



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF LA PORTE
CAMP SUMMIT WATER LINE & BOOSTER STATION
SRF # DW 10144501**

Date: May 13, 2011

Target Project Approval Date: May 16, 2011

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the City of La Porte Preliminary Engineering Report for water supply, treatment, storage and distribution system improvements will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name and Address: City of La Porte
Camp Summit Water Line & Booster Station
801 Michigan Avenue
La Porte, IN 46350

SRF Project Number: DW 10 14 45 01

Authorized Representative: Ms. Kathleen Chroback
Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The City of La Porte is located in La Porte County, in northwest Indiana. The proposed water main extension and booster station to serve Camp Summit is located in Township 37 North, Range 3 West, Sections 19, 20, and 21 in the Michigan City East USGS quadrangle.

The existing and proposed future service areas are identified in Figure 1-1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

La Porte owns and maintains a water treatment and distribution system. The proposed project will address several deficiencies in the treatment and distribution systems.

The proposed project will connect the Camp Summit Correctional Facility to the La Porte water system and allow the facility to abandon its supply and treatment systems. The Camp Summit water system is old, costly to run independently, and has had several compliance violations in recent years. In addition, the existing interior and exterior of the elevated tank at Camp Summit will be repainted.

Alternatives considered for Camp Summit include no action, optimal operation of the existing facilities, expansion/upgrade of the existing facilities, and regionalization. The no action alternative will not resolve the operational difficulties or correct the violations incurred by the existing facility. Neither optimal operation nor expansion nor upgrade of the existing facilities will improve performance. Regionalization with the City of La Porte will provide a reliable water supply and will resolve the issues with operational violations.

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Summit water system comprises two wells and a chlorination system. The system is old, costly to run independently, and has had several compliance violations in recent years. The connection to the La Porte system will require installation of approximately 10,900 LF of twelve inch diameter water main, a booster station capable of rechlorinating and SCADA system. The camp will continue to use its existing distribution system and elevated tank, which will be operated and maintained by the City of La Porte. As a part of this project, the tank will be repainted on both the interior and the exterior (Figure 1-2 and Figure 2).

V. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

I. PROJECT COSTS AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

A. Selected Plan Estimated Cost Summary

Camp Summit Water Supply	\$1,465,000
Contingencies (10%)	146,500
<i>Construction Subtotal</i>	<i>\$1,611,500</i>
<i>Non-Construction Subtotal</i>	<i>\$544,000</i>
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$2,155,500

B. La Porte will finance the project through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for a 20-year term at an interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The proposed water line will be located in an area previously disturbed by road construction. The booster station will be installed near the road in an area that is currently parking lot. The project will not affect the 100-year floodplain or wetlands. Neither will the project affect endangered species or their habitat, wooded areas, surface or ground waters, National Natural Landmarks or the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Area.

The project will not affect historic sites, including sites on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF’s finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: “no historic properties affected.”

C. Comments from Environmental Review Authorities

In correspondence dated March 10, 2011 the DHPA states of the Camp Summit project (Figure 4): *Based on our analysis, it has been determined that no historic structures will be altered, demolished, or removed by the proposed project.*

