

**Categorical Exclusion**

# **Appendix D**

**Section 106 of the National Historic  
Preservation Act (NHPA)**



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May 19, 2017

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Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”),  
on behalf of Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”)

Re: INDOT’s finding of “No Adverse Effect” on behalf of the FHWA  
for the proposed 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project located in Jackson  
Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. (Des. No. 1600597; DHPA No. 20662)

Dear Mr. Boot:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the “Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program in the State of Indiana,” the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer, has reviewed your Review Request Submittal, with finding and supporting 36 C.F.R. § 800.11 (e) documentation enclosed, for the above-referenced project, dated April 24, 2017 and received on April 26, 2017.

We had previously commented on this finding in our letter to you dated May 18, 2017. However, the INDOT Cultural Resources Office has brought to our attention that, in concurring with the finding, we mistakenly characterized it as a “no historic properties affected” finding. We apologize for the confusion that has caused. Accordingly, we are issuing this letter in order to correct that mistake. This letter should be considered to supersede our May 18 letter.

We concur that the Kauffman Farm (Indiana Historic Sites and Structure Inventory No. 057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI No. 057-020-05009) are the only properties identified within the area of potential effects that are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and that neither of them will be adversely affected by this project.

We also concur with INDOT’s, April 21, 2017, Section 106 finding, on behalf of the FHWA, of “No Adverse Effect” for the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project in Hamilton County, as a whole.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29) requires that the discovery be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”) within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

If you have questions about archaeological issues, please contact Mitch Zoll at (317) 232-3492 or [mzoll@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:mzoll@dnr.IN.gov). Questions about buildings or structures should be directed to John Carr at (317) 233-1949 or [jcarr@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jcarr@dnr.IN.gov).

If there is any future correspondence regarding the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project in Jackson Township of Hamilton County (Des. No. 1600597), please continue to refer to DHPA No. 20662.

Very truly yours,



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Re: Des. No. 1600597: 276<sup>th</sup> St. Realignment Project, Hamilton Co., Indiana

Mr. Boot:

Thank you for the continued opportunity to comment on the above project.

Indiana Landmarks concurs with the 800.11(e) documentation and the Section 106 finding of "No Adverse Effect" for the historic properties within the APE identified as the Kauffman Farm (IHSSI #057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI #057-020-05009).

Sincerely,

Sam Burgess  
Community Preservation Specialist

# 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project

Hamilton County, Indiana

Des. No.: 1600597

DHPA No.: 20662



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## Section 106, 800.11(e) Documentation

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**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S  
SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties) AND  
SECTION 106 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS  
AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS  
ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS  
EFFECT FINDING  
276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project  
Hamilton County, Indiana  
Des. No.: 1600597  
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**AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS  
(Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.1(a)(1))**

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is the area in which the proposed project may cause alterations in the character or use of historic resources. The APE for this project is an irregular polygon that generally encompasses those areas adjacent to the proposed work where ground-disturbing activity may occur, areas within a viewshed of the proposed work, and areas where other non-visual direct or indirect effects such as audible impacts may occur. The APE boundary was established using guidance in the INDOT Cultural Resources Manual. The APE is more narrow (less than 0.25 mile) where the project occurs on existing roadway. The APE expands where new roadway will be constructed. Depending on screening vegetation, topography, and structures that limit views, the APE varies from less than 0.19 mile (1,000 feet) to over 0.60 mile from the proposed alignment.

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS  
(Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c)(2))**

As a result of identification and evaluation efforts for this project, two properties listed, eligible, or potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are within the APE for this undertaking.

**Kauffman Farm (Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) # 057-020-05022)**

The Kauffman Farm was rated “Outstanding” in the *Hamilton County Interim Report* (1992). The farm, located at 7373 E. 274th Street, features a brick Italianate style house that was constructed in 1873 and a large Sweitzer barn. The Kauffman Farm is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A for its association with agriculture in Jackson Township during the nineteenth century. Furthermore, it is eligible under Criterion C because the house is an excellent example of an Italianate farmhouse and the barn is an excellent example of a Sweitzer barn.

**Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009)**

The Waltz Farm was rated “Outstanding” in the *Hamilton County Interim Report* (1992). The I-house was constructed in c. 1870 and is located at 28011 Gwinn Road. This house may be the best preserved I-house in the township. Therefore, the Waltz Farmhouse is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C as an excellent example of an I-house in Jackson Township and Hamilton County.

## EFFECT FINDING

Kauffman Farm – No Adverse Effect

Waltz Farmhouse – No Adverse Effect

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), acting on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)’s behalf, has determined a “No Adverse Effect” finding is appropriate for this undertaking.

INDOT respectfully requests the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer provide written concurrence with the Section 106 determination of effect for each property and the project’s overall effect finding.

### SECTION 4(F) COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (for historic properties)

**Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022)** – This undertaking will not convert property from the Kauffman Farm, a Section 4(f) historic property, to a transportation use. INDOT has determined the appropriate Section 106 finding is “No Adverse Effect”; therefore no Section 4(f) evaluation is required for the Kauffman Farm.

**Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009)** – This undertaking will not convert property from the Waltz Farmhouse, a Section 4(f) historic property, to a transportation use. INDOT has determined the appropriate Section 106 finding is “No Adverse Effect”; therefore no Section 4(f) evaluation is required for the Waltz Farmhouse.

Consulting parties will be provided a copy of INDOT’s findings and determinations in accordance with INDOT and FHWA’s Section 106 Procedures. Comments will be accepted for 30 days upon receipt of the findings.

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Anuradha V. Kumar, for FHWA  
Manager  
INDOT Cultural Resources

*04/21/2017*

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Approved Date

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
DOCUMENTATION OF SECTION 106 FINDING OF  
NO ADVERSE EFFECT  
SUBMITTED TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR SECTION 800.5(c)**

**276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project  
Hamilton County, Indiana**

**Des. No.: 1600597**

**DHPA No.: 20662**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Hamilton County intend to proceed with a road realignment project on 276<sup>th</sup> Street from approximately 0.60 mile west of Gwinn Road to SR 19 at 281<sup>st</sup> Street in Hamilton County, Indiana. It is within Jackson Township, Arcadia Quadrangle, Township 20 North, Range 4 East and Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15. Please see attached maps and photographs showing the project area (Appendices A and B).

The existing 276<sup>th</sup> Street terminates at Gwinn Road and does not directly connect to SR 19. Beck's Superior Hybrids is located 0.30 mile west of the 276<sup>th</sup> Street/Gwinn Road intersection. The existing deteriorated 276<sup>th</sup> Street consists of one 9 to 10-foot wide travel lane and one 0 to 4-foot wide shoulder in each direction. This roadway does not allow for the safe travel of trucks and cars in opposing directions. As Beck's Superior Hybrids expands, truck traffic is expected to increase, causing pavement conditions to further deteriorate. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe and efficient route from SR 19 to 276<sup>th</sup> Street and to accommodate the expected increase in truck traffic volume.

The project includes realigning 276<sup>th</sup> Street beginning approximately 0.60 mile west of Gwinn Road and heading in a northeasterly direction for approximately 0.70 mile. Then the proposed alignment heads east for approximately 1.2 miles and terminates at the 281<sup>st</sup> Street/SR 19 intersection. The project will consist of one 12-foot wide travel lane and one 4-foot wide (3-foot paved) shoulder in each direction. To minimize impacts to the residence located in the southwest quadrant of the 281<sup>st</sup> Street/SR 19 intersection, the roadway will consist of one 12-foot travel lane bordered by curb with a 2-foot offset in each direction (from the at-grade railroad crossing east to SR 19). To reduce impacts to the farm located approximately 0.20 mile north of 279<sup>th</sup> Street and approximately 0.20 mile west of the 281st/SR 19 intersection, the roadway will be shifted to the north.

The western project terminus is anticipated to include a roundabout. The at-grade railroad crossing located approximately 0.10 mile west of the 281<sup>st</sup> Street/SR 19 intersection is anticipated to be improved. A large drainage structure located approximately 290 feet west of the 281st Street/SR 19 intersection will be replaced. The project will replace or reconstruct other drainage structures as well.

The majority of the project will be constructed without impacting existing traffic patterns due to the new terrain alignment. Construction on existing roadways will be in phases with detours that allow for continued access. At this time approximately 20.2 acres of permanent right-of-way will be required. The amount of temporary right-of-way needed will be determined during later design. All right-of-way required from Beck's Superior Hybrids will be donated to the County. Relocations of residences or businesses are not anticipated; however, one barn will be removed. Estimated construction cost is \$4,450,000.

Note that a portion of the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Phase I Extension Project (DES Number 1383334) will now be included in this project. This work includes milling and resurfacing of existing 276<sup>th</sup> Street from the bridge over Little Cicero Creek to Gwinn Road and Gwinn Road for approximately 150 feet south and 500 feet north of 276<sup>th</sup> Street. Minor amounts of temporary right-of-way will be required along Gwinn Road for drive construction and grading. This work was documented in a categorical exclusion (CE) level 4 that was approved by INDOT on February 24, 2016. The cost of this work is \$450,000.

