4. Present Name(s)
   Stumpy Basin

16. Thematic Category
   P, I

17. Date(s) or Period
   1825-1827

18. Style or Design

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Original Use, if apparent
   canal boat turnaround

22. Present Use
   outdoor classroom*

23. Ownership
   Public ☑
   Private ☒

24. Owner's Name & Address,
   if known
   Kent State University (part
   of KSU's natural areas
   system)

25. Open to Public?
   Yes ☑
   No ☒

26. Local Contact Person or Organization
   Summit County Hist. Soc.

27. Other Surveys in Which Included

Approx. Acreage: 30

12. Further Description of Important Features
   This unique natural area is comprised of flat bottom
   land with an unusual virgin forest of small trees. Cat-tails
   thrive in the basin itself, which is surrounded by steep
   hillsides. "Lonesome Lock" is nearby. *Stumpy Basin, formerly
   a canal wide-water, is today used as an "outdoor class-
   room" for ecology students at Kent State University.

13. History and Significance
   More species of native plants exist here than in any area of similar size in
   Ohio. Rare crabs and Buckeye trees, western prairie plants, and northern
   plants such as hemlock, white pine, shubby jupiter and Buffalo berry can all
   be seen. The basin was once used by canal boats as a wide-water turnaround
   and winter shelter.

14. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
   Accessible only on foot. Random foundation remains (former canal-related
   structures?) suggest a potential for historical archeology in this vicinity.

5. Sources of Information
   The Voice of the Cuyahoga Valley Association, June 1972.
   Illustrated Summit County, Ohio (Akron, O.; Akron Map &
January 4, 1980

Dr. Charles Riley  
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Dear Dr. Riley:

I am pleased to inform you that the Ohio and Erie Canal Thematic Resources, (in the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area), Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The nomination was made in connection with a state plan to identify and document prehistoric and historic places in Ohio which qualify for National Register status under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is information explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

David L. Brook  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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NOACA  
F. A. Ketterson, National Park Service  
William Birdsall, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area  
Eric Johannesen, RPO
National Register of Historic Places File Checklist

The following materials are contained in this file of the National Register form for:

Name: Stumpy Basin

County: Summit

MPD Cover Form: Ohio & Erie Canal TR

County Filed In: Cuyahoga

_____ Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

X Ohio Historic Inventory form

_____ Photograph(s)

_____ Photograph(s) (copies)

_____ USGS map(s)

_____ USGS map(s) (copies)

_____ Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

X Correspondence

_____ Other

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