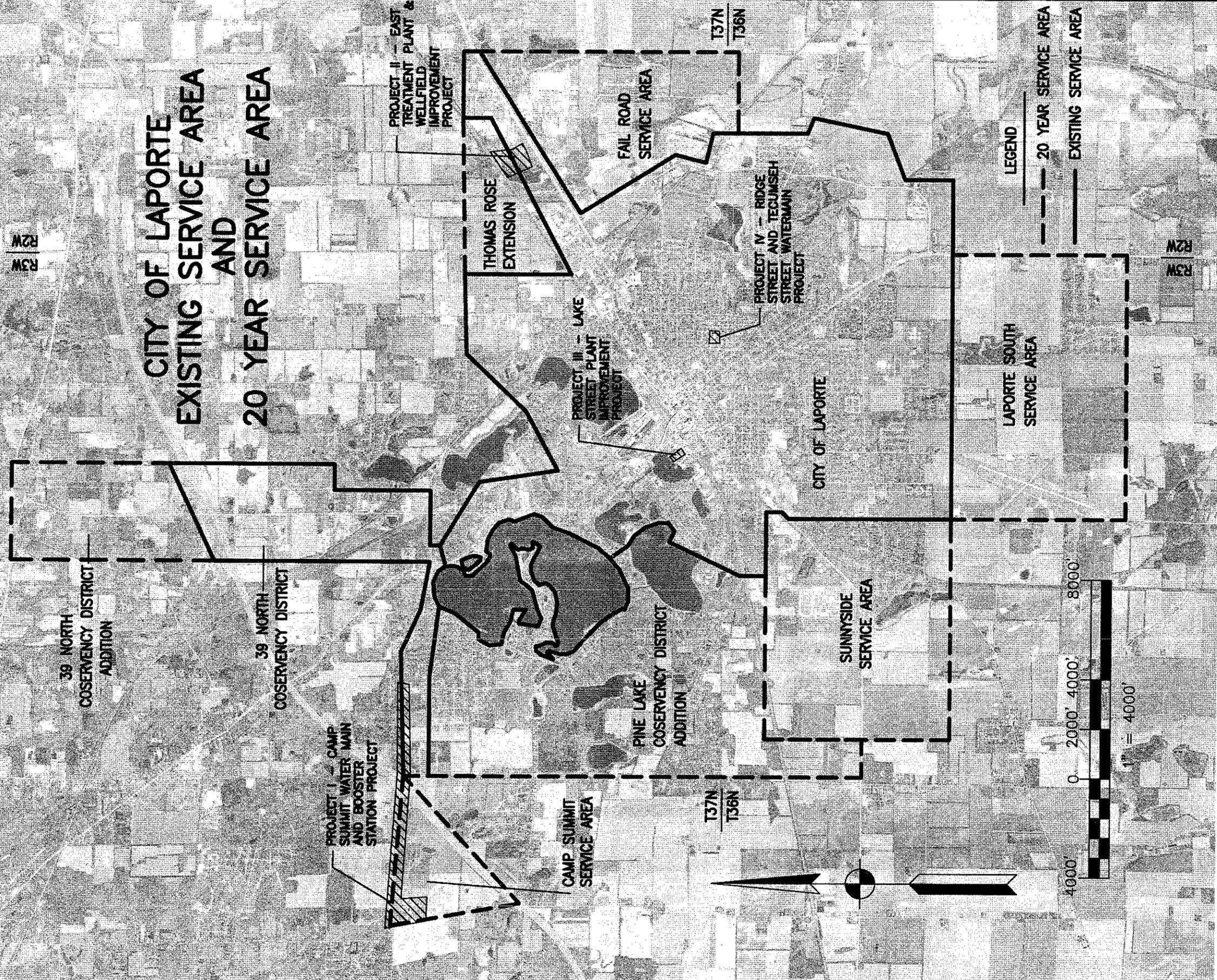
In terms of archaeological resources, an archaeological survey (Plunkett, 5/15/10) has been conducted for the Camp Summit... portion of the proposed project. We concurred with the recommendations and conclusions of this report.

In regard to Camp Summit...portions of the proposed projects, no further archaeological investigations appear necessary provided that the project activities remain within areas subjected to the survey or with areas disturbed by previous construction.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

