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**Broad-Level Tiered Environmental Review  
for Activity/Project that is  
Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5  
Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Sugarcreek Borough LMI Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation

**Responsible Entity (RE):** County of Venango

**State/Local Identifier:** Pennsylvania

**RE Preparer:** Hilary Buchanan

**Certifying Officer:** Michael C. Dulaney, Venango County Commissioner

**Grant Recipient** (if different than Responsible Entity): Sugarcreek Borough  
**Point of Contact:**

**Consultant** (if applicable):  
**Point of Contact:**

**Project Location:** Sugarcreek Borough

**Additional Location Information:** Scattered, as yet undetermined, sites throughout Sugarcreek Borough.

**Direct Comments to:** Hilary Buchanan

**Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:** Sugarcreek Borough would like to use their CDBG funds to initiate a housing rehabilitation program for eligible LMI homeowners.

**Approximate size of the project area:** 38.65 square miles

**Length of time covered by this review:** 3 years

**Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:** The maximum number of dwelling units will be determined as home owners are qualified for rehabilitation.

There is not currently a maximum set, as we want to do as many units as possible with the funds available.

**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: 58.35(a)

**Funding Information**

| Grant Number | HUD Program | Program Name    | Funding Amount |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| C000066574   | CDBG        | Sugarcreek CDBG | \$59,787.09    |
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**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$59,787.09

**Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]:**  
\$59,787.09

**Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities and Written Strategies**

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| <b>Compliance Factors:</b><br>Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 | Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?                            | <b>If Yes:</b> Describe compliance determinations made at the broad level.<br><br><b>If No:</b> Describe the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review.   |
| <b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 &amp; 58.6</b>                             |  |   |
| <b>Airport Hazards</b><br><br>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D  | Yes    No<br><input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no FAA regulated civil airports within 2,500 feet nor military airports within 15,000 feet (2.8 miles) of the project location. The project is 1.5 miles from the nearest Venango Regional Airport, and 40.1 miles from the nearest military airport, the Corry Lawrence Airport in Erie County, PA. Refer to Appendix B. |

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| <b>Coastal Barrier Resources</b><br><br>Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]          | Yes    No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The Project area is located 60 miles from Lake Erie, the nearest Coast. Refer to Appendix D.  |
| <b>Flood Insurance</b><br><br>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a] | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Because there are waterways within the borough, each location will need to be reviewed within the FEMA Flood Map Service Center. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>  |
| <b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §58.5</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Clean Air</b><br><br>Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93  | Yes    No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | This project does not constitute a significant new source of air pollution as there will be no new construction or conversion of land use for public, commercial, industrial facilities or five or more residential units.  |
| <b>Coastal Zone Management</b><br><br>Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)  | Yes    No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The Project area is located 60 miles from Lake Erie, the nearest Coast. Refer to Appendix D.  |
| <b>Contamination and Toxic Substances</b><br><br>24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]  | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b><br><br>Threshold: It is HUD policy, as described in 50.3(i), that “(1)...all property proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gasses, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property. (2) HUD environmental review of multifamily and non-residential properties shall include evaluation of previous uses of the site and other evidence of contamination on or near the site, to assure that occupants of proposed sites are not adversely affected by the hazards...” Sites known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials include but are not limited to site: ii) listed on an EPA Superfund National Priorities or CERCLA List, or equivalent State list; (ii) located |

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|  |   | within 3,000 feet of a toxic or solid waste landfill site; or (iii) with an underground storage tank. Each site within 3,000 feet will be evaluated and the results shown in Tier 2 of this review.  |
| <b>Endangered Species</b><br><br>Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402                           | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b><br><br>The proposed Program activities involve neither development of raw land Therefore, the proposed activities are not “likely to jeopardize the continued existence” of any Federally-listed species nor species proposed for listing, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. However, since some areas of the project area may contain potentially sensitive habitats, site specific review will be required to determine compliance. |
| <b>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</b><br><br>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C   | Yes    No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The proposed activities do not trigger this HUD regulation because the rehabilitation will not increase residential densities or convert the property to residential. Refer to 24 CFR 51.201, definition of “HUD-Assisted Project”.  |
| <b>Farmlands Protection</b><br><br>Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658  | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Each eligible property will be reviewed through Web Soil Survey to determine if they are located on any prime farmland. If the site is located on prime farmland, the current zoning map will be consulted as well to ensure there is no agricultural use. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>   |
| <b>Floodplain Management</b><br><br>Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55                               | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Because there are waterways within the borough, each location will need to be reviewed within the FEMA Flood Map Service Center. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>   |
| <b>Historic Preservation</b><br><br>National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800 | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Venango County has some locations listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Refer to Appendix H). The DCED Historic Preservation Specialist will be consulted regarding whether the proposed individual  |

