

Determination of Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Use Public Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife/Waterfowl Refuges

On Behalf of the Federal Highway Administration—Illinois Division

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| ***This template is completed if project impacts will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the property for protection under Section 4(f) [ §774.17].*** |
| **COUNTY:** | **ROUTE:** | **MODOT or LPA Job#:** |
| **NAME OF PROJECT:** |
| **SPONSOR** *(If an LPA project)***:** |
| **NAME OF SECTION 4(f) RESOURCE:** |

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| **I. NEPA CLASSIFICATION** |
| **EIS ☐** | **EA ☐** | **CE2 ☐** | **PCE ☐** |
| *\*NEPA will not be approved prior to completing Section 4(f) evaluations. MoDOT will submit Section 4(f) evaluations to FHWA for approval concurrent with the NEPA document.* |
| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** |
| **Describe all proposed actions in the project. Include enough detail to demonstrate that project activities would affect the features that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection.** |
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| **II. SECTION 4(f) PROPERTY ACQUISITION & OTHER PROPERTY ENCUMBRANCES** |
| **Provide the acreage and purpose of all property acquisitions/other encumbrances needed from the Section 4(f) property.** |  | * **N/A**
 | Does not require acquisition/other encumbrance from a Section 4(f) property. |
| **Acquisition Type** | **Acres** | **Purpose** |
| New Right of Way: |  |  |
| Permanent Easements: |  |  |
| Temporary Easements: |  |  |
| Lease/Licensing Agreement/Other |  |  |

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| **III. SECTION 4(f) PROPERTY** |
| **Describe the Section 4(f) property including the property boundary and the specific features that qualify the property for protection under Section 4(f). (23CFR§774.11 and 23CFR§774.17) If there is a management plan it may be necessary to refer to it in order to obtain the property boundary and features. Attach a location map and if needed, photographs to further depict property characteristics and conditions.** |
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| **Describe the current function of the Section 4(f) property or area that would be used in the project.** |
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| **If there are other Section 4(f) properties used by the project, provide the names, briefly describe the impacts, and the Section 4(f) determinations.** | * **N/A**

No other Section 4(f) sites used by this transportation project. |
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| **IV. DETOUR INFORMATION** |
| **Describe the detour route(s) to be used during road/bridge closure and attach a map showing the detour route(s) to the Section 4(f) property.** | * **N/A**

Does not require temporary road or bridge closures. |
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| **If project construction requires closure of a trail protected under Section 4(f), explain if a temporary detour will be established for continued use of the trail.** | * **N/A**

Does not require temporary closure of a trail. |
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| **V. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT** |
| **Explain the opportunity for public review and comment required under 23CFR§774.5(b)(2). Describe any public input received and if warranted, any responses. Attach public involvement documentation (e.g., copy of press release/public notice, displays provided to the public, project/public website, social media posts)** |
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| **VI. SECTION 6(f) OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) ACT** |
| **Have LWCF program funds been used in the acquisition of, or for any improvements to the subject Section 4(f) property?** | * **YES**
 | * **NO**
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| **If NO, continue to Section VII. If YES, answer the following:** |
|  | **Explain any coordination that has occurred with the appropriate Federal agency who concurs with the Section 6(f) land conversion or transfer or has determined that the project will not****result in a conversion. Attach any correspondence.** |
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| **VII. MITIGATION MEASURES / COMMITMENTS** |
| **List the mitigation measures associated with the use of the Section 4(f) resource that will be implemented during this project and the entity responsible for ensuring mitigation is completed. Mitigation measures associated with Section 4(f) must be included in the NEPA document as commitments, or as commitments in the RES or RER if the project is a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE).** |
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| **VIII. ATTACHMENTS** *(\*Required)* |
|  | *\** Project location map |
|  | *\** Section 4(f) location map |
|  | Roadway detour map to the Section 4(f) property *(\* required if applicable)* |
|  | Photographs of Section 4(f) property |
|  | *\** Public involvement documentation |
|  | \*Section 4(f) Applicability Checklist |
|  | Correspondence |
|  | Other: |

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| **VIIII. SUMMARY AND DETERMINATIONS** |
| **This project will result in a *de minimis* use to the Section 4(f) property and will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes qualifying the park, recreation area, or wildlife/waterfowl refuge for protection under Section 4(f). Avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and/or enhancement measures will be implemented to protect the characteristics and/or the functions of the resource. This includes agreed-to commitments, mitigation, and/or minimization measures previously described. The official with jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) resource agrees the proposed action constitutes a *de minimis* impact.****If the project scope changes, or the conditions of the Section 4(f) property change such that new impacts may occur as a result of the project, this Section 4(f) determination must be re-evaluated.** |
| **X. CONCURRENCE BY THE OFFICIAL WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE SECTION 4(f) RESOURCE:** |
| **Official with Jurisdiction Signature/Title/Agency:** | **Date:** |

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| **1.** | **Preparer Signature/Title/Agency:** | **Date:** |
| **2.** | **IDOT District Signature:** | **Date:** |
| **3.** | **Federal Highway Administration Signature:** | **Date:** |

Upload the completed form to the Request for Environmental Review (RER for LPA project) or Request for Environmental Services (RES for MoDOT project).