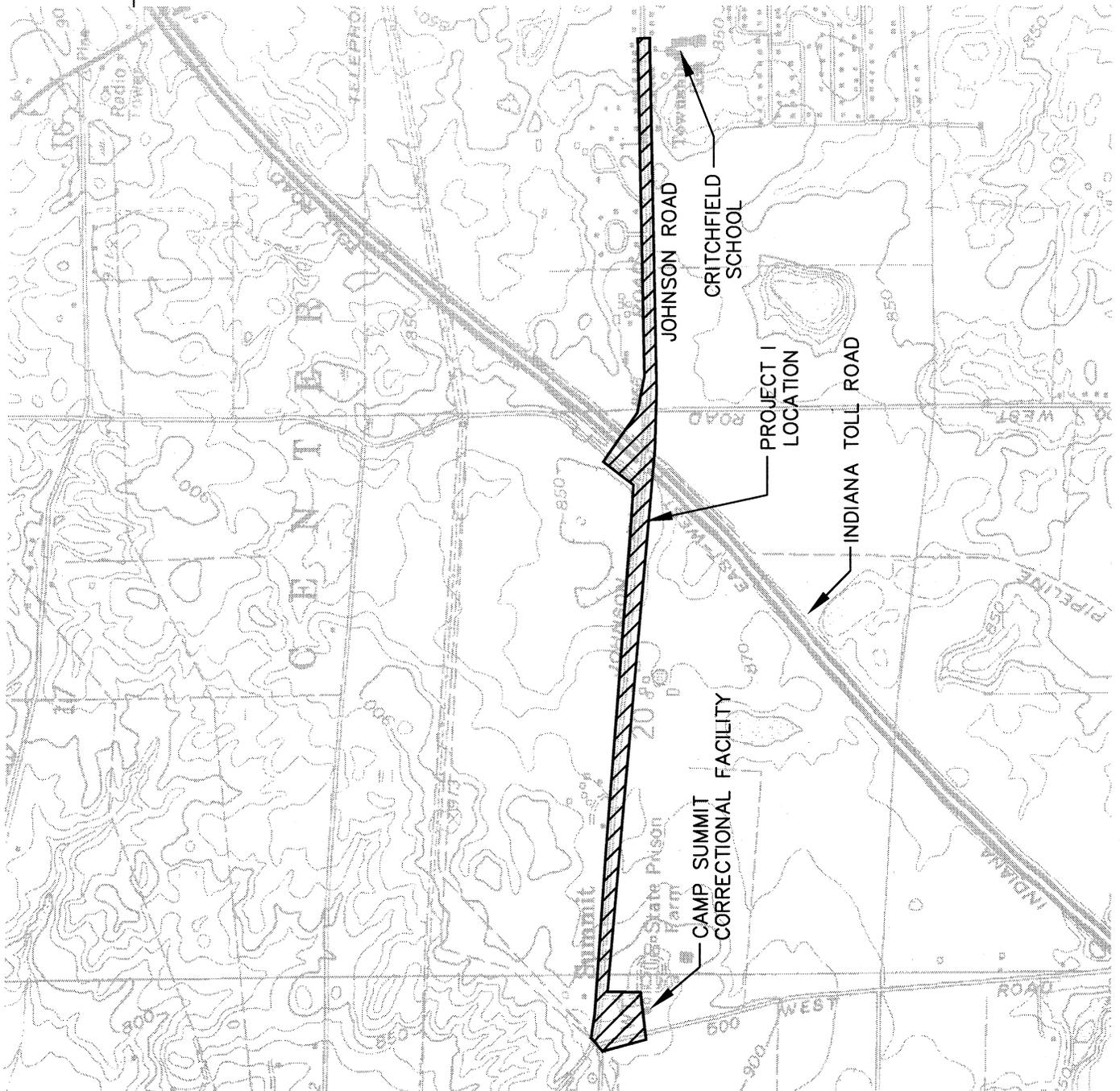
A properly advertised public hearing was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 10, 2010 at the City Hall to discuss the Preliminary Engineering Report, provide input in the preparation of this report, and solicit citizens' views and concerns regarding the proposed project. A copy of the Preliminary Engineering Report was available for public review for ten days prior to the public hearing. There were no written comments received from the public during the 5-day period after the public hearing.