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|  |   | project will have “no effect on historic properties” or requires further consultation with the PA State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). <b>Tier 2 Site-Specific review must be completed once applications are received for individual projects.</b>  |
| <b>Noise Abatement and Control</b><br><br>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Some locations may require consideration of this HUD regulation. Refer to 24 CFR 51.101(a)(2). <b>Tier 2 Site-Specific review must be completed once applications are received for individual projects.</b>  |
| <b>Sole Source Aquifers</b><br><br>Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149                  | Yes    No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no U.S. EPA Designated Sole Source Aquifers in Venango County. Refer to Appendix H.  |
| <b>Wetlands Protection</b><br><br>Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5   | Yes    No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The Program activities do not propose new construction. Therefore the Order does not apply, according to Section 2 of E.O. 11990.  |
| <b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b><br><br>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)                                     | Yes    No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | There is only 0.5 miles of Wild and Scenic River designated in Sugarcreek Borough, and there are no residences near this river. The project is not proposing alteration of the watercourse or natural flow of water to any waterway. Refer to Appendix I. The project will be permitted and implemented in accordance with all federal, state, and local requirements. |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Environmental Justice</b><br><br>Executive Order 12898  | Yes    No<br><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The proposed activities are compatible with the surrounding land uses. The community at large is composed of non-minority persons. There is one census blocks with a 22% poverty rate. Refer to Appendix J. <b>Tier 2 Site specific checklist required for each property.</b>  |

Attach supporting documentation as necessary, including a site-specific checklist.

**Determination:**

- ☐ Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR

☒ There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

Preparer Signature:  Date: 11/18/20

Name/Title/Organization: Hilary Buchanan / Deputy Director / Verengo County Regional Planning Commission

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:

 Date: 11/17/2020

Name/Title: Michael C. Dulancy - Commissioner

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

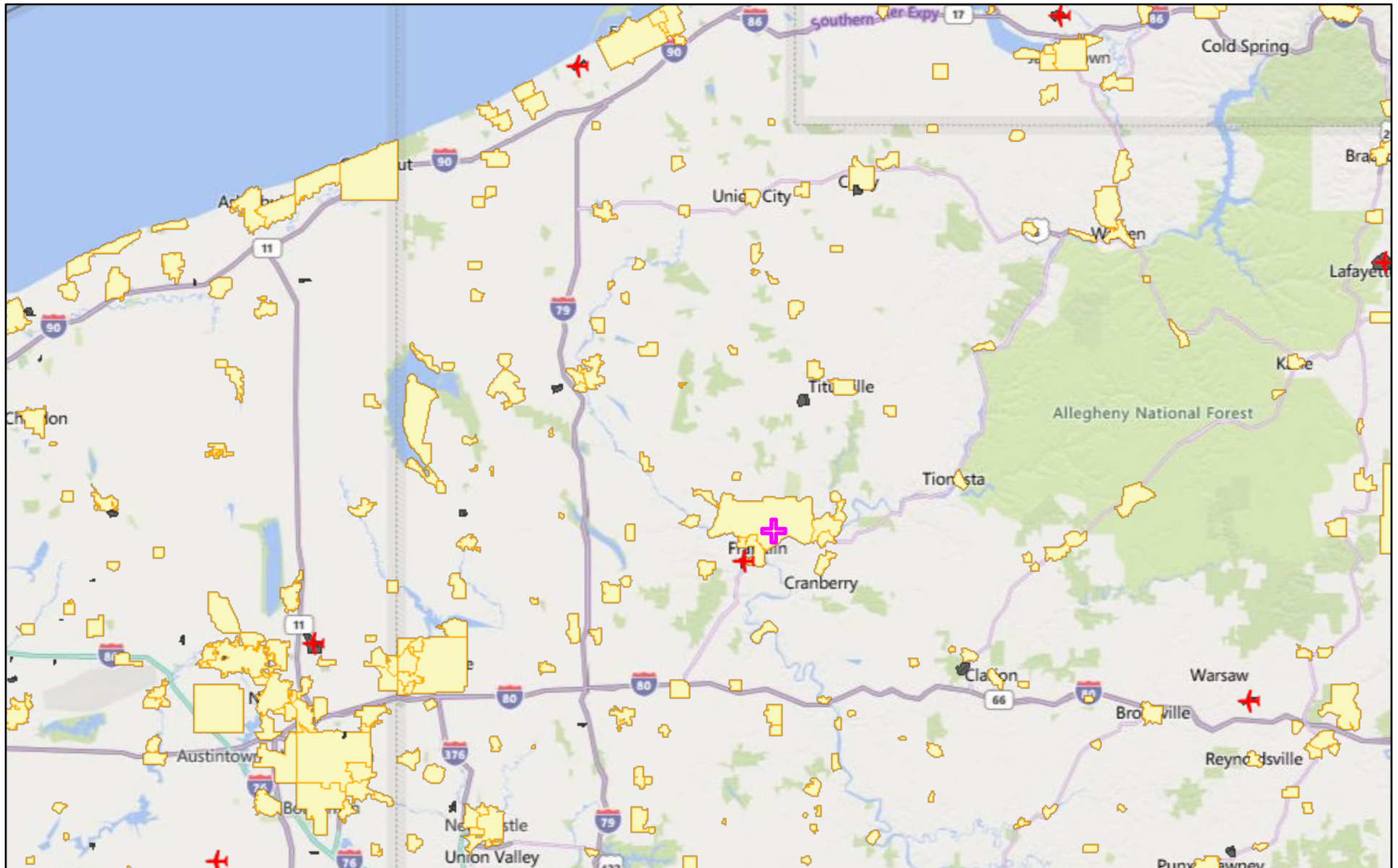
**This document represents the Tier 1 or Broad-Level review *only*. As individual sites are selected, this review must be supplemented by individual Tier 2 or Site-Specific reviews for each site. All laws and authorities requiring site-specific analysis will be addressed in these individual reviews.**