Per 36 CFR 800.9(a), the Area of Potential Effects (APE) is "the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties. The APE is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking. . ." The APE encompasses the entire project site, including all locations where the project may result in disturbance of the ground; all locations from which ground-disturbing elements of the project may be visible or audible; all locations where ground-disturbing activity may result in changes in traffic patterns, land use, or public access; and all areas where there may be direct or indirect effects due to the ground-disturbing elements of the project. The APE for this project is an irregular polygon that generally encompasses those areas adjacent to the proposed work where ground-disturbing activity may occur, areas within a viewshed of the proposed work, and areas where other non-visual direct or indirect effects such as audible impacts may occur. The APE boundary was established using guidance in the INDOT Cultural Resources Manual. The APE is more narrow (less than 0.25 mile) where the project occurs on existing roadway. The APE expands where new roadway will be constructed. Depending on screening vegetation, topography, and structures that limit views, the APE varies from less than 0.19 mile (1,000 feet) to over 0.60 mile from the proposed alignment.

## 2. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register) were checked using the State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) and SHAARD GIS. No resources are listed on the NRHP or State Register within the APE. The Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) *Hamilton County Interim Report* (1992) data was examined and identified nine properties within the APE.

1. County Bridge No. 61 (IHSSI # 057-020-05008, Contributing), no longer extant
2. Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05009, Outstanding)
3. Whetstone Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05010, Contributing)
4. Warman House (IHSSI # 057-020-05011, Contributing)
5. Whisler Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05012, Contributing)
6. Barn (IHSSI # 057-020-05013, Contributing), no longer extant
7. Barn (IHSSI # 057-020-05014, Contributing)
8. Millersburg Church (IHSSI # 057-020-05015, Contributing), remnants only
9. Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022, Outstanding)

The cemetery registry was also consulted using SHAARD and SHAARD GIS. No other cemeteries were identified within the APE. Note that the Hamilton County Indiana GIS mapping viewer identifies a cemetery approximately 700 feet southwest of Little Cicero Creek and 276<sup>th</sup> Street. No cemetery was visible during the field survey. The Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory Volume 2: Listing of Historic and Non-Historic Bridges (February 2009) by Mead and Hunt was also reviewed. No bridges eligible for listing in the NRHP were identified within the APE.

A Historic Property Report (HPR by Boot, January 30, 2017) was completed for this project. On November 30, 2016, the professional staff at RQAW Corporation performed a site inspection of the APE. The Qualified Professional architectural historian walked and drove through the project area within the APE and photographed all resources within the APE that will be 50 years of age or older at the proposed letting date (2019). As a result of this field survey and associated documentary research, the architectural historian recommended two properties as eligible for listing in the NRHP: the Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009).

An archaeological report (Phase Ia Archaeological Reconnaissance by Harth et al., February 20, 2017) was completed for this project. The report was transmitted to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on February 27, 2017. The archaeological report determined that four sites have poor integrity and limited potential to provide important information about the history or prehistory of the region and were not recommended eligible for the NRHP. Furthermore, the archaeological report determined that three other identified sites likely extend beyond the survey area and their NRHP eligibility could not be fully assessed. However, the portions of those sites within the survey area demonstrated poor integrity and no further work was recommended for the

portions of these sites within the survey area. Please see Appendix E for excerpts of the archaeological report.

In a letter dated March 29, 2017, the Indiana SHPO concurred with the archaeology report stating, “Based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the expanded proposed project area, we concur with the opinion of the archaeologist..., that no further archaeological investigations appear necessary at this proposed project area.”

Early coordination was initiated on February 27, 2017. The agencies/individuals/tribes listed below were sent an early coordination letter and invited to become Section 106 consulting parties. The organizations identified in bold are participating consulting parties. A hard copy of the HPR and archaeological report were submitted to the Indiana SHPO while other potential consulting parties were informed that the early coordination letter and HPR could be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT’s Section 106 document posting website, INSCOPE at <https://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/>.

- 1. INDOT Cultural Resources Office (automatic consulting party)**
- 2. State Historic Preservation Officer (automatic consulting party)**
- 3. Indiana Landmarks, Central Regional Office**
4. Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
5. Hamilton County Historical Society / Hamilton County Museum of History
6. Hamilton County Historian
7. Delaware Nation of Oklahoma
- 8. Miami Tribe of Oklahoma**
9. Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- 10. Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**
- 11. Delaware Tribes of Indians, Oklahoma**

In a letter dated March 28, 2017, the Indiana Landmarks Central Regional Office concurred with the recommendations in the HPR and agreed to serve as a consulting party.

In a letter dated March 29, 2017, the Indiana SHPO staff concurred with the HPR stating, “We agree, for the purposes of the Section 106 review for this federal undertaking, that the only above-ground properties within the APE that are eligible for the NRHP are the Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009).” The SHPO staff also commented on the Railroad Culvert (RQAW #3) stating that for Section 106 on another project (Chenney Creek Trail, Des. No. 1173194) a similar stone railroad culvert on the same rail line was determined eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Furthermore, “If the new right-of-way and road construction for the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project were going to come closer to this Railroad Culvert than is proposed here, we might look more closely at the Railroad Culvert’s integrity to evaluate its eligibility. As it

stands now, however, it does not appear that the Railroad Culvert would suffer any direct effects or adverse proximity effects. Consequently, we do not challenge the proposed determination of ineligibility of the Railroad Culvert for the NRHP.” Please see Appendix E for excerpts of the HPR.

No other consulting parties provided comments/questions in response to the HPR.

### **3. DESCRIBE AFFECTED HISTORIC PROPERTY**

#### **A. Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022), 7373 E. 274<sup>th</sup> Street**

The Kauffman Farm was rated “Outstanding” in the *Hamilton County Interim Report* (1992). The farm, located at 7373 E. 274th Street, features a brick Italianate style house that was constructed in 1873 and a large Sweitzer barn. The house retains a high level of integrity even with the removal of the front porch. More alterations have occurred to the farm with the removal of some outbuildings, construction of the pool, and construction of the contemporary grain bins and shed. However, the significant elements of the farm (the farmhouse and the Sweitzer barn) retain much of their integrity. Meanwhile historic landscape elements such as the iron fence and stone steps also remain in place. The Kauffman Farm is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A for its association with agriculture in Jackson Township during the nineteenth century. Furthermore, it is eligible under Criterion C because the house is an excellent example of an Italianate farmhouse and the barn is an excellent example of a Sweitzer barn.

#### **B. Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009), 28011 Gwinn Road**

The Watz Farm was rated “Outstanding” in the *Hamilton County Interim Report* (1992). The I-house was constructed in c. 1870 and is located at 28011 Gwinn Road. This house retains a high level of integrity with original windows, wood clapboard siding, and cornice returns. This house may be the best preserved I-house in the township. The remainder of the farm has been heavily altered with the removal of the outbuildings including garage and gambrel roof barn. The farm yard has also been altered with changes to the driveway, tree removals and plantings near the north end of the lot. The house is a high-quality indicative example of the type. Therefore, the Waltz Farmhouse is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C as an excellent example of an I-house in Jackson Township and Hamilton County.

#### **4. DESCRIBE THE UNDERTAKING'S EFFECTS ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

##### **A. Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022), 7373 E. 274<sup>th</sup> Street**

The proposed undertaking will not encroach upon the Kauffman Farm. No temporary or permanent right-of-way will be acquired from within the historic resource boundary of this resource. The project will have "No Adverse Effect" on this resource as the farm is more than 1,300 feet (0.25 mile) southeast of the proposed construction limits along Gwinn Road where the pavement is proposed to be milled and resurfaced. The Kauffman Farm is approximately 0.75 mile south of any proposed new construction or reconstruction at 281<sup>st</sup> Street. It is anticipated for the project to be visible to the Kauffman Farm. However, the proposed project will have no impacts on any of the characteristics that qualify the Kauffman Farm for the NRHP.

##### **B. Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009), 28011 Gwinn Road**

The proposed undertaking will not encroach upon the Waltz Farmhouse. No temporary or permanent right-of-way will be acquired from within the historic resource boundary of this resource. The project will have "No Adverse Effect" on this resource as the house is more than 975 feet (0.18 mile) south of the proposed construction limits along 281<sup>st</sup> Street where the roadway is proposed to be widened and reconstructed. Furthermore, a new roadway is proposed east of Gwinn Road to intersect at 281<sup>st</sup> Street. Therefore, it is anticipated for the project to be visible to the Waltz Farmhouse. However, the proposed project will have no impacts on any of the characteristics that qualify the Waltz Farmhouse for the NRHP.

#### **5. EXPLAIN APPLICATION OF CRITERIA OF ADVERSE EFFECT – INCLUDE CONDITIONS OR FUTURE ACTIONS TO AVOID, MINIMIZE OR MITIGATE ADVERSE EFFECTS**

According to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1) "An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association."

