Section 4(f) Initial Assessment Form

May 29, 2015

Project Name	Project Number
Deweese Spur North	STP-14-1(119)
Control Number	**Date Completed**
42566	6/22/2016
Project Location *(Town, County)*	**Name of Preparer**
South of Clay Center, Clay County, NE	Katelyn Kowalczyk

The following form was developed as an initial assessment of potential Section 4(f) properties within a project area. The number of each question block corresponds directly to the NDOR Section 4(f) Guidance section with the same number. **One Initial Assessment Form per PROJECT must be included as an attachment to the CE Form or incorporated into the appropriate chapter in the EA/EIS.**

NOTE: At the time the Section 4(f) Initial Assessment Form is filled out, the Section 106 process must be sufficiently complete that historic properties have been identified. A Section 106 Finding of Effect *(No Adverse Effect, Adverse Effect)* must be completed prior to determining whether the project results in a 'use' of an historic property. All Section 106 determinations and findings must be made and documented by NDOR Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS).

1. Identification of Section 4(f) Properties

A. *For historic properties*, based on the NDOR Section 106 Tier Review Form, are there properties that are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A (Section 106 Tier I)

If Yes, provide the name, Finding of Effect, and any other pertinent information from the Section 106 review for each identified property.

No historic properties affected.

B. Are there existing or planned parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges present within a ¼ mile of the project area?

☒ Yes ☐ No

C. In consultation with the online resources identified in the Section 4(f) Guidance, list the **resources** used to determine if parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges are present.

Nebraska Game & Parks Nebraska Map Gallery (https://maps.outdoornebraska.gov/); USFWS, Mountain-Prairie Region, Nebraska NWR website (http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/ne/); ESRI USA Federal Lands GIS Web Map Service; Google Earth; Clay County Website (http://www.claycounty.ne.gov/)

D. Identify all potential Section 4(f) parks, recreation areas, and wildlife/waterfowl refuges *(include property name(s)*, *location(s) along project, etc.)*.

If No parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges are present, AND no historic properties need consideration from 1.A., indicate in the box below that no potential Section 4(f) properties are present. DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE.

Bluewing Wildlife Management Area (N-14, Edgar, NE)
Massie Waterfowl Production Area (N-14, Clay Center, NE)
Sandy Creek Elementary School (30671 NE-14, Fairfield, NE)

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2. Applicability Criteria for Section 4(f) Parks, Recreation Areas, and Wildlife/Waterfowl Refuges (not Historic Properties)

A. List all properties from 1.D. that are (1) NOT publicly owned, or (2) NOT privately owned and leased to a public entity, for a Section 4(f) protected purpose, and how this was determined.

N/A

B. List all properties from 1.D. that are NOT open to the public, and how this was determined. (This does NOT apply to wildlife/waterfowl refuges.)

N/A

C. List all properties from 1.D. that are considered multiple-use properties, and what those uses are.

N/A

D. List all properties from 1.D. that were NOT called-out in 2.A. or 2.B.; **these properties will be carried forward in the Section 4(f) process. Also be sure to carry forward any multiple-use properties from 2.C. or historic properties from 1.A. that have temporary or permanent right-of-way acquisition or vibratory effects.** If no properties are carried forward, note below and DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE.

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3. Determination of Section 4(f) Use

A. Is there a potential *use* of the Section 4(f) applicable properties from 2.D. above? Will the properties be impacted by the project, including access restrictions? (See Guidance Section 3 for definition of *use*.)

☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a potential *permanent* use?

☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a potential *temporary* use (including exceptions)?

☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a potential *constructive* use?

Any Yes: complete the appropriate Section 4(f) analysis for each impacted property

No: state impact avoidance measures below, then DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE

B. List impact avoidance measures (for "No" answer only). If justification is needed to support a "No" answer in 3.A., describe below.

Although 3 potential Section 4(f) properties are located adjacent to the project area, the project would not encroach on the properties. Access to the school driveways and WMA/WPA parking areas would remain open throughout construction. No impacts are anticipated.

NDOR Reviewer Approval Signature: Date:

FHWA Environmental Signature: Date:
FHWA signature is only required in the following circumstances:

- If the property is leased
- If the property is considered multiple-use
- If the Official(s) with Jurisdiction claims that the property is NOT significant