## **APPENDIX: Site-Specific or Tier 2 Reviews**





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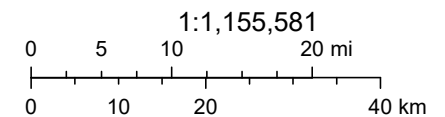
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## Sugarcreek Tier 1 Airport Map Appendix B



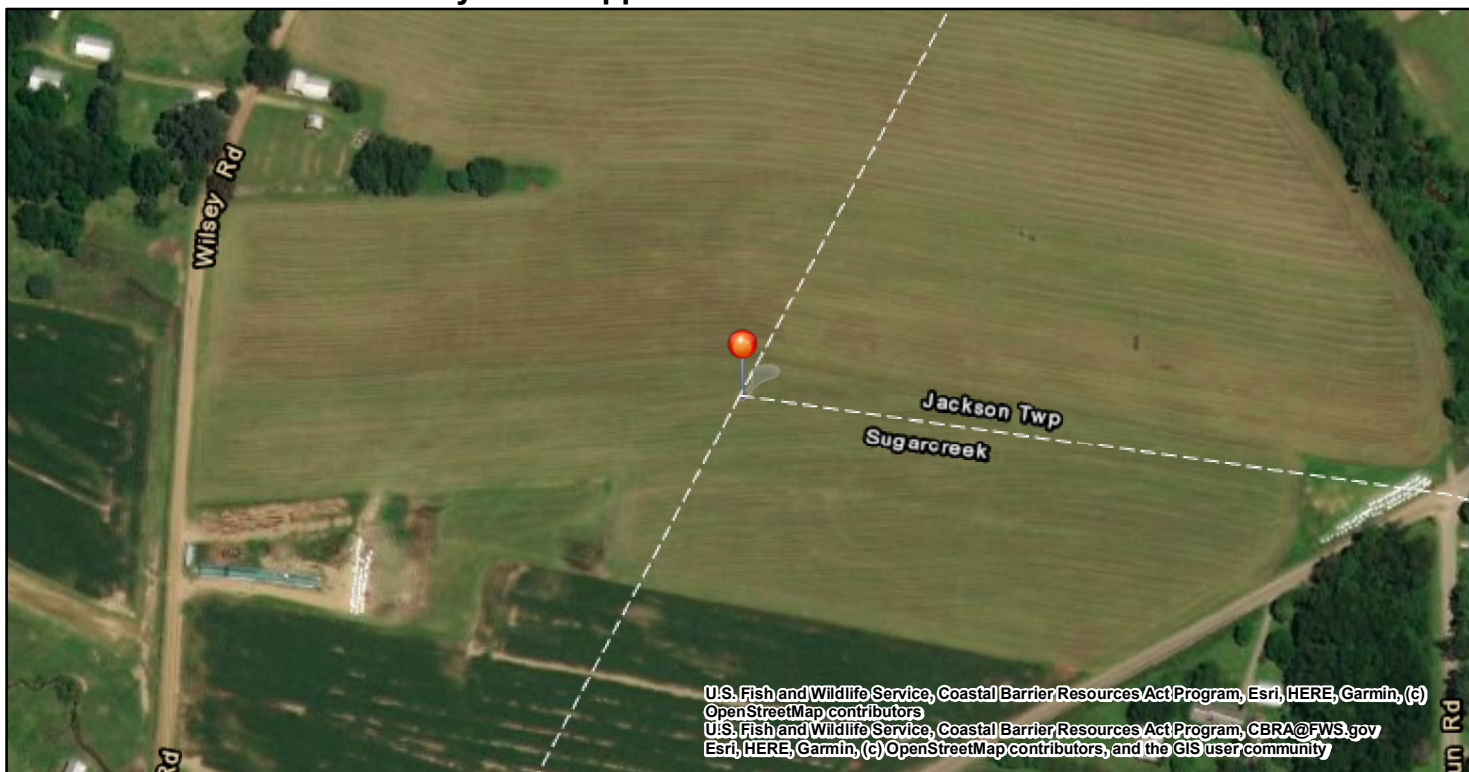
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-  Airport Points
-  Airport Polygons
-  City Boundary