**A. Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022), 7373 E. 274<sup>th</sup> Street**

According to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1) the criteria of adverse effect do not apply.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(i), the “Physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property” will not occur. The project will not directly affect the Kauffman Farm. No right-of-way will be required from the property and no portion of the historic resource boundary is within the construction limits.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(ii), Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)2(ii): the “Alteration of a property, including restoration, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, stabilization, hazardous material remediation and provision of handicapped access, that is not consistent with the Secretary’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and/or other applicable guidelines” will not occur. The project will have no direct impact on the Kauffman Farm.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(iii), the “Removal of the property from its historic location” will not occur. The project will not remove the Kauffman Farm from its historic location.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(iv), a “Change of the character of the property’s use or of physical features within the property’s setting that contribute to its historic significance” will not occur. The project will not cause a change of character to any of the farm’s features. The repaving of Gwinn Road and associated temporary right-of-way is over 1,300 feet (0.25 mile) northwest of the Kauffman Farm and the roadway construction for 276<sup>th</sup> Street and reconstruction of 281<sup>st</sup> Street is approximately 0.75 mile north of the Kauffman Farm.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(v), the “Introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property’s significant historic features” will not occur. Although the repaving of Gwinn Road, roadway construction for 276<sup>th</sup> Street, and reconstruction of 281<sup>st</sup> Street may be visible from the property, they will not introduce elements that diminish the integrity of the property.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(vi), the “Neglect of a property which causes its deterioration...” will not occur as a result of the project. The undertaking will not cause the deterioration of any aspect of the farm.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(vii), the “Transfer, lease, or sale of property out of Federal ownership or control...” will not occur. Ownership of the resource will not change as a result of this project.

**B. Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009), 28011 Gwinn Road**

According to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1) the criteria of adverse effect do not apply.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(i), the “Physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property” will not occur. The project will not directly affect the Waltz Farmhouse. No right-of-way will be required from the property and no portion of the historic resource boundary is within the construction limits.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(ii), Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(ii): the “Alteration of a property, including restoration, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, stabilization, hazardous material remediation and provision of handicapped access, that is not consistent with the Secretary’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and/or other applicable guidelines” will not occur. The project will have no direct impact on the Waltz Farmhouse.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(iii), the “Removal of the property from its historic location” will not occur. The project will not remove the Waltz Farmhouse from its historic location.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(iv), a “Change of the character of the property’s use or of physical features within the property’s setting that contribute to its historic significance” will not occur. The project will not cause a change of character to any of the house’s features. The repaving of Gwinn Road and associated temporary right-of-way is approximately 1,000 feet (0.19 mile) south of the Waltz Farmhouse and the roadway construction for 276<sup>th</sup> Street and reconstruction of 281<sup>st</sup> Street is approximately 975 feet (0.18 mile) north of the Waltz Farmhouse.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(v), the “Introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property’s significant historic features” will not occur. Although the repaving of Gwinn Road, roadway construction for 276<sup>th</sup> Street, and reconstruction of 281<sup>st</sup> Street will likely be visible from the property, they will not introduce elements that diminish the integrity of the property. In fact the purpose of the project is to provide a safe and efficient route from SR 19 to 276<sup>th</sup> Street particularly for accommodating the expected increase in truck traffic volume associated with Beck’s Superior Hybrids. Therefore, it is anticipated that truck traffic will decrease on Gwinn Road adjacent to the Waltz Farmhouse.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(vi), the “Neglect of a property which causes its deterioration...” will not occur as a result of the project. The undertaking will not cause the deterioration of any aspect of the house.

Per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(vii), the “Transfer, lease, or sale of property out of Federal ownership or control...” will not occur. Ownership of the resource will not change as a result of this project.

## 6. SUMMARY OF CONSULTING PARTIES AND PUBLIC VIEWS

The HPR, archaeology report, and early coordination letter for this project were uploaded to INSCOPE for review by consulting parties on February 27, 2017. That same day, an early coordination letter was emailed to potential consulting parties and hard copies of the HPR and the Archaeological report were mailed to the Indiana SHPO.

Also on February 27, 2017, an early coordination letter was emailed to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to inform them of the project and invite a response to the materials uploaded to INSCOPE. In an email dated February 27, 2017, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe accepted the invitation to be a consulting party and stated that “this office is unaware of properties of significance to inform you of that would be involved with the proposed construction... There remains the possibility that unrecorded cultural resources, including archaeological artifacts or human remains, may be encountered during construction, demolition or earthmoving activities of this project. Should this occur, we require you contact this office in order that we may offer appropriate comments under 36 CFR 800.13.” In an email dated March 3, 2017, the Miami Tribe accepted the invitation to be a consulting party and stated that “The Miami Tribe offers no objection to the proposed project at this time, as we are not currently aware of existing documentation directly linking a specific Miami cultural or historic site to the project site. However, as this site is within the aboriginal homelands of the Miami Tribe and due to the site’s location near existing historically important sites, we request a copy of the SHPO’s report and any further archaeological surveys performed as the project moves forward.” In a letter dated March 20, 2017, the Delaware Tribe of Indians accepted the invitation to be a consulting party and stated that “The Delaware Tribe currently has no immediate concerns regarding 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project DES 1600597.”

In a letter dated March 29, 2017, the Indiana SHPO staff commented on the Railroad Culvert (RQAW #3) stating that for Section 106 on another project (Chenney Creek Trail, Des. No. 1173194) a similar stone railroad culvert on the same rail line was determined eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Furthermore, “If the new right-of-way and road construction for the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project were going to come closer to this Railroad Culvert than is proposed here, we might look more closely at the Railroad Culvert’s integrity to evaluate its eligibility. As it stands now, however, it does not appear that the Railroad Culvert would suffer any direct effects or adverse proximity effects. Consequently, we do not challenge the proposed determination of ineligibility of the Railroad Culvert for the NRHP.” Please see Appendix E for excerpts of the HPR.

In response to the Indiana SHPO staff letter dated March 29, 2017 and comment regarding the proximity of the proposed right-of-way to the stone railroad culvert (RQAW # 3); the proposed alignment and anticipated right-of-way is no closer to the culvert than what was shown in the early coordination. Please see the maps in Appendix A showing the location of the stone culvert in relation to the proposed alignment, right-of-way, and construction limits.

No additional comments/questions were received during Section 106 consultation. Please see Appendix D for Section 106 correspondence.

A public Notice of the FHWA finding of “No Adverse Effect” will be published in the *Indianapolis Star* in spring of 2017. Additionally, the finding and supporting documentation will be posted on INSCOPE (<https://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/>), INDOT’s online portal for public viewing Section 106 documents. A 30-day comment period will be given and this document will be updated to reflect any comments received.

## APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Project Area Maps

APPENDIX B: General Photographs

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APPENDIX E: Historic Property Report & Archaeology Report Summaries

APPENDIX F: Preliminary Plans

Note: See Appendix D, page D54 of this CE for the APE map showing the refinement of the original alignment to the preferred alignment.

Appendix B and Appendix F were omitted to avoid duplication and to reduce the overall file size of the CE document.

Please see Appendix B of this CE document for General Photographs and Preliminary Plans.

## **SECTION 106, 800.11(e) DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendix C: Consulting Parties List**

**LIST OF INDIVIDUALS/AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS  
 INVITED TO BE SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES**

Name/Title	Agency 1	Agency 2	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip	E-mail	Notes
<b>Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer</b>	<b>Division of Historic Preservation &amp; Archaeology</b>	<b>Indiana Department of Natural Resources</b>	<b>402 W. Washington St.</b>	<b>Room W274</b>	<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>46204</b>		
<b>Sam Burgess</b>	<b>Indiana Landmarks</b>	<b>Central Regional Office</b>	<b>1201 Central Avenue</b>		<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>46202</b>	<b><a href="mailto:sburgess@indianalandmarks.org">sburgess@indianalandmarks.org</a></b>	<b>317-639-4534</b>
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Anna Gremling	Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization		200 East Washington Street	Suite 1922, City County Building	Indianapolis	IN	46204	<a href="mailto:anna.gremling@indy.gov">anna.gremling@indy.gov</a>	

Note: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), INDOT Cultural Resources Office (INDOT-CRO), and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) are automatically consulting parties.  
 Consulting parties that responded are in **bold** and highlighted.

