

**LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA
OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT**

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting
October 14, 2009 – 10:00 AM at McCauley – Nicolas Centre**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held in the Community Room of the McCauley – Nicolas Centre on October 14, 2009 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by mail on September 30, 2009.

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to identify themselves and the entity they represented. A list of the IHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary.

Project Update: Ms. Mary Kennedy, INDOT and Mr. John Carr, IN SHPO Office

Ms. Kennedy stated that the Clark County Structures Inventory (Structures Inventory) had been initiated in the summer 2009. Funds had been committed by INDOT/FHWA for the Structures Inventory for those resources that fell within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the Project. Additional grant funding (National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant money) had been committed by the IN SHPO to complete the remainder of the county to coincide with the Structures Inventory. To date, completion of the Structures Inventory was on schedule for completion in 2010.

Ms. Renwick asked how the inventory would be available upon completion. It is envisioned that it would be available electronically.

Summary of Progress Report No. 12 for January 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Progress Report No. 12 for the Reporting Period of January 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009 was distributed by CTS-GEC on September 3, 2009. At the request of the Co-chairs, a brief summary of it was provided to the IHPAT. The summary will not be reiterated; the Progress Report should be referenced. A question was asked about the status of the FHWA resolution of mitigation for the razing of the Swartz Farmhouse and the ineligibility of the Central Passage House (CPH) for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Mr. Sacksteder replied that a decision on possible mitigation was pending. Additionally, Mr. Duane Thomas replaced Mr. George Jones as the Project Manager and is becoming acquainted with the Project. Mr. Fogle stated that in spring 2009, the City of Jeffersonville had approved a zoning change for the parcel to light industrial.

Historic Preservation Plan Status - Old Jeffersonville Historic District: Mr. Kevin Senninger

Mr. Senninger distributed the Old Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) that was approved by the BSMT on September 28, 2009. Because the IHPAT did not hold its August 19, 2009 meeting, he provided an overview of recent updates and the timeline of such changes. CTS-GEC did not receive any written comments from IHPAT members in response to the final draft, which was distributed (on CD) to them on August 3, 2009.

Ms. Renwick asked the City of Jeffersonville of their intentions about either adopting the HPP as part of its Comprehensive Plan, or otherwise formally recognizing or incorporating some of the recommendations in the HPP. Mr. Fogle stated he did not anticipate that the city would incorporate the HPP into its Comprehensive Plan, but more likely use it as a reference for future planning efforts. He also noted that many of the recommendations in the HPP regarding issues in Downtown Jeffersonville/Old Jeff Historic District (HD) reflect the ideas and goals of the city.

Utica Limekilns - National Register of Historic Places Nomination and Multiple Properties Listing Documentation: Mr. Michael Matts, CTS-GEC

Mr. Matts summarized the documents being prepared: the Utica Township Limekilns Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), which includes an historic context, the identification of property types and registration requirements for those property types; one individual NRHP nomination for Kiln #48001; an individual NRHP nomination for Kiln #48004 and a NRHP nomination that incorporates Kilns #48002 and #48003. Kiln #48004 was highlighted as the oldest kiln dating to the 1830s. Kilns #48002 and #48003 were identified as having the same period of significance and dating to 1868.

Mr. Matts provided a summary of the development process for the MPDF and the nominations. INDOT and the IN SHPO reviewed the draft MPDF and provided comments in August 2009. On September 10, 2009 a conference call was conducted with representatives of INDOT, IN SHPO and CTS-GEC. The documents are under revision based on the discussions of the conference call; the revised documents will be re-submitted to the BSHCT for review in November 2009.

Mr. Matts provided examples to illustrate the kinds of issues discussed during the conference call as follows:

- Property Types and Registration Requirements
 - CTS-GEC agreed to revise the MPDF so that property types indicate importance to theme; statements of significance for each property type will establish importance to theme; registration requirements would be property type specific
 - It was agreed that dump piles and concrete foundations would not be property types, but rather archaeological features within an archaeology property type
 - It was agreed that lime houses and warehouses would be archaeological features as there is not sufficient historical information to identify physical and material characteristics of these property types
 - It was agreed that the archaeological resources property type would include character defining qualities of an archaeological site

- It was agreed that the three types of kilns would be sufficient as property types (log heap, groundhog and vertical) with a description of variations on the vertical kiln within that property type
- Integrity – Ability for Kilns to Meet Registration Requirements
 - Kiln #48004 – CTS-GEC believes that this kiln is worthy of listing on the NRHP; the firm was very conservative in the earlier draft, and in the ensuing revision will make a strong case for this kiln to meet the registration requirements and convey original appearance
 - Kiln #48001 – After further assessment, CTS-GEC now concludes that this kiln is eligible for the NRHP as an archaeological resource: deterioration, fill placed in the front of the kiln, and debris dumped in the kiln combine to make this kiln of questionable integrity as an historic structure
- Districts/Individual Nominations
 - There was concurrence that the historical information supports the following approach:
 - Individual nomination for Kiln #48001
 