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Federal Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Additional information concerning the removal of contaminated soil around 1610 North Calhoun Street using  
Brownfields revolving loan grant funds (DHPA # 22524)

Dear Ms. Klem:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (“Indiana SHPO”) has conducted an analysis of the materials dated and received on December 12, 2025, for the above indicated project in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

As was stated previously, in regard to buildings and structures, we have identified the following properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places within the probable area of potential effects:

Saint Vincent Villa Historic District, listed June 10, 1994  
Fort Wayne Park and Boulevard System Historic District, listed December 28, 2010

However, based on the information provided to our office, we do not believe the characteristics that qualify the above identified historic properties for inclusion in the National Register will be diminished as a result of this project.

In terms of archaeology, no currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places have been recorded within the proposed project area. No archaeological investigations appear necessary provided that all project activities remain within areas disturbed by previous construction/demolition and ground disturbance won't impact any intact features (see below).

However, if there are intact elements such as building foundations or other remnants of historic structures, sites, or features, and they will be impacted by proposed project ground disturbance, then archaeological documentation of those elements would be needed. The survey would have to be done in accordance with the “Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation” (48 F.R. 44716). A description of the survey methods and results would need to be submitted to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology for review before we could comment further (see list of qualified professional archaeologists at the DHPA website link <https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/qualified-professionals/>).

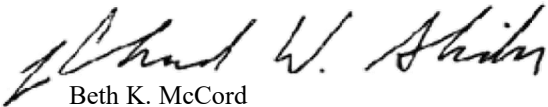
If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. 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. 800.

At this time, it would be appropriate for the Environmental Protection Agency to analyze the information that has been gathered from the Indiana SHPO, the general public, and any other consulting parties and make the necessary determinations and findings. Please refer to the following comments for guidance:

- 1) If the Environmental Protection Agency believes that a determination of “no historic properties affected” accurately reflects its assessment, then it shall provide documentation of its finding as set forth in 36 C.F.R. § 800.11 to the Indiana SHPO, notify all consulting parties, and make the documentation available for public inspection (36 C.F.R. §§ 800.4[d][1] and 800.2[d][2]).
- 2) If, on the other hand, the Environmental Protection Agency finds that an historic property may be affected, then it shall notify the Indiana SHPO, the public and all consulting parties of its finding and seek views on effects in accordance with 36 C.F.R. §§ 800.4(d)(2) and 800.2(d)(2). Thereafter, the Environmental Protection Agency may proceed to apply the criteria of adverse effect and determine whether the project will result in a “no adverse effect” or an “adverse effect” in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.5.

*A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Amy Johnson at (317) 232-6982 or [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov). If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Kim Padgett at (317) 234-6705 or [kpadgett@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:kpadgett@dnr.IN.gov). Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #22524.*

Very truly yours,



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