**LIST OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS  
 INVITED TO BE SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES**

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<b>Ms. Diane Hunter</b>	<b>Miami Tribe of Oklahoma</b>		<b>P.O. Box 1326</b>		<b>Miami</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>74355</b>	<b><a href="mailto:dhunter@miamination.com">dhunter@miamination.com</a></b>	
Mr. Logan Pappenfort	Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma		P.O. Box 1527	118. S. Eight Tribes Trail	Miami	OK	74355	<a href="mailto:lpappenfort@peoriatribe.com">lpappenfort@peoriatribe.com</a>	
<b>Ms. Robin Dushane</b>	<b>Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma</b>		<b>P.O. Box 350</b>		<b>Seneca</b>	<b>MO</b>	<b>64865</b>	<b><a href="mailto:rdushane@estoo.net">rdushane@estoo.net</a></b>	
<b>Dr. Brice Obermeyer</b>	<b>Delaware Tribes of Indians, Oklahoma</b>	<b>Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office</b>	<b>1200 Commercial St. Roosevelt Hall, RM</b>	<b>212 Emporia State University</b>	<b>Emporia</b>	<b>KS</b>	<b>66801</b>	<b><a href="mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org">bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org</a></b>	

Note: Invited tribes per Shaun Miller, INDOT-CRO  
 Tribes accepting consulting party status are in **bold** and highlighted.

## **SECTION 106, 800.11(e) DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendix D: Consulting Parties Correspondence**



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February 27, 2017

**Sample copy of Consulting Party Early Coordination Letter**

«Consulting Party»  
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 «Address\_1», «Address\_2»  
 «City», «State» «Zip»  
 «Email»

Re: 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project  
 Hamilton County, Indiana  
 Designation (DES) Number: 1600597

Dear «Consulting Party»,

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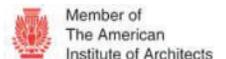
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A Phase 1a Archaeological Field Reconnaissance Survey was prepared for this project and is being forwarded to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). A Section 106 finding of effect will be issued in the near future; if you wish to become a consulting party as described below, you will receive documentation of the finding that will include a summary of the archaeological investigations.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(c), you are hereby requested to be a consulting party to participate in the Section 106 process. This process involves efforts to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties.



For your convenience, following is a link to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP's) brochure, *Protecting Historic Properties: A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review*: <http://www.achp.gov/docs/CitizenGuide.pdf>.

Please note that a hard copy of the attached materials mentioned above is being submitted to the Indiana SHPO. In an effort to conserve resources, this letter and all of its attachments, and all future submittals for this project can be viewed electronically by other consulting parties by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/>. Please use the project identification details provided in the subject heading to search for the documents. INDOT or its consultant will provide a hard copy of the materials to any invited consulting party who makes such a request within seven (7) days of receipt of this notification.

Please respond and indicate if you "do" or "do not" agree to be a consulting party. You may reply via email. If you indicate that you do not desire to be a consulting party, or if you do not respond, you will not be included on the list of consulting parties for this project. You will not receive further information about the project unless the scope changes.

The following agencies/individuals have been invited to be consulting parties: INDOT Cultural Resources Office, Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer, Indiana Landmarks (Central Regional Office), Hamilton County Historical Society/Hamilton County Museum of History, Hamilton County Historian, and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization. Per 36CFR 800.3(f), we hereby request that the State Historic Preservation Officer notify this office if they are aware of any other parties that may be entitled to be consulting parties or should be contacted as potential consulting parties for the subject project.

Please review the information and comment **within thirty (30) calendar days** of receipt. If we do not receive your response within 30 days, it will be assumed that your agency or organization feels that there will be no significant effects incurred as a result of the proposed project or that you wish to offer no opinions concerning this project. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Kyle Boot of the Environmental Department at RQAW, at 317.815.7231 or at [KBoot@RQAW.com](mailto:KBoot@RQAW.com). Thank you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,  
RQAW CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle J. Boot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kyle J. Boot  
Architectural Historian

February 27, 2017  
«Agency\_1»  
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Enclosure: Historic Property Report (HPR) available electronically at IN SCOPE

cc: State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

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Indiana Landmarks, Central Regional Office  
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**Subject:** FHWA Federal Aid THPO ECL – 276th Street Realignment Project (DES No. 1600597), Hamilton Co.  
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Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officers,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Hamilton County propose to proceed with a realignment project in Hamilton County, Indiana (INDOT DES Number: 1600597). This email and attached letter are part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process requesting comments associated with this project. Please see the attached letter and documents posted on IN SCOPE for more information about the project.

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February 27, 2017

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Sample copy of Consulting Party Early Coordination Letter

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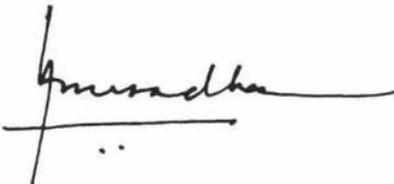
A Phase 1a Archaeological Field Reconnaissance Survey that was prepared for this project on January 18, 2017, documented seven previously unrecorded archaeological sites within the APE. All of the sites were either recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP or extended beyond the survey boundaries. Those sites that extended beyond the survey boundaries could not be fully assessed by the investigation. Nevertheless, the portions of those sites within the survey area demonstrated poor integrity and have little potential to yield significant data about the history or prehistory of the region. No further work was recommended. Please see the Archaeology Report for more information.

Tribes may review the Archaeology Report located in IN SCOPE (the Des No. is the most efficient search term, once in IN SCOPE), and respond with comments on any historic resource impacts incurred as a result of this project so that an environmental report can be completed. We also welcome your related opinions and other input to be considered in the preparation of the environmental document. If a hard copy of the materials is needed, please respond to this email with your request within seven (7) days.

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Thank you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,



Anuradha Kumar  
Manager  
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**Subject:** FHWA Federal Aid Consulting Party ECL – 276th Street Realignment Project (DES No. 1600597), Hamilton Co.  
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Phase 1a, CP Itr., Tribe Itr.

Kyle,

Thank you for the submittal. We have no comments on the documents and think they are ready to distribute to CPs for review. Please proceed with uploading them to IN SCOPE. Please go ahead and upload the HPR for Des. No. 1383334 as well since it is referenced in this HPR, in case anyone would want to see the full report.

Thanks,

**Mary E. Kennedy**  
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**Subject:** FW: 276th Street Realignment (Des. No.: 1600597), Hamilton County - HPR, Phase 1a, CP Itr.,  
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Please assign as needed.

**Anuradha V. Kumar**  
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## Kyle J. Boot

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**Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:34 PM  
**To:** 'Andrew Martin'  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Mary; Kyle J. Boot; Miller, Shaun (INDOT)  
**Subject:** RE: 276th Street Realignment (Des. No.: 1600597), Hamilton County - HPR, Phase 1a, CP ltr., Tribe ltr.  
**Attachments:** 276th\_Des1600597\_Phase1A\_2017-01-18\_INDOTComments.pdf; 276th\_Des1600597\_TribeFHWAtrText\_2017-XX-XX[1].docx\_INDOTcomments\_2-15-17.pdf; Copy of 276th\_DES1600597\_Tribes Contacts(1).xlsx\_INDOTcomments\_2-15-17.xlsx

Andy,

Thank you for the submission of the above referenced archaeological report and tribal documents. The report was reviewed by INDOT Cultural Resources personnel who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards as per 36 CFR Part 61. We concur with the evaluations and recommendations made by Cultural Resource Analysts (Harth et al. 1/18/2017) received by our office on February 7, 2017. However, the INDOT, Cultural Resources Office (CRO) respectfully requests that comments included in the enclosed report are addressed prior to forwarding the final report to SHPO. Once these minor revisions have been made, please submit one copy of the archaeology report to SHPO for review and concurrence. In addition, we ask that the revised report and the SHPO submittal letter are sent to INDOT, CRO care Jeff Laswell [jlswell@indot.in.gov](mailto:jlswell@indot.in.gov) during the time of submission and that the approved report be posted to INSCOPE. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact me at [jlswell@indot.in.gov](mailto:jlswell@indot.in.gov) or (317) 233-2093.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Miller, Shaun (INDOT)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** Laswell, Jeffrey <JLaswell@indot.IN.gov>  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Mary <MKENNEDY@indot.IN.gov>; Kyle J. Boot <KBoot@RQAW.com>; 'Andrew Martin' <amartin@craiky.com>  
**Subject:** FW: 276th Street Realignment (Des. No.: 1600597), Hamilton County - HPR, Phase 1a, CP ltr., Tribe ltr.

Jeff,

Please review this report by Feb 17. This is an LPA project: [276th\\_Des1600597\\_Phase1A\\_2017-01-18.pdf](#)

I'll review the tribal letter.

Thank you,

## Kyle J. Boot

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**From:** Miller, Shaun (INDOT) <[smiller@indot.IN.gov](mailto:smiller@indot.IN.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** Kyle J. Boot  
**Cc:** Laswell, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** FW: INDOT 1600597

Hi Kyle,

Please see below correspondence from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

Thank you,

Shaun Miller  
Archaeological Team Lead  
INDOT, Cultural Resources Office  
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**From:** Allen, Michelle (FHWA) [<mailto:michelle.allen@dot.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 12:39 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: INDOT 1600597

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Please pass along to project team to include the Eastern Shawnee Tribe as a consulting party.