CITY OF LAPORTE EXISTING SERVICE AREA AND 20 YEAR SERVICE AREA



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PROJECT I - CAMP SUMMIT WATERMAIN & BOOSTER STATION DESIGN

LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SECTIONS 19, 20, AND 21, IN LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA AS SHOWN ON THE "MICHIGAN CITY EAST QUADRANGLE" USGS QUADRANGLE MAP

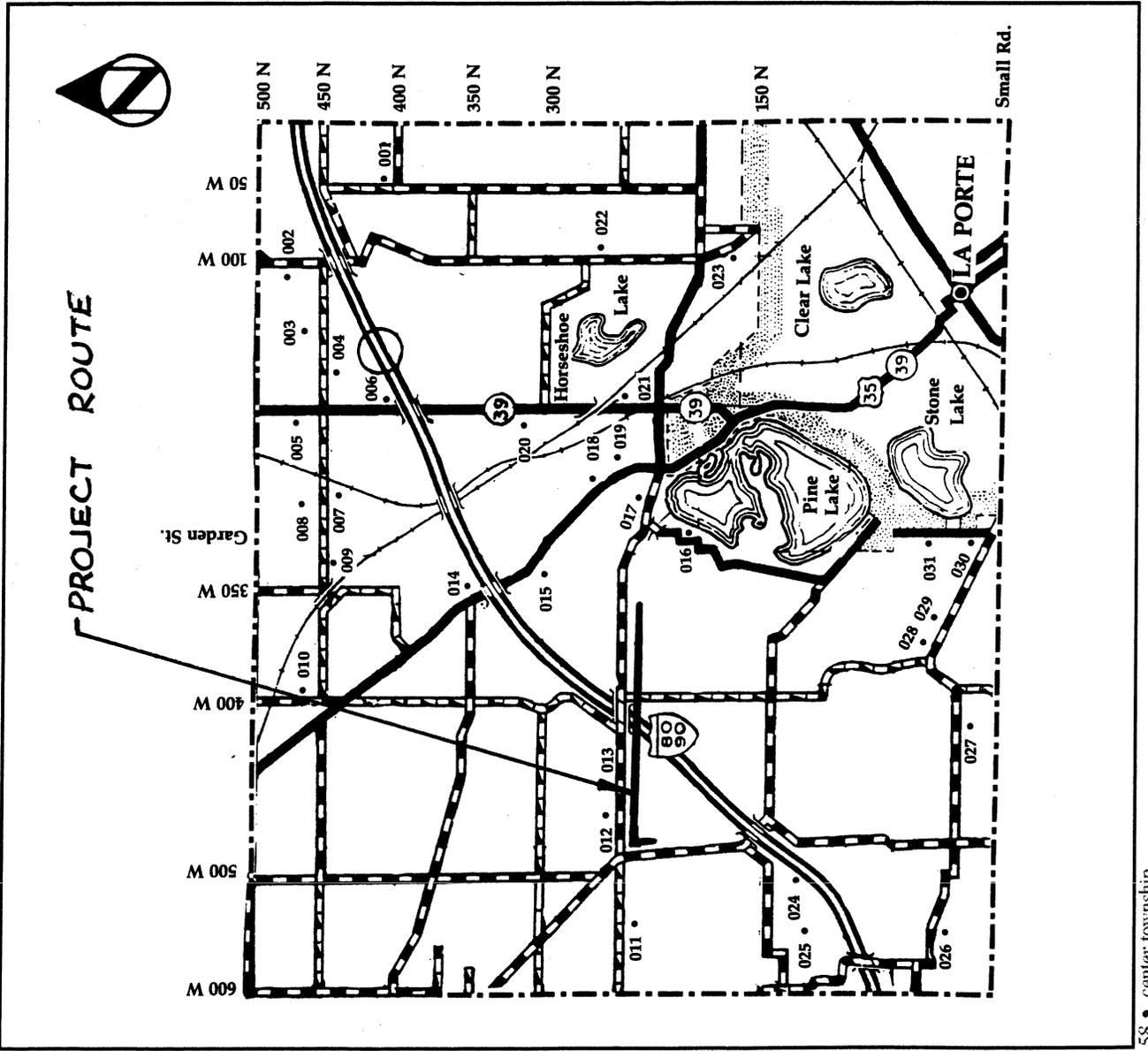
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Center Township (30001-031)

FIGURE 5-1A



Center Township was organized in November of 1833 and included within its area Springfield Township. Because the new township was located near the geographic center of the county, it was named Center Township. The township's northwest corner is covered by timber, and the south and west areas are prairie. Large lakes are located north of La Porte.

