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State Archaeologist
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
402 W. Washington Street, W274
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

Re: Cover Letter for Cemetery Development Plan
Covington Road Trail, Phase III
Fort Wayne, IN

Dear State Archaeologist:

In accordance with the requirements set forth in IC 14-21-1-26.5 we are submitting this package of information to secure approval for our trail construction, which will be taking place within one hundred feet of the Covington Memorial Gardens cemetery in Fort Wayne, IN. Here is a summary of pertinent information for this project:

Persons Conducting the Project:

Design of the project completed by:

Brian Brown, P.E.

Vice President

D. A. Brown Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Construction of the project will be completed by:

Dawn Ritchie

Greeways Manager

City of Fort Wayne, IN

Project Design and Construction Supervision supplied by:

Mike Fitch, P.E.

Program Director

Fort Wayne District

Indiana Department of Transportation

Project Summary:

This project is the construction of a new multi-use trail facility on the north side of Covington Road from its intersection with West Hamilton Road easterly to the entrance of Inverness Lakes. The proposed trail has an asphalt surface, is 8 feet wide, and roughly parallels the existing Covington Road pavement. A curb is proposed on the north side of Covington Road to allow for the new trail to be placed closer to the existing pavement. Overall project length is approximately 3.5 miles. The overall project is broken into three phases. The phase that runs near the cemetery is scheduled for construction in 2009. Estimates for construction on the other two phases run from 2009 to 2012.

Project Location:

Covington Road Trail is located in Sections 8-12 of Aboite Township (T30N, R11E), Allen County, IN. The portion of the trail that is proposed to be built near the existing cemetery is in the southeast quarter of Section 11, T30N, R11E, Allen County, IN. The address for the cemetery is: 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Prior Disturbance of the Area:

The Trail is proposed to be constructed within the deeded Right-of-Way (R/W) of Covington Road. This R/W currently contains: overhead power lines, underground telephone lines, and a water main. Additionally, road-side ditches and landscaping have been completed in this area.

State and/or Federal Funds Involvement in the project:

The City of Fort Wayne is building this trail in part with a Transportation Enhancement grant secured from the Federal Government. INDOT is administering the grant disbursement for the Trail.

Description of Cemetery:

Cemetery Name: Covington Memorial Gardens

Cemetery Website: www.covingtonmemorial.com

Cemetery Use Information:

Covington Memorial Gardens was opened in 1951. It has been in constant use since that time and is still active today.

Historical Information and Documentation:

See website and attached plans for cemetery platting and expansion.

Precise Cemetery Boundary:

See attached cemetery plats, and transfer deeds for R/W conveyed to Allen County.

Current Physical Condition:

Covington Memorial Gardens is a well-kept and maintained cemetery in current use.

Description of Grounds Adjacent to and within 100 feet of Cemetery:

Covington Memorial Gardens is a relatively new (1951) cemetery located on the north side of Covington Road in Allen County, IN. The planners for this cemetery intentionally left a 60 foot buffer between the centerline of Covington Road and their nearest burial plots along their south property line. In addition to this buffer, a hedge row was planted on that 60 foot buffer line between the pavement and the south burial plots. Additionally, the original 25 foot north Right-of-Way (R/W) line of Covington Road was expanded to 40 feet by warranty deed transfer from Covington Memorial Gardens to Allen County in October, 1992. Our project will be entirely contained within that currently-existing 40 foot R/W area.

Previous Disturbances:

There are already multiple disturbances within the existing R/W. Major disturbances include:

- 1) Existing Water Main buried 5 feet deep (or more) along entire frontage of cemetery within the R/W.
- 2) High tension, high voltage power line (on poles) running along entire frontage of cemetery within the R/W.
- 3) Road side ditch paralleling Covington Road within R/W.
- 4) Shrubs and trees planted by the Cemetery.

Soil Description and Planned Disturbances:

The United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of Allen County (1969) indicates that the soils present for the project area adjacent to the cemetery are entirely a Blount Silt Loam with 0-2 percent slopes.

Construction activity for this project adjacent to the cemetery will include adding a curb to the north side of Covington Road, a small amount of fill dirt to prepare the subgrade for the proposed trail (generally less than one foot) and placing the stone and asphalt for the trail. Additionally, a storm pipe will be added along the north side of the Covington Road and within the road right of way to promote drainage. Please see attached plan and cross sections for specific construction activity and limits. All construction work to be completed in accordance to INDOT 2008 Standards and Specifications and City of Fort Wayne specifications where warranted.