Thanks,

Michelle Allen  
FHWA-IN  
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**From:** Robin Dushane [<mailto:RDushane@estoo.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Allen, Michelle (FHWA)  
**Subject:** INDOT 1600597

To Whom It May Concern,

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe accepts the invitation to be a consulting party regarding INDOT DES Number: 1600597.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470f), and implementing regulation, 36 CFR 800, "Protection of Historic Properties" the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Historic Preservation Office is responding to your request for identifying properties of significance to our Tribe at Gwinn Road to SR 19 at 281st Street in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Currently this office is unaware of properties of significance to inform you of that would be involved in the proposed construction at Jackson Township, Arcadia Quadrangle, Township 20 North, Range 4 East and Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15.

There remains the possibility that unrecorded cultural resources, including archaeological artifacts or human remains, may be encountered during construction, demolition or earthmoving activities of this project. Should this occur, we require you contact this office in order that we may offer appropriate comments under 36 CFR 800.13.

Sincerely,

*Robin Dushane*

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** Kyle J. Boot  
**Cc:** Laswell, Jeffrey; Kennedy, Mary  
**Subject:** FW: 276th Street Realignment Project (DES No. 1600597), Hamilton Co.

Hi Kyle,

Please see below correspondence from the Miami Tribe accepting consulting party status.

Thank you,

Shaun Miller  
Archaeological Team Lead  
INDOT, Cultural Resources Office  
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**From:** Allen, Michelle (FHWA) [mailto:michelle.allen@dot.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 6:44 AM  
**To:** Miller, Shaun (INDOT) <smiller@indot.IN.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: 276th Street Realignment Project (DES No. 1600597), Hamilton Co.

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Please include the Miami Tribe as a consulting party.

Thanks,

Michelle Allen  
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**From:** Diane Hunter [mailto:dhunter@miamination.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 03, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** Allen, Michelle (FHWA)  
**Subject:** 276th Street Realignment Project (DES No. 1600597), Hamilton Co.

Dear Ms. Allen:

Aya, kikwehsitoole – I show you respect. My name is Diane Hunter, and I am the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Federally Recognized Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. In this capacity, I am the Miami Tribe’s point of contact for all Section 106 issues.

The Miami Tribe accepts the invitation to serve as a consulting party to the above-mentioned project. I am the point of contact for consultation.

The Miami Tribe offers no objection to the proposed project at this time, as we are not currently aware of existing documentation directly linking a specific Miami cultural or historic site to the project site. However, as this site is within the aboriginal homelands of the Miami Tribe and due to the site's location near existing historically important sites, we request a copy of the SHPO's report and any further archaeological surveys performed as the project moves forward. Please email all documentation or notification of availability in IN SCOPE to [dhunter@miamination.com](mailto:dhunter@miamination.com).

If any human remains or Native American cultural items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) or archaeological evidence is discovered during any phase of this project, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of discovery. In such a case, please contact me at 918-541-8966 or by email at [dhunter@miamination.com](mailto:dhunter@miamination.com).

Respectfully,

Diane Hunter  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
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# DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

## Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office



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Re: 276th Street Realignment Project  
Hamilton County, Indiana  
Designation (DES) Number: 1600597

March 20, 2017

Dear Mr. Boot:

The Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the pertinent documents filed in the "Section 106 Consultation and Outreach Portal Enterprise" (IN SCOPE) for the above-mentioned project. The Delaware Tribe currently has no immediate concerns regarding 276th Street Realignment Project DES 1600597.

Please ensure that any changes to project plans or conditions are communicated to our office as soon as practicable. Should any ancestral human remains be inadvertently disturbed during the course of this project, we will expect all provisions of the FHWA/ISHPO/INDOT Memorandum of Understanding, especially those at Section I.J and III.C, to be observed.

Thank you for providing the Delaware Tribe of Indians the opportunity to comment.

LARRY HEADY  
DTHPO Special Assistant

cc: Patrick Carpenter, INDOT Section 106 Specialist  
Shaun Miller, INDOT Archaeological Team Lead  
Dr. Brice Obermeyer, DTHPO Director



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March 28, 2017

Kyle J. Boot  
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Re: 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project  
Hamilton County, Indiana  
Designation (DES) Number: 1600597

Dear Kyle:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Section 106 review process for the above project. We do agree to serve as a consulting party.

We concur with your assessment that the Kauffman Farm (IHSSI #057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farm (IHSSI #057-020-05009) are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). We also do not object to your finding that the other historic properties identified within the APE are not eligible for the NRHP.

We will look forward to commenting on future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Sam Burgess  
Community Preservation Specialist



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March 29, 2017

Kyle J. Boot  
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Federal Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”),  
on behalf of Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”)

Re: Early coordination letter, Historic Property Report (Boot, 1/31/2017) and Phase Ia Archaeological  
Reconnaissance Report (Harth, 2/20/2017) for the proposed 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project in  
Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana (Des. No. 1600597; DHPA No. 20662)

Dear Mr. Boot:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the “Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program In the State of Indiana,” the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (“Indiana SHPO”), has reviewed your letter, with reports enclosed, dated February 27, 2017, and received on February 28, 2017 for the aforementioned project in Hamilton County.

As you indicated, this project includes a part of the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Phase I Extension Project (Des. No. 1383334) that previously has undergone Section 106 review.

We are not aware of any parties who should be invited to participate in this Section 106 consultation, beyond those whom you already have invited.

The proposed area of potential effects (“APE”) appears to be of ample size to encompass the geographic area in which direct and indirect effects could occur.

We agreed, in the course of a Section 106 review of another project, Cheeney Creek Trail (Des. No. 1173194) in Fishers, that a stone arch railroad culvert that is similar to the Railroad Culvert (RQAW #3) was eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (“NRHP”). That structure was thought to have been built in about 1850 on the same rail line as this one, the Peru & Indianapolis Railroad. If the new right-of-way and road construction for the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project were going to come closer to this Railroad Culvert than is proposed here, we might look more closely at the Railroad Culvert’s integrity to evaluate its eligibility. As it stands now, however, it does not appear that the Railroad Culvert would suffer any direct effects or adverse proximity effects. Consequently, we do not challenge the proposed determination of ineligibility of the Railroad Culvert for the NRHP.

We agree, for the purposes of the Section 106 review of this federal undertaking, that the only above-ground historic properties within the APE that are eligible for the NRHP are the Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-202-05009).

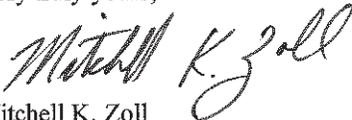
Based on the submitted information and the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the expanded proposed project area; and we concur with the opinion of the archaeologist, as expressed in the archaeological report (Harth, 2/20/2017), that no further archaeological investigations appear necessary at this proposed project area. We agree that archaeological sites 12-H-1797, 1798, 1800 and 1801 are not eligible for nomination to the State or National Registers of Historic Places. We also agree that the portions of archaeological sites 12-H-1796, 1799 and 1802 are not eligible for nomination to the State or National Registers of Historic Places.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29) requires that the discovery be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Mitch Zoll at (317) 232-3492 or [mzoll@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:mzoll@dnr.IN.gov). Questions about buildings or structures should be directed to John Carr at (317) 233-1949 or [jcarr@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jcarr@dnr.IN.gov).

In all future correspondence regarding this project (Des. No. 1600597), please refer to DHPA No. 20662.

Very truly yours,



Mitchell K. Zoll  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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## **SECTION 106, 800.11(e) DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendix E: Historic Property Report & Archaeology Summaries**

# 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project

Hamilton County, Indiana

Des. No.: 1600597



1/31/2017

## Historic Property Report

Prepared for:

The Federal Highway Administration  
and Hamilton County, Indiana

Prepared by:

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## VIII. CONCLUSIONS

In summary, a literature review and field reconnaissance was conducted for the APE of the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project. The APE for this project encompasses all areas adjacent to the proposed project area with a viewshed of the proposed work. The APE increases where there are open viewsheds and contracts where vegetation, topography, or structures limit viewsheds. There are no properties listed in the NRHP within the APE

of this project. This report recommends the Kauffman Farm (IHSSI # 057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009) as eligible for listing in the NRHP. There are 26 other extant ineligible resources at least 50 years of age within the APE documented for this project, seven are rated “Contributing” and 19 are rated “Non-Contributing.”

**A PHASE IA ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE  
SURVEY FOR THE PROPOSED 276TH STREET  
EXTENSION PROJECT IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA  
(INDOT DES. NO.:1600597).**

by  
Aaron Harth  
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Andrew V. Martin, RPA  
Principal Investigator

February 20, 2017

Lead Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation, INDOT DES Nos.: 1600597  
ISM Accession No.: 71.19.1501

No.: 1600597). The survey was conducted at the request of RQAW Corporation, on behalf of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners. The proposed project will involve the construction of a bypass north of the Becks Hybrids Campus near the community of Millersburg, in Jackson Township. The total length of the area subjected to archaeological investigation was 3.2 km (2.0 mi), and encompassed 15.9 ha (40.0 acres) of new, temporary, and existing right-of-way. Prior to the archaeological field reconnaissance, Indiana SHAARD records were consulted to determine the locations of previously documented archaeological sites or previously conducted archaeological investigations near the survey area. The records review showed that no previously documented archaeological sites were located within the survey area and that approximately 1.4 ha (3.5 acres) of the survey area had previously been investigated recently. Therefore, the current phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance focused on the remaining unsurveyed areas. Survey methods consisted of intensive pedestrian survey supplemented by systematic screened shovel testing.