Both Indian trails and later settlement routes ran through Center Township. The area's rich soil and ready access to water and timber attracted many of the county's earliest settlers. By 1830 several cabins were built within the future city limits of La Porte.

The town of La Porte, meaning "portal" or "gateway" in French, was laid out and formally platted in 1833. However, the land was purchased in 1831 and every other lot was donated to the newly formed county in order to attract the county seat designation. These efforts proved successful and in 1832 La Porte was named the county seat, winning out over Michigan City.

A. P. Andrew, one of La Porte's landowners, built the first sawmill in the village in 1832. Other businesses followed, and by 1835 La Porte was incorporated as a town. By 1852 it achieved city designation with a population of over 5,000.

During the 1850s both the Michigan, Southern and Northern Railroad as well as the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railroad laid tracks through La Porte assuring the town's prosperity.

Although the history of La Porte dominates the development of Center Township, other settlers chose to take advantage of the area's rich farmland and established farms outside La Porte's boundaries. Three of these early families were the Ames, the Garwoods and the Orrs. All of them have left impressive homes indicative of their prosperity.

FIGURE 5-1B

Captain Charles Ames, a War of 1812 veteran, built his home in the southwest section of the township. Ames' New England heritage is readily apparent in the house's design. This outstanding Federal house (30025) was included in the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1956-57. Adjacent to the house is a barn (30025) built in 1836 and a house (30024) built for Ames' son, Augustus, in 1856.

The Henry F. Orr House (30028), built about 1850, is one of the best examples of the upright-and-wing house with Greek Revival details in the county. Joseph's son, William, built his Gothic Revival/Italianate house (30027) in 1876-78. This impressive home was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

The Garwood family also settled in the township's southern section. The house on the John Garwood Farm (30026), built about 1865, is a fine example of the Italianate style.

In addition to these outstanding structures, Center Township's architecture also includes other notable buildings. Pinehurst Hall (30015), built in 1853, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Two rural schools also remain: the Merchant School (30006) and the Fargher School (30001).

No.	Rtg.	Description
001	C	Fargher School, 50 W; Nineteenth Century Functional, c.1870; Vernacular/Construction, Education (606)
002	C	House, 100 W; Gable-front, c.1890; Vernacular/Construction (616)
003	C	House, 450 N; I-house, c.1880; Vernacular/Construction (606)
004	C	Farm, 450 N; House: Upright-and-wing, c.1900, Outbuildings: Milk house, granary, transverse-frame barn, Agriculture, Vernacular/Construction (606)
005	C	Farm, State Road 39; House: American Four-Square, c.1920, Outbuildings: English barn, chicken house; Agriculture, Architecture, Vernacular/Construction (606)

006	O	Merchant School, State Road 39; Prairie, c.1912, Architect: Allen and Sons; Architecture, Education (606)
007	C	House, 450 N; Central-passage, c.1855; Vernacular/Construction (606)
008	C	Meyers Farm, 450 N; House: Gabled-ell, c.1890, Barn: English; Agriculture, Vernacular/Construction (606)
009	C	House, 450 N; I-house, c.1900; Vernacular/Construction (405)
010	C	Farm, 400 W; House: Gabled-ell/Italianate, c.1884, Barn: English; Agriculture, Architecture, Vernacular/Construction (1405)
011	C	William Thorp House, 250 N; Gabled-ell, 1906; Vernacular/Construction (405)
012	C	House, 250 N; Bungalow, c.1920; Architecture (405)
013	C	Farm, 250 N; House: Gabled-ell, Barn: Transverse-frame; Agriculture, Vernacular/Construction (405)
014	N	Buck House, U.S. 35; Italianate, c.1873; Architect: Clem Goddo; Architecture (405)
015	O	Pinehurst Hall, U.S. 35; House: Gable-front/Greek Revival, 1853, Outbuildings: English barn, milk house; Agriculture, Architecture, Vernacular/Construction (405) NR
016	N	Chetakwa Baptist Church, Niles Avenue, Gable-front, 1897; Religion, Vernacular/Construction (345)
017	N	Jones Farm, Johnson Rd.; House: Colonial Revival, 1911, Outbuildings: Carriage house, gate house, English barn; Agriculture, Architecture, Vernacular/Construction (405)
018	C	Carpenter House, U.S. 35; Greek Revival, c.1860; Architecture (606)



