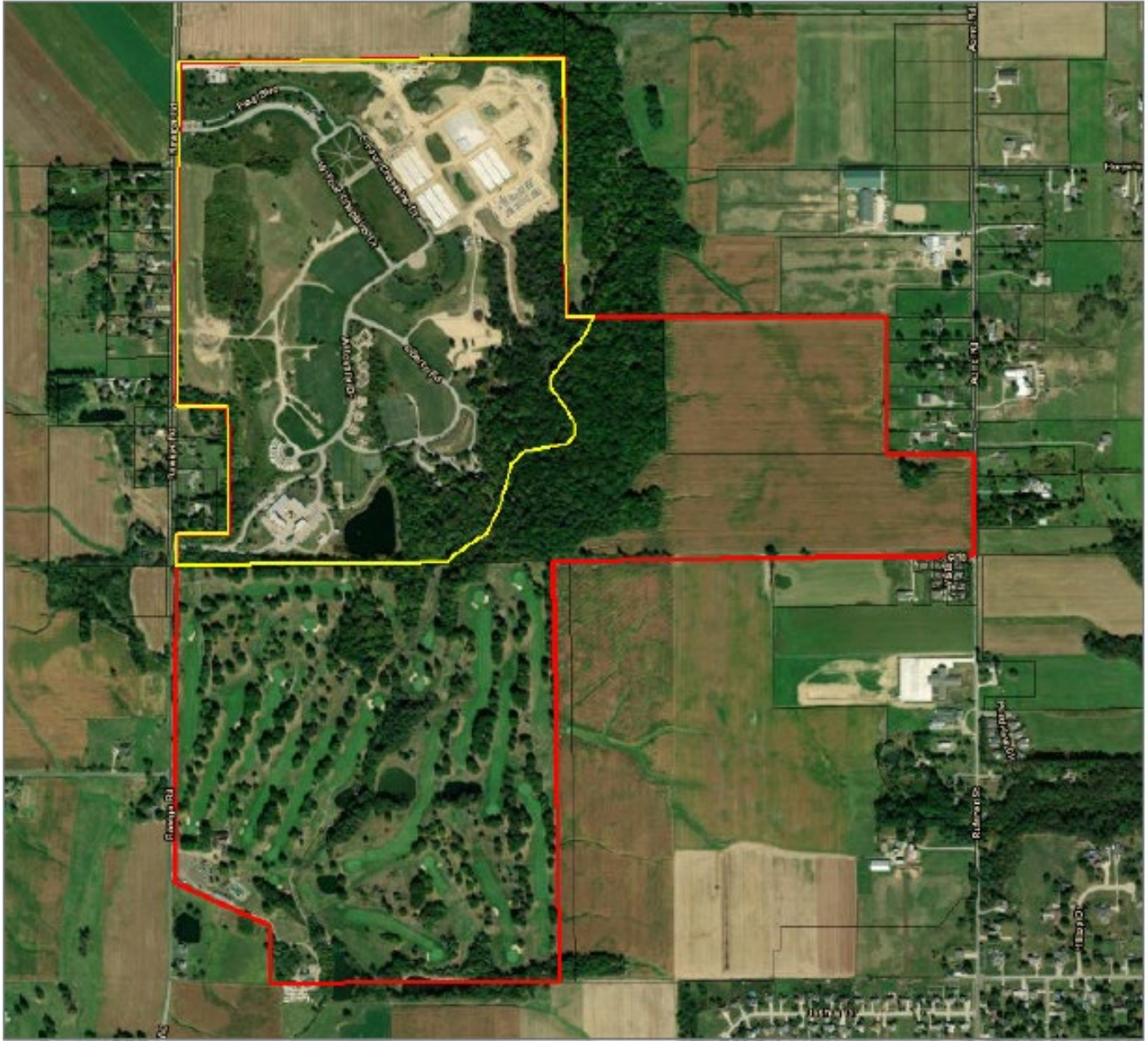
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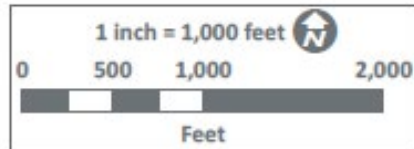
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- Phase 4 Expansion Limits
- VA Owned Property
- Medina Co. Parcels

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