The current survey resulted in the documentation of seven previously unrecorded archaeological sites (12H1796–12H1802). Site 12H1796 is a mid-nineteenth century through late-twentieth-century historic urban site that includes four city lots (Lots 44–47) in the community of Millersburg. Sites 12H1797 and 12H1801 are low-density lithic scatters associated with Late Paleoindian to Early Archaic components. Site 12H1798 is a mid-nineteenth-century through late-twentieth-century historic farmstead. Site 12H1799 is a late-nineteenth-century through late-twentieth-century farmstead and an unidentified prehistoric isolated find. Site 12H1800 is a low-density unidentified prehistoric lithic scatter and isolated historic stoneware sherd. Site 12H1802 is a low-density late-nineteenth-century through twentieth-century historic artifact scatter.

Sites 12H1797, 12H1798, 12H1800, and 12H1801 have poor archaeological integrity and limited potential to provide important

## VI. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Between November 28 and December 2, 2016, CRA, Inc., personnel completed a phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance survey for the proposed 276th Street extension project in Hamilton County, Indiana (INDOT Des.

information about the history or prehistory of the region. These sites are recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Sites 12H1796, 12H1799, and 12H1802 likely extend beyond the boundaries of the survey area and their NRHP eligibility could not be fully assessed by the current investigation. Nevertheless, the portions of Sites 12H1796, 12H1799, and 12H1802 documented within the survey area demonstrated poor integrity and have little potential to yield significant data about the history or prehistory of the region. Therefore, no further work is recommended for the portions of Sites 12H1796, 12H1799, and 12H1802 located within the survey area. Therefore, archaeological clearance is recommended for the proposed project.

Note that a principal investigator or field archaeologist cannot grant or withhold clearance to a project. Although the decision to grant or withhold clearance is reached, at least in part, on the recommendations made by the field investigator, clearance may be obtained only through an administrative decision made by a lead federal agency in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (Indiana DHPA). This decision is made, in part, based on the recommendations made by the field investigator.

If any previously unrecorded archaeological materials are encountered during construction activities, the DHPA should be notified immediately at (317) 232-1646. If human remains are discovered, construction activities should cease immediately, and the DHPA, the local coroner, and the local law enforcement agency must be notified.

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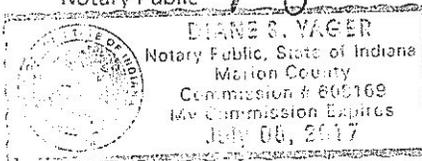
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**Public Notice**  
**Des. No. 1600597**

Hamilton County is planning to undertake a road realignment project, funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration. The project is located on 276th Street from approximately 0.60 mile west of Gwinn Road to SR 19 in Hamilton County, Indiana. It is within Jackson Township, Arcadia Quadrangle, Township 20 North, Range 4 East and Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15.

Under the preferred alternative, the proposed project would involve a roundabout on 276th Street, realigning 276th Street beginning approximately 0.60 mile west of Gwinn Road and heading in a northeasterly direction for approximately 0.70 mile. Then the proposed alignment heads east for approximately 1.2 miles and terminates at the 281st Street/SR 19 intersection. The project will consist of one 12-foot wide travel lane and one 4-foot wide (3-foot paved) shoulder in each direction. To minimize impacts to the residence located in the southwest quadrant of the 281st Street/SR 19 intersection, the roadway will consist of one 12-foot travel lane bordered by curb with a 2-foot offset in each direction (from the at-grade railroad crossing east to SR 19). To reduce impacts to the farm located approximately 0.20 mile north of 279th Street and approximately 0.20 mile west of the 281st/SR 19 intersection, the roadway will be shifted to the north. Drainage structures and a railroad crossing will be replaced. The majority of the project will be constructed without impacting existing traffic patterns due to the new terrain alignment. Construction on existing roadways will be in phases with detours that allow for continued access. Permanent and temporary right-of-way will be required. No relocations are anticipated. Note that a portion of 276th Street Phase I Extension Project (DES Number 1383334) will now be included in this project. This work includes milling and resurfacing of existing 276th Street from the bridge over Little Cicero Creek to Gwinn Road and Gwinn Road for approximately 150 feet south and 500 feet north of 276th Street. Minor amounts of temporary right-of-way will be required.

Properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) located within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) include the Kauffman Farm and the Waltz Farmhouse. The proposed action impacts properties listed in or eligible for the NRHP. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued a "No Adverse Effect" finding for the project because the project will not diminish the integrity of the characteristics that qualify the historic properties within the APE for inclusion in the NRHP. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(2), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(e) is available for inspection in RQAW's office at 10401 N. Meridian Street, Suite 401. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106> Documents. This documentation serves as the basis for the "No Adverse Effect" finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to RQAW's architectural historian, Kyle Boot, 10401 N. Meridian Street, Suite 401, Indianapolis, IN 46290, 317-815-7200, or [kboot@rqaw.com](mailto:kboot@rqaw.com) no later than May 26, 2017.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which Hamilton County needs to provide accessibility to the document(s) such as interpreters or readers, please contact Joel Thurman, 317-773-770, or [joel.thurman@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:joel.thurman@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).

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April 10, 2018

Anuradha Kumar  
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Indiana Department of Transportation  
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Federal Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Re: Change in scope of work and "Addendum: A Phase Ia Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of Additional Survey of Additional Areas for the Proposed 276<sup>th</sup> Street Extension Project in Hamilton County" (Dickerson: 2/19/2018) for the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project in Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana (Designation # 1600597; DHPA # 20662)

Ms. Kumar:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 306108), 36 C.F.R. Part 800, and the "Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Implementation of the Federal Aid Highway Program In the State of Indiana," the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer has conducted an analysis of the materials dated March 9, 2018 and received on March 12, 2018.

In terms of archaeology, we concur with the conclusions and recommendations contained within the archaeology report (Dickerson: 2/19/2018). None of the archaeological sites are potentially eligible for nomination to the State or National Registers. No additional archaeological assessment is necessary.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29) requires that the discovery be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

If you have questions about archaeological issues, please contact Mitchell K. Zoll at (317) 232-3492 or [mzoll@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:mzoll@dnr.IN.gov). If you have questions about buildings or structures, please contact John Carr at (317) 233-1949 or [jcarr@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jcarr@dnr.IN.gov). If there is any future correspondence regarding the above-indicated project, please refer to DHPA # 20662.

Very truly yours,

  
Mitchell K. Zoll  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Re.: Des. No. 1600597, 276<sup>th</sup> St. Realignment Project, Project Scope Change

Dear Mr. Boot:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above undertaking. We concur with the findings that the proposed change in project scope will not alter the Area of Potential Effects (APE) or result in a change in the existing finding of "No Adverse Effect" for the historic aboveground resources identified within the APE. Accordingly, we concur with the continued finding of "No Adverse Effect" for the project.

Sincerely,

Sam Burgess  
Community Preservation Specialist



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**Eric Holcomb, Governor**  
**Joe McGuinness, Commissioner**

March 9, 2018

Sample copy of Additional Information Letter sent to consulting parties

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

Re: Project Scope Change  
DES Number 1600597, DHPA Number 20062  
276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project  
Hamilton County, Indiana

Dear Consulting Party,

Hamilton County, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), propose to proceed with the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment project, Des. No. 1600597, DHPA No. 20062. RQAW is under contract with Hamilton County to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project.

The proposed undertaking is on 276<sup>th</sup> Street from approximately 0.6 mile west of Gwinn Road to SR 19 at 281<sup>st</sup> Street in Hamilton County, Indiana. It is within Jackson Township, Arcadia Quadrangle, Township 20 North, Range 4 East and Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15. Please see maps of the project area enclosed with this letter.

A hard copy of this letter, archaeology report, and enclosures are being submitted to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review, additional archaeological investigation concurrence, and Section 106 effect finding concurrence. Per the early coordination letter dated February 27, 2017, invited consulting parties are receiving this letter because of a project scope change. In an effort to conserve resources, a copy of this letter, enclosed graphics and archaeology report (tribes only) are posted to the Indiana Department of Transportation's online portal for Section 106 documents, also known as IN SCOPE (<http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents/>). Once you have accessed the portal, you are able to search for the desired information by Des. No.

