Regionally Significant Environmental and Historic Resources in the OKI Region

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| Agricultural Districts                | Farmland where transportation projects may involve additional costs (mitigation may be required for impacts from state-funded projects)  
• Agricultural Districts in Ohio and Kentucky programs (not available in Indiana) are enrolled for 5-year protection as agricultural use at the property owner's request. |
| Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Species | Animal and plant species that are federally or state listed as endangered (in danger of extinction), threatened (likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future), or at risk  
• 161 species native to the OKI Region are state listed.  
• Nearly 2/3 of the region's 104 state-listed animal species depend on aquatic habitat for survival, and more than 1/4 of these are “critically imperiled” or “imperiled” at global levels.  
• The survival of listed species depends partly on the viability of other Regionally Significant Resources -- Streams with Special Significance, Streams with Habitat Value, State Conserved Area, Wetlands. |
| Historic Places                       | Properties in the National Register of Historic Places  
• Properties in the NRHP (or eligible for listing) “must receive consideration based on the National Historic Preservation Act prior to an undertaking involving Federal monies." |
| Prime Farmland                        | Land outside of the Urbanized Area where transportation projects may involve additional costs if they reduce the land's use or suitability as farmland  
• Prime Farmland has soil characteristics that make it the world's most productive agricultural areas and a globally-scarse resource.  
• Impacts to Prime and Important Farmland from federally-funded projects are to be avoided or mitigated under federal policy. |
| State Conserved Areas                 | State parks, state wildlife areas (Ohio) and wildlife management areas (Kentucky), and state preserves (dedicated under state law)  
• State investment in these areas help sustain multiple environmental resources. |
| Streams with Habitat Value            | Streams or stream segments that attain their designated use as aquatic habitat (as Warmwater Habitat or a higher level: Ohio Exceptional Warmwater Habitat, Ohio Coldwater Habitat or Kentucky Outstanding State Resource Water).  
• "Designated uses" are part of the strategy for meeting Clean Water Act goals: to restore and maintain the ... nation's waters so that they can support the protection and propogation of fish, shellfish and wildlife and recreation in and on the water." |
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| **Streams with Special Significance** | Streams or stream segments identified for conservation or protection by the states based on one or more of the following:  
  - Designated as a National and State Scenic River based on outstanding qualities to be protected for the future (the national system includes about 1/4 of 1% of the nation's rivers)  
  - Identified as a priority area for conserving aquatic species (in state wildlife conservation/action plans)  
  - Designated for use as habitat by species that require a high level of water quality (in administrative code for state water quality standards)  
  - Classified for high ecological value (in Antidegradation Policy included in state water quality standards) |
| **Wetlands**              | Areas where transportation projects are likely to involve additional costs if impacts to wetland functions are not avoided  
  - About 80% of the Oxbow of the Great Miami River is conserved (used by an outstanding array of species).  
  - More than a third of the nation’s threatened and endangered species live only in wetlands.                                                                                                       |