

Len Mikles

Principal Ecologist – Project Manager

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Mikles is a Project Manager and Principal Ecologist with over nineteen (19) years of experience conducting ecological investigations, waterway permitting, and NEPA document preparation. Mr. Mikles is a Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS) and a Certified Ecologist by the Ecological Society of America. In addition, Mr. Mikles serves as the lead botanist for many of the company's projects. He has identified many threatened and endangered species locations that are new for the State of Ohio.

EXPERTISE

- Ecological Field Surveys and Reporting (ODOT Level 1 and Level 2) for DOTs.
- Wetland delineation and assessments including the use of ORAM, INWRAP, and FQAI assessment methodologies
- Preparing Section 404/401 permits and Indiana Floodway permit applications. Applications involve coordination with resource agencies for obtaining appropriate permits.
- Conducting botanical, threatened and endangered species and habitat surveys.
- Managing wetland mitigation monitoring projects. His role involves collecting the appropriate site data, reporting, making recommendations for fulfillment of permit requirements, and agency coordination.
- NEPA Compliance and Document Preparation including Categorical Exclusion (CE) and appropriate Section 4(f) documentation.
- Stream assessments (HHEI, QHEI, HMFEI) and aquatic community sampling, collecting select water chemistry data.

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- SR 256 Roadway Rehabilitation, Scott and Jefferson counties, Indiana. Project Ecologist responsible for conducting wetland delineations, wetland functional assessments, stream habitat characterizations, and report writing.
- ATB-531 Erosion Control, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Project Ecologist responsible for conducting wetland delineations, wetland functional assessments, stream habitat characterizations, threatened and endangered species survey, and report writing.
- US EPA Rapid Bioassessment throughout Michigan and Minnesota. Botanist responsible for collecting vegetation data and data form completion.
- Horseshoe Project Area: Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia. Botanist responsible for collecting vegetation data and report writing.
- ODOT Districts 01/02 Environmental Tasks, Ohio. Principal Ecologist and Project Manager responsible for all authorized tasks in this two-year Open End agreement.

Education

University of Michigan, BS
Natural Resources Ecology
& Management
1996

Certifications

Professional Wetland
Scientist 2008

Certified Ecologist:
Ecological Society of
America 2010

ODNR Group 1 Streams
2014