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## Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper Documentation



## CBRS Units

Otherwise Protected Area

CBRS Buffer Zone

System Unit

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**User Name:** Hilary Buchanan

**User Organization:** Venango County Regional Planning Commission

**User Supplied Address/Location Description:** Sugarcreek Borough Boundary

**Pin Location:** Outside CBRS

**Pin Flood Insurance Prohibition Date:** N/A

**Pin System Unit Establishment Date:** N/A

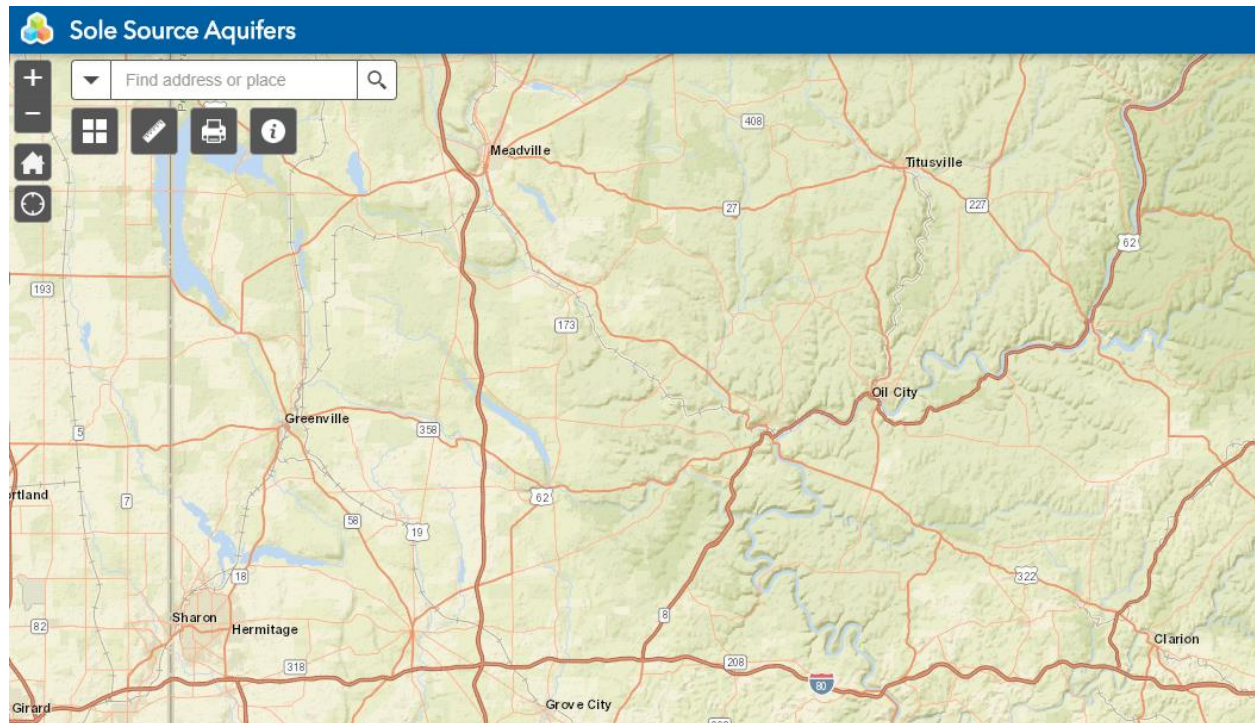
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## Sugarcreek Borough Sole Source Aquifer Map Appendix H