Structure Descriptions:

Concrete curb along with HMA pavement will be added along the existing road, a paved trail, storm sewer pipe and drainage structures will be added in the road right of way of Covington Road adjacent to the cemetery. Please see attached construction drawings for specific locations of the various project elements.

Description of the Activities Anticipated to Erect, Alter, or Repair a Structure:

Portions of the existing Covington Road edge will be demolished to allow the construction of new curb, as well as various drainage structures will be removed and upgraded. Areas that will not be covered with new asphalt surface or concrete curb will be either covered by sod or seeding operations.

Areas that Would Contain New Construction and Footprints of the Proposed Construction Areas:

See attached construction plan sheet for detailed limits of construction. All construction activity will be contained within road right of way.
See attached exhibit.

Clear Recent Photographs of the Cemetery and Grounds Adjacent to and within 100 feet of the Cemetery:

Please see attached photographs for more information.

Written Permission from the Owner of the Cemetery and the Owner of any Area to be Entered and Disturbed During the Project:

As the construction limits do not encroach on the cemetery property, this is not required. However, the cemetery operator has been notified of the proposed trail project.

Should any other questions come up regarding the nature of this project, don't hesitate to contact me at the numbers provided on the letterhead.

Thank you for the consideration of this Cemetery Development Plan.

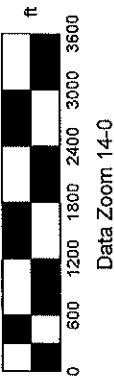
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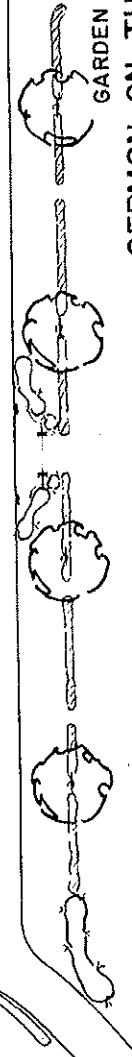
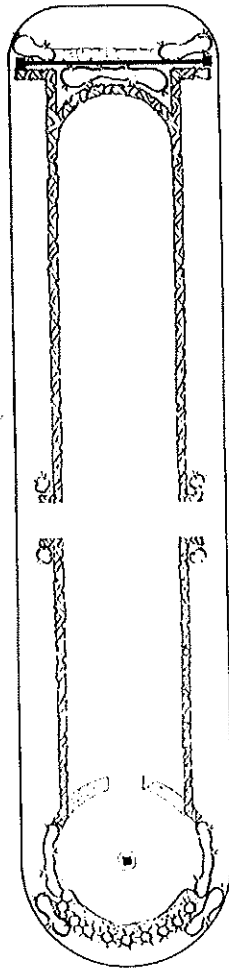
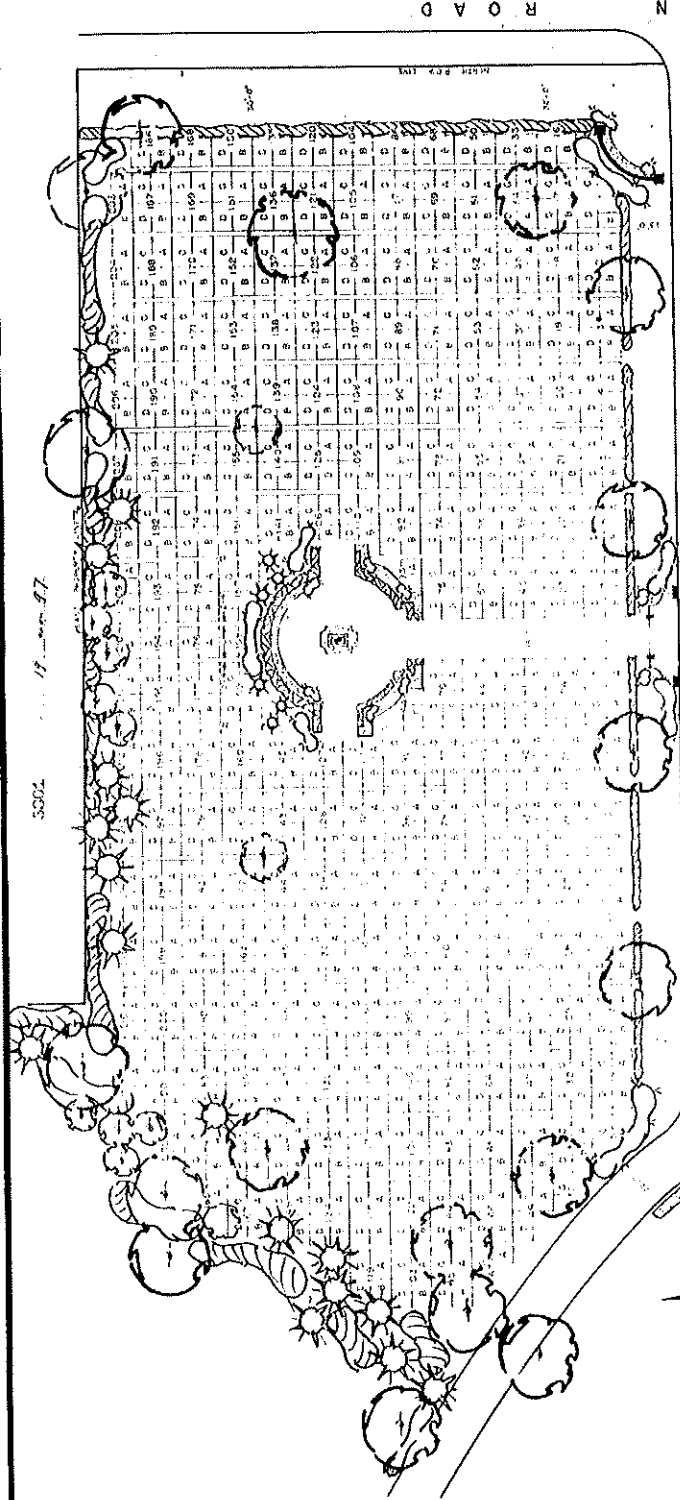
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Brian Brown, P.E.
Vice President

