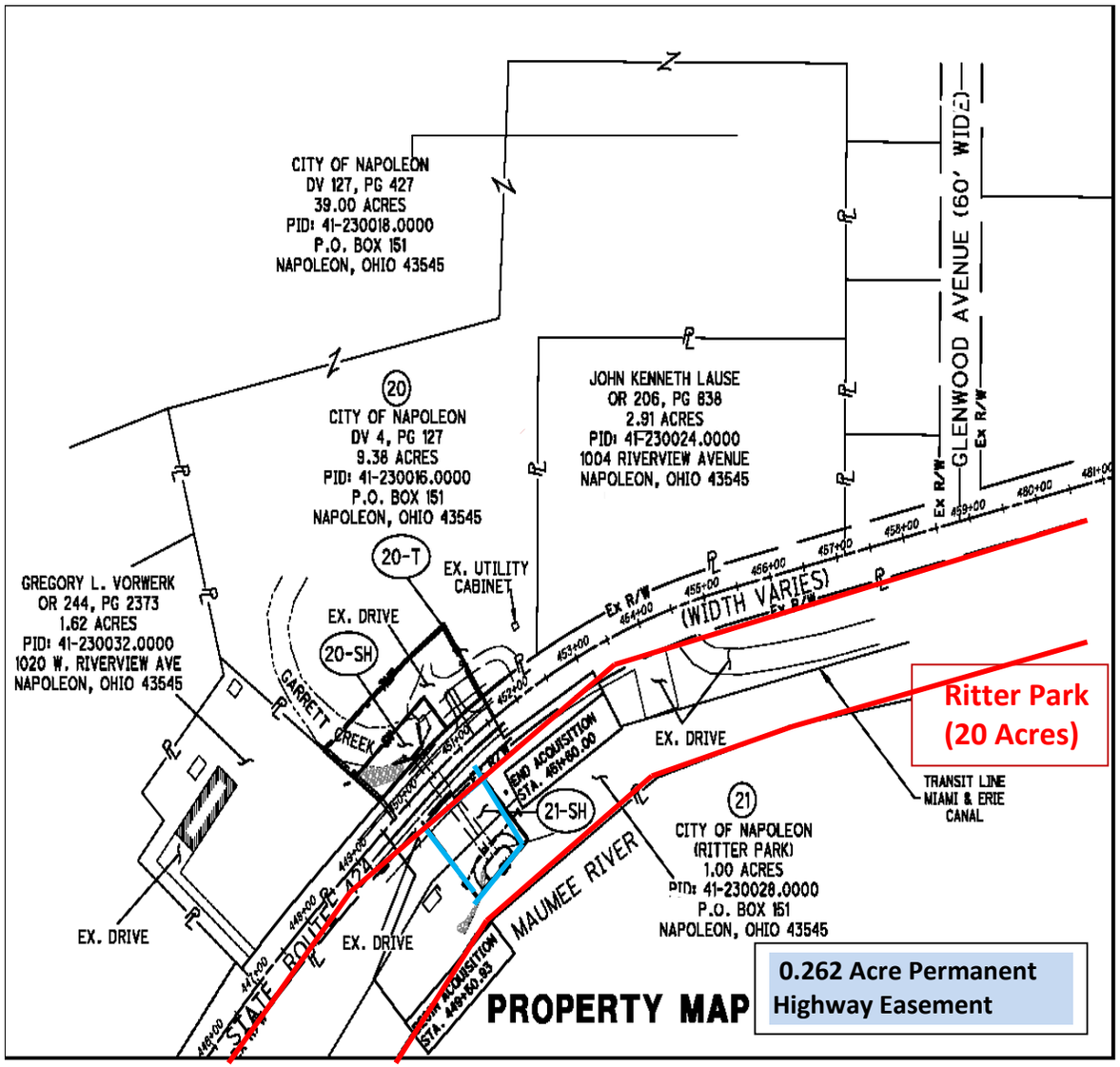

The Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2 Office

Stone Arch Maintenance at Ritter Park, State Route 424, City of Napoleon, PID# 88197

Project Description:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to perform minor repairs and remove embedded vegetation on the outlet headwall and wingwalls of a stone arch located under State Route 424 and located on City of Napoleon Ritter Park property. To perform this work and to maintain this drainage facility in the future, a 0.262 acre of permanent easement will be acquired.

The recreational components (i.e., the picnic areas, playground, shelter, restroom, water access, fishing, walking trails and benches at scenic view-sheds of the Maumee River) of Ritter Park are afforded protection under Section 4(f). Due to the scope of the proposed undertaking and the presence of Section 4(f) property, measures to minimize harm have been developed by the Federal Highway Administration that create a *de minimis* impact (as defined in 23 CFR 774.17) on the property. A *de minimis* impact is one that will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the Section 4(f) property (Ritter Park) for protection.

The project schedule is to begin work during the fall of 2012 or in 2013.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Due to the permanent highway easement being acquired for work on a stone arch on Ritter Park property and that the parcel has unrestricted public recreational access, it is subject to the requirement of 23 CFR 774, Section 4(f). In order to proceed forward with maintenance and repair activities, ODOT must first be in compliance with this requirement. ODOT is posting the project information to obtain public input regarding this proposed work. Comments may be sent, by **October 14, 2011,** to the following contact:

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