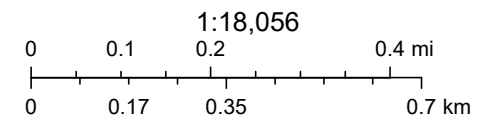


# Sugarcreek Wild and Scenic Rivers Map Appendix I



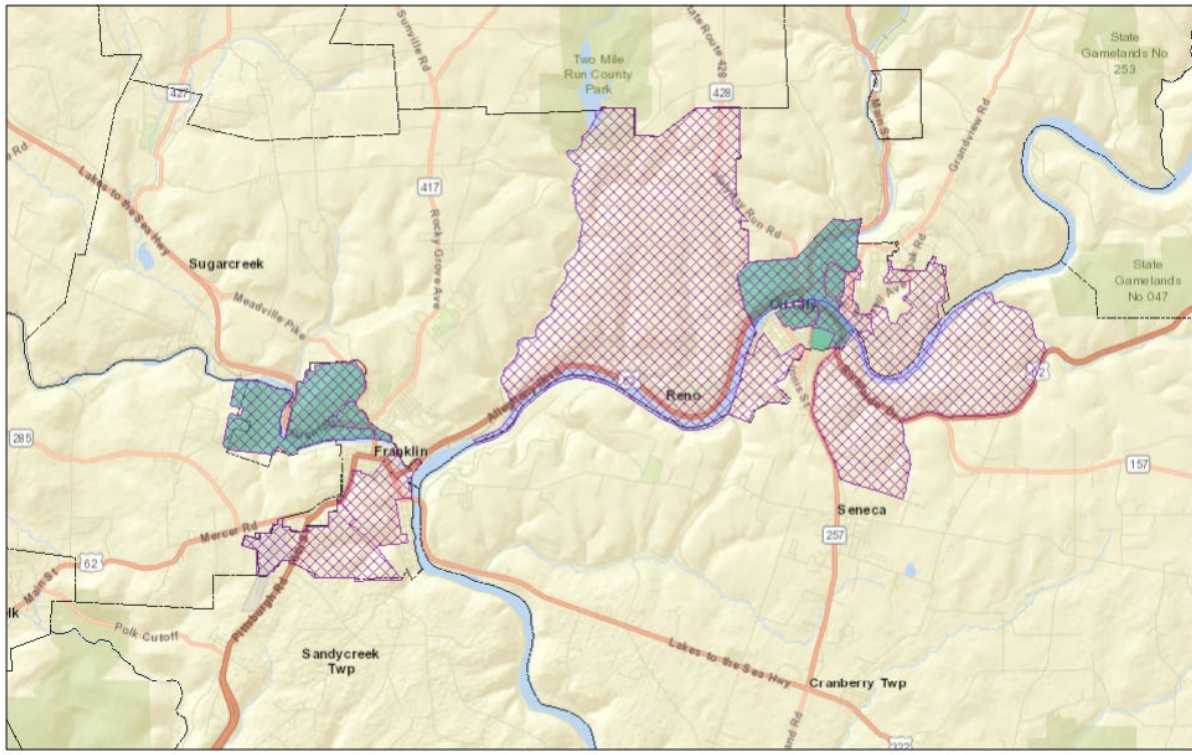
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- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- City Boundary



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## Sugarcreek Tier 1 Environmental Justice Area Map Appendix J



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### Legend

#### Areas POI - Environmental

Environmental Justice Areas Census Block Group 2015



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