

**EXHIBIT D**

**BASELINE DOCUMENTATION REPORT**

**FOR**

**SIX FLAGS WORLDS OF ADVENTURE  
GREENBELT BUFFER PRESERVE**

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Six Flags Worlds of Adventure (formerly Geauga Lake Amusement Park) is located in Bainbridge Township, Geauga County, Ohio. In order to provide the visiting public with adequate parking space and to construct the necessary stormwater detention facilities, Six Flags Worlds of Adventure (Six Flags) obtained approval from the Environmental Protection Agency and US Army Corps of Engineers to fill a total of 2.5 acres of wetland (i.e., 2.1 acres of isolated and 0.4 acre of non-isolated).

The mitigation plan, as prepared by URS Corporation – Ecological Services Group, included the preservation of a 21-acre Greenbelt Buffer Preserve (the Preserve). Located within the Preserve are two high-quality natural wetlands. Additionally, the Buffer contains 2.5 acres of created wetlands. These wetlands are identified as Mitigation Areas C and D on the enclosed map.

Following the removal of a gas well and brine storage tanks, Six Flags completed wetland restoration and enhancement activities to increase the amount of wetland in Mitigation Area D.

Ohio Stream Preservation, Inc. (OSP) was asked to consider a third-party stewardship role by accepting a conservation easement over the entire 21-acre Preserve. In February 2001, OSP submitted a proposal to Six Flags to provide stewardship services and hold the conservation easement. Six Flags and OSP reached an agreement for these services in May 2001.

By December 2002, all interested parties had agreed to the stewardship language and signed off on the conservation easement document. In the unlikely event that OSP ceases to exist or is unable to perform its stewardship role, the conservation easement names the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees as the Designated Successor to the conservation easement.

## **MONITORING RESULTS**

As part of OSP's stewardship functions, a site visit to the Preserve was conducted in October 2002 and digital photographs were taken. This Baseline Documentation Report characterizes the Preserve at the time of the grant of conservation easement. The Report is intended to serve as an objective information baseline for monitoring compliance according to the terms of the grant. OSP acknowledges that this Report is an accurate representation of the Greenbelt Buffer Preserve at the time of this grant.

OSP followed cleared and staked boundaries of the Preserve in its entirety in order to achieve this Baseline Documentation Report. However, additional permanent flagging and marking of the boundary should be performed as deterioration, removal or destruction of wood lath staking and vegetative re-establishment will quickly disguise the actual boundary lines.

According to the First Year Monitoring Report For Six Flags Worlds of Adventure Greenbelt Mitigation Areas, Geauga County, Ohio, dated December 18, 2002, prepared by URS Corporation – Ecological Services Group, "Mitigation Areas C and D were successfully established in the Greenbelt...". The report suggests that the vast majority of the mitigation sites are emergent wetlands, but that additional planting will be done in the Spring of 2003.

Construction activity along the western, northern and northeastern boundaries of the Preserve began in Summer 2002 for purposes of developing the relocated Geauga Lake Road. This project will continue in 2003 until its completion, expected this summer.

Impacts to the Preserve have been minimal, with construction traffic using the relocated road under construction for a majority of its travel. There has been some disturbance of the Preserve at Photo Journal points 31-34. This disturbance consists of excavated earth spoils deposited on the corner of the Preserve and as a mound along the northeastern boundary, adjacent to the Gravel Lot.

It is our opinion that this disturbance can be minimized by removing the spoils as part of the finish grading component of the construction project. The mound can be reshaped to eliminate the encroachment on the Preserve and also as an aesthetic improvement from the relocated Geauga Lake Road. Vegetative stabilization is necessary as soon as finish grading is completed to minimize slope erosion into the Preserve.

Vegetative stabilization will also be necessary along both sides of the relocated Geauga Lake Road, as soon as is practicable, to minimize sedimentation of stormwater ditches, pipes and ultimately, the natural and mitigation wetlands.

As mentioned previously, most construction traffic has been using the relocated road under construction for its travel. Some vehicles have also used the Access Drive as their travel route. It is our recommendation that silt fence be installed along both sides of the Access Drive to prevent foreign material from entering the Preserve and northeastern natural wetland.

We observed debris (Photo Journal point 34) and chain-link fencing (north of Photo Journal point 21) within the Preserve, clearly pre-existing and not related to the recent construction activity. If possible, the debris and fencing should be removed and discarded.

Lastly, it is expected that designated future construction activity of the Parking Expansion and Stormwater Basins and piping will be forthcoming. Per the terms of the conservation easement, Six Flags "shall restore all affected areas of the Preserve to their condition immediately prior to any Utility Work". We would recommend that Six Flags notify OSP prior to this construction activity, which involves significant clearing and grading, so that a supplementary monitoring of the affected boundary lines can be accomplished prior to disturbance.