015
Pinehurst Hall. Pinehurst Hall was built in 1853 for Charles Learning. Learning was a farmer and surveyor who came to the county in 1834 from New York State. The house was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

019	C	Carpenter House, U.S. 35; I-house, c.1858; Vernacular/Construction (606)
020	N	Farm, State Road 39; House: American Four-Square, c.1915, Outbuildings: English barn, summer kitchen; Agriculture, Architecture, Vernacular/Construction (606)
021	C	House, State Road 39; House: Gable-front, c.1910, Outbuilding: Granary; Agriculture, Vernacular/Construction (606)
022	C	House, 100 W; Bungalow, c.1920; Architecture (606)

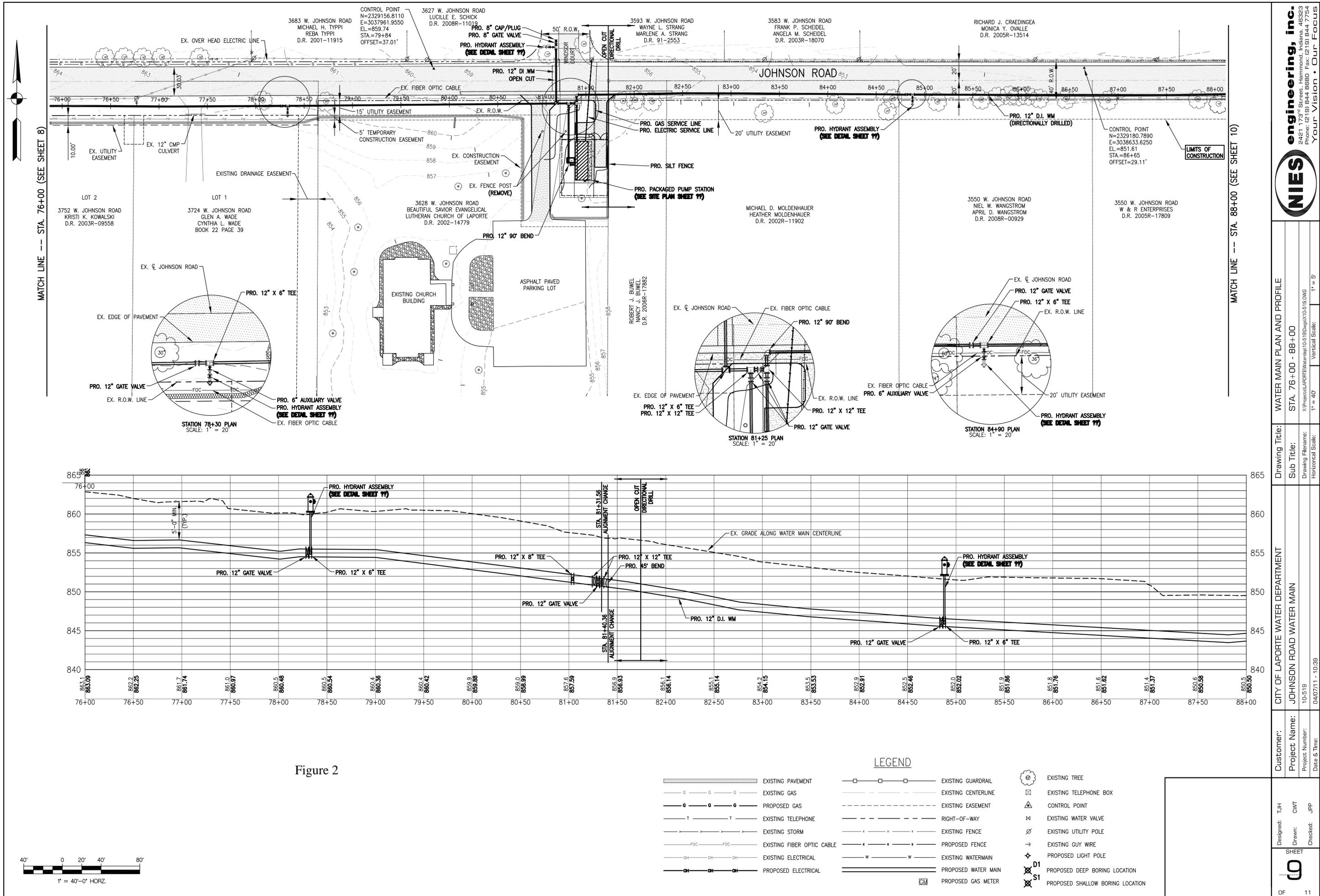


Figure 2

LEGEND

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| | EXISTING PAVEMENT | | EXISTING GUARDRAIL | | EXISTING TREE |
| | EXISTING CENTERLINE | | EXISTING EASEMENT | | EXISTING TELEPHONE BOX |
| | PROPOSED GAS | | RIGHT-OF-WAY | | CONTROL POINT |
| | EXISTING TELEPHONE | | EXISTING FENCE | | EXISTING WATER VALVE |
| | EXISTING STORM | | PROPOSED FENCE | | EXISTING UTILITY POLE |
| | EXISTING FIBER OPTIC CABLE | | EXISTING WATERMAIN | | EXISTING GUY WIRE |
| | EXISTING ELECTRICAL | | PROPOSED WATER MAIN | | PROPOSED LIGHT POLE |
| | PROPOSED ELECTRICAL | | PROPOSED GAS METER | | PROPOSED DEEP BORING LOCATION |
| | | | | | PROPOSED SHALLOW BORING LOCATION |



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March 10, 2011

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Re: Project information regarding water supply, treatment and storage improvements using State Revolving Loan Funds (DW10144501; DHPA #11289)

Dear Ms. Henninger:

Pursuant to IC 13-18-21, IC 14-21-1-16, 327 IAC 14 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") is conducting an analysis of the materials dated February 10, 2011 and received by the Indiana SHPO on February 11, 2011 for the above indicated project in LaPorte, LaPorte County, Indiana.

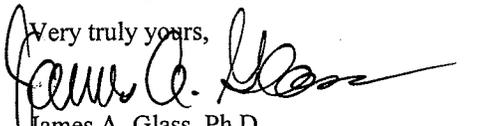
Based on our analysis, it has been determined that no historic structures will be altered, demolished, or removed by the proposed project.

In terms of archaeological resources, an archaeological survey (Plunkett, 5/15/10) has been conducted for the Camp Summit, Lake Street, and the East Treatment Plant portions of the proposed project. Sites 12Le377 and 12Le378 have been recorded within the East Treatment Plant portion of the proposed project. We concurred with the recommendations and conclusions of this report. Site 12Le378 did not appear eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and therefore no further archaeological investigations were necessary for this site. However, site 12Le377 did appear potentially eligible, and further archaeological investigations were necessary in the proposed areas of future ground disturbance. Phase II archaeological investigations were conducted under approved plan 2010033. During these investigations, a human tooth was found in one of the features. It appeared that this accidental discovery was not an in situ burial. Archaeological investigations were approved to continue. We are awaiting a complete report on these archaeological investigations to continue our review of this project.

In regard to the Camp Summit, Lake Street, and the Ridge Street portions of the proposed projects, no further archaeological investigations appear necessary provided that the project activities remain within areas subjected to the survey or within areas disturbed by previous construction. If any archaeological artifacts, features, or human remains are uncovered during construction, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 & 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. Given that the Camp Summit portion of this project is on state property, please coordinate with the Indiana Department of Corrections. In regard to the East Treatment Plant portion of this project, we will await receipt of the complete Phase II archaeological report.

If you have any further questions regarding this determination, please contact the DHPA. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. Questions about historic buildings or structures pertaining to this project should be directed to Kim Marie Robinson at (317) 234-6705 or krobinson@dnr.IN.gov. In all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #11289.

Very truly yours,


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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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