This letter is to provide additional information on a project scope change following the release of the environmental document for public involvement. Hamilton County has modified the alignment in two locations. The first shift is along the west leg of the project through cultivated fields where it makes a large curve to the north and east. The other is near the east end of the project where the curve is reduced (shifted south) through a stance of trees and around a farmhouse and outbuildings. Moreover, construction limits, permanent right-of-way, and temporary right-of-way were adjusted accordingly for drainage, drive and field entrances, and intersections. Please see the attached maps showing where the project changes occur, and the attached plans showing the proposed work.

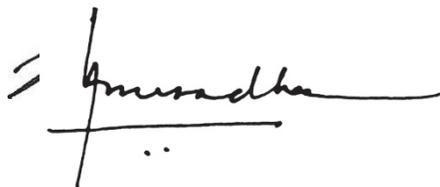
With regard to archaeological resources, an Addendum Phase 1a Archaeological Field Reconnaissance Survey (CRA, Dickerson, 2018) was prepared for the additional soil disturbance areas of the project. An archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards identified four sites within the additional project area. As a result of these efforts, the sites (12H1799, 12H1821-12H1823) were recommended not eligible to the NRHP and no further work is recommended.

In regard to above-ground historic resources, the Area of Potential Effects (APE) discussed during the prior Section 106 process, between January and May 2017, should be reconsidered and could be modified. However, RQAW's historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Section 106 reviewed the APE and recommends that it is sufficient to account for the additional effects of the above-mentioned changes. Therefore, the APE is not recommended to increase and no additional above-ground historic surveys were conducted. Please find maps showing the APE enclosed with this letter.

Through the prior Section 106 process it was determined that the Kauffman Farm (Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) # 057-020-05022) and the Waltz Farmhouse (IHSSI # 057-020-05009) are located within the APE and are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The INDOT, acting on the FHWA's behalf, determined a "No Adverse Effect" Section 106 finding is appropriate for this undertaking on April 21, 2017. In a letter dated May 19, 2017, the Indiana SHPO concurred with the finding. The "No Adverse Effect" Section 106 finding remains valid as all the additional work will occur further away, then the previous project area, from the Kauffman Farm and Waltz Farmhouse. Therefore, the changes to the historic resources do not rise to the level of "Adverse Effect" per 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1) and the finding of "No Adverse Effect" for the 276<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment project does not change.

We greatly appreciate correspondence and concurrence within 30 days of receipt of this information. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to Kyle Boot of the Environmental Department at RQAW, at 317-815-7231 or at [KBoot@RQAW.com](mailto:KBoot@RQAW.com). Tribal contacts may contact Shaun Miller at [smiller@indot.in.gov](mailto:smiller@indot.in.gov) or 317-233-6795 or Michelle Allen at FHWA at [michelle.allen@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.allen@dot.gov) or 317-226-7344.

Sincerely,

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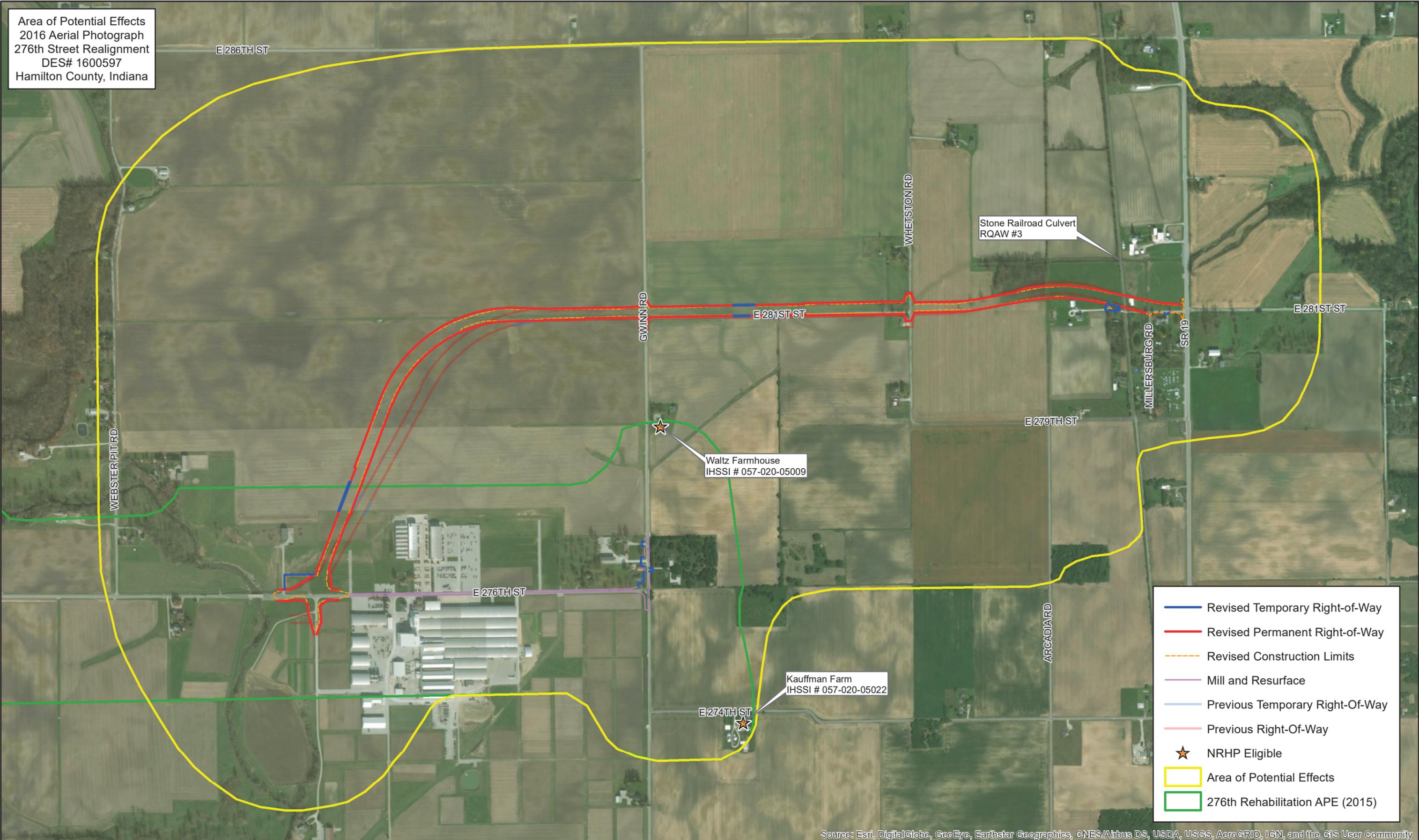
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Enclosures: Project Maps and Plan Sheets

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Area of Potential Effects  
 2016 Aerial Photograph  
 276th Street Realignment  
 DES# 1600597  
 Hamilton County, Indiana

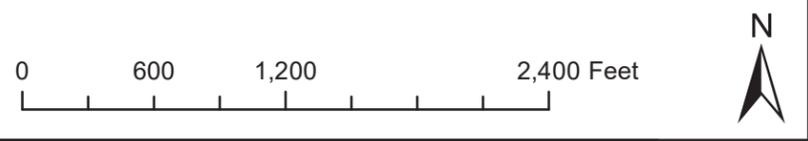


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	Previous Right-Of-Way
	NRHP Eligible
	Area of Potential Effects
	276th Rehabilitation APE (2015)

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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**To:** [Aaron Lawson](#)  
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Aaron, Here is the email string.

**Kyle Boot | Architectural Historian**

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Kyle,

We don't have any comments on the email text. We have some minor revisions to request on the letter (the graphics for it looks fine). Please see attached. You can upload the revised letter to IN SCOPE, and I will make a quick review there before approving/releasing it.

Thanks,

**Mary E. Kennedy**

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 10:55 AM

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Kyle,

Thank you for the submission of the above referenced archaeological report. The report was reviewed by INDOT Cultural Resources personnel who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards as per 36 CFR Part 61. It is our opinion that the report is acceptable, and we concur with the evaluations and recommendations made by Cultural Resource Analysts (Dickerson et al. 2/19/18) received by our office on March 5, 2018. Please submit one copy of the archaeology report to SHPO for review and concurrence along with the Consulting Party Letter, once approved. In addition, we ask that the SHPO submittal letter is sent to INDOT, CRO care Jeff Laswell [jlaswell@indot.in.gov](mailto:jlaswell@indot.in.gov) during the time of submission and that the approved report and letter be posted to INSCOPE. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact me at [jlaswell@indot.in.gov](mailto:jlaswell@indot.in.gov) or (317) 233-2093.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Laswell**  
**Archaeologist**  
**INDOT Environmental Services**  
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Jeff,

Please review the attached addendum Phase Ia report by March 13.