Attachments

cc. Mike Fitch, INDOT, Fort Wayne District
Dawn Ritchie, City of Fort Wayne





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- FLORALS
- WEDDING
- SHRUBS
- EVERGREENS
- FLOWERING TREES
- SHADE TREES

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COVINGTON MEMORIAL GARDENS

SECTION TWO

ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA
MEMORIAL GARDENS ASSOCIATION
CLYDE A. SEEVERS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
JANUARY 1962

DATE: 12-12-61
REVISION:
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**At Main Cemetery Entrance Looking East
Covington Memorial Gardens to the Left**



**At Main Cemetery Entrance Looking West
Covington Memorial Gardens to the Right**





Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor
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November 13, 2008

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Re: Cemetery development plan for trail construction (DES #0600375) within 100 feet of the Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Allen County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Brown:

Per IC 14-21-1-26.5, the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) has reviewed the cemetery development plan that you submitted to our office regarding the above project concerning proposed construction activities within 100 feet of the Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Allen County, Indiana. The plan you submitted is acceptable, with the following conditions:

1. All construction activities and equipment use, including staging, stockpile, and temporary land use activities, will avoid the cemetery and its boundaries, as stated in the development plan.
2. If during any phase of the construction any buried human remains are disturbed, the Department of Natural Resources must be notified of the discovery within two (2) business days, per IC 14-21-1-27. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. If human remains or burials are discovered, the relevant state statutes, including IC 23-14 and IC 14-21-1, will be adhered to.
3. If during any phase of the development activities any artifacts or burial objects are discovered, ground disturbing activities shall cease, and the Department of Natural Resources will be notified within two business days, per IC 14-21-1-29. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646.
4. Any proposed changes or modifications to this development plan for construction within 100 feet of the cemetery shall be submitted to the DHPA in writing for review and comment prior to implementation.
5. As per 312 IAC 22.5-2-3 (6), "if the application is not from the landowner, written permission from the owner of the cemetery and the owner of any area to be entered or disturbed during the project" will need to be supplied to our office prior to commencement of project ground disturbing activities.
6. This approved cemetery development plan is not transferable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Johnson at (317) 232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.in.gov.

Very truly yours,

James A. Glass, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology

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cc: Christopher Koeppel, Indiana Department of Transportation
Allen County Department of Planning Services