Thank you,

Shaun Miller  
Archaeological Team Lead  
INDOT, Cultural Resources Office  
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**From:** Kyle J. Boot [<mailto:KBoot@RQAW.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 5:06 PM

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Dear Mary, thanks for your help through this process of the project scope change and reopening Section 106. Please find the draft CP letter with enclosures, and draft email attached to this email for your review. Once approved we'll: 1. post to IN SCOPE, 2. mail SHPO a hard copy (with approved archaeology report) and 3. email the letter to above-ground consulting parties.

Dear Shaun, additionally for INDOT-CRO review, please find the archaeology report addendum attached to this email.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,  
Kyle

**Kyle Boot | Architectural Historian**

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**Subject:** RE: 276th Street (DES 1600597), Hamilton County - Reopen Section 106 with Alignment Shift

Kyle,

Please be sure to take the attached letter from Burkhart Blvd and the comments regarding APE into consideration while drafting the letter for this project. We think maybe a tweaking of the sentence below from the Burkhart Blvd. project could have alleviated SHPO's concerns.

The APE for above-ground resources is sufficient to contain the above-mentioned changes and therefore is not recommended to increase.

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The APE for above-ground resources is sufficient to **account for the additional effects of** the above-mentioned changes and therefore is not recommended to increase.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

**Mary E. Kennedy**  
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**Subject:** RE: 276th Street (DES 1600597), Hamilton County - Reopen Section 106 with Alignment Shift

Hi Kyle,

It was good to see you at the hearing for the Pagoda Drive Bridge last night. You all did a nice job presenting the information. We have reviewed the information for the 276<sup>th</sup> St. project, and we agree that an expansion of the APE doesn't seem necessary in this instance. The APE was pretty generous in the area of the shift. You can proceed with following the steps you outlined below in the highlighted portion.

Don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

**Mary E. Kennedy**  
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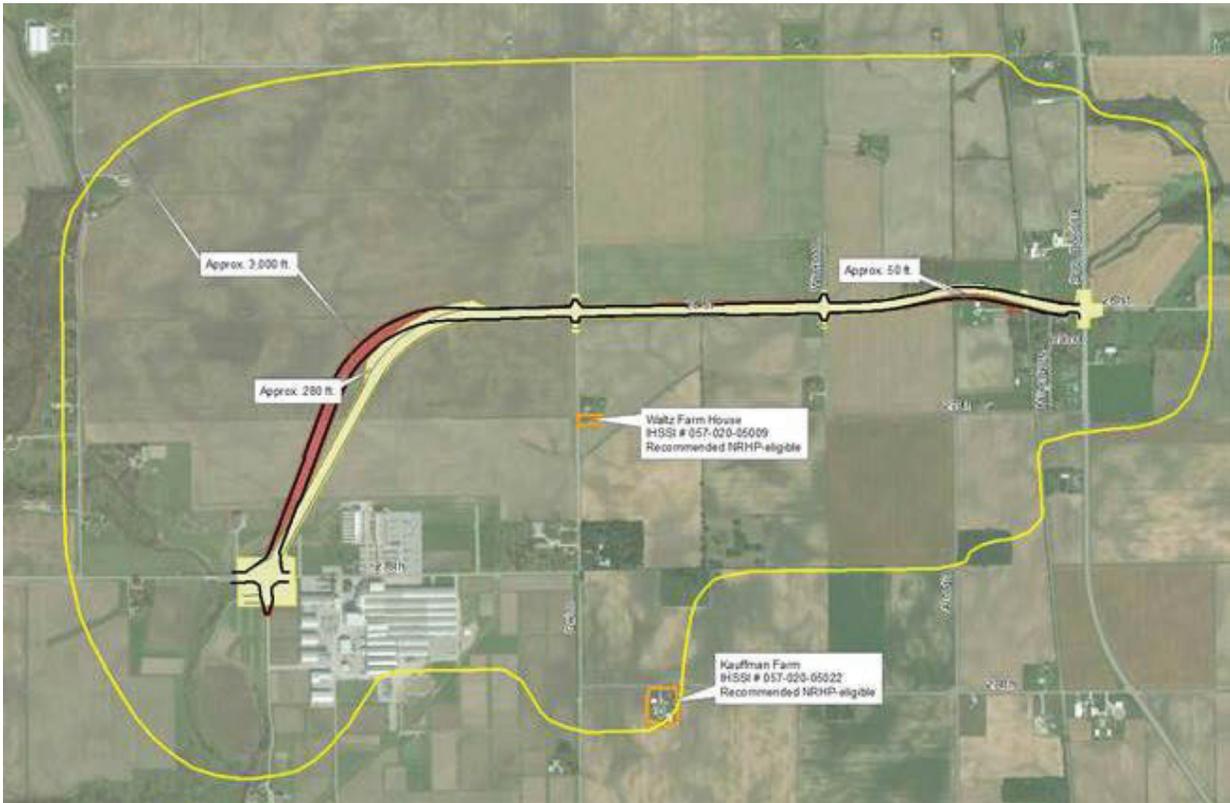
Dear Mary,

Could you please guide me with a question regarding reopening Section 106 for the above referenced project? The Section 106 process ended in May, 2017 and the CE was released for public involvement last August. However, no public involvement occurred while Hamilton County determined how to best proceed during their consultations with a couple property owners. As a result, the alignment has shifted, primarily along the west leg and the curve near the east end. Other minor shifts in the alignment occurred for grading, etc. The alignment of the west leg and northwest curve shifted out approximately 280 feet within tilled land while the alignment near the east end shifted south approximately 50 feet to flatten the horizontal curve. The ROW for the new alignment is shown with a bold black line while the previously ROW is shown with the thin black line in the graphic below.

I believe that the above-ground APE (yellow line in below graphic) sufficiently covers these alignment shifts. The APE is still approximately 3,000 feet from the proposed ROW at the northwest curve; furthermore, expanding the APE to the west/northwest would not include any more above-ground resources over 50 years old. An increase in the APE at the east end does not seem warranted either because the horizontal curve is flattening.

In regard to archaeology, CRA has conducted a survey of the additional RW areas (red in the below graphic, previous archaeology survey area shown in yellow). According to Andy Martin, the found sites are "not significant." I'll forward the report to INDOT-CRO for approval when complete.

I understand that this is a change in scope and that we'll have to re-coordinate with all invited consulting parties. Can this simply be a letter explaining: 1) the new project scope, 2) that the above-ground APE is sufficient, 3) the summarized conclusion from the addendum archaeology report, and 4) the "No Adverse Effect" finding remains valid for the two NRHP-eligible properties and the overall project? If the above-ground APE needs to expand, may I consult with an addendum HPR and addendum 800.11 concurrently? Feel free to call if you have any questions or need further clarification on anything.



Thank you,  
Kyle



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**ADDENDUM: A PHASE IA ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY OF ADDITIONAL AREAS  
FOR THE PROPOSED 276TH STREET EXTENSION  
PROJECT IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA (INDOT DES.  
NO.:1600597)**

by  
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With a contribution by Joseph R. Miller, RPA, and Aaron L. Harth

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Andrew V. Martin, RPA  
Principal Investigator

February 19, 2018

Lead Agency: Indiana Department of Transportation  
INDOT DES No.: 1600597  
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# ABSTRACT

On January 25 and 26, 2018, Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc., personnel completed a phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance survey of additional areas for the proposed 276th Street extension project in Hamilton County, Indiana (Indiana Department of Transportation Designation Number 1600597). The survey was conducted at the request of RQAW Corporation, on behalf of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners. The survey area consists of eight discontinuous segments, encompasses a total of 6.20 ha (15.34 acres), and was surveyed in its entirety. Systematic shovel testing, intensive pedestrian survey, and visual inspection were utilized to investigate the survey area.

Prior to the field investigation, a records review was conducted using the Indiana State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database. The review indicated that the current survey area had not been previously surveyed. The records review also revealed that a portion of one previously recorded archaeological site (12H1799) extended into the current survey area near the intersection of Gwinn Road and East 281st Street. In addition, six previously recorded archaeological sites (12H1796–12H1798, and 12H1800–12H1802) had been recently recorded outside of, but near to, the current survey area. No evidence of Sites 12H1796–12H1798, or 12H1800–12H1802 was found within the current survey area.

Site 12H1799 was relocated during the current survey and was documented as a late-nineteenth-through late-twentieth-century historic farmstead. The previous investigation of Site 12H1799 also identified a single prehistoric isolated find. Three previously unrecorded archaeological sites also were documented during the field survey (12H1821–12H1823). Site 12H1821 consists of a low-density lithic scatter of unknown cultural affiliation. Site 12H1822 is a low-density lithic scatter associated with an Early Archaic component. Site 12H1823 is a prehistoric isolated find of unknown cultural affiliation. Artifacts observed at Site 12H1799, and Sites 12H1821–12H1823 were recovered from the ground surface and the plow zone, and the depositional context suggests no potential for intact archaeological deposits. Because all of the sites have poor archaeological integrity, they are not recommended eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and no further work is recommended. Therefore, no archaeological resources recommended eligible for, or listed in, the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by this project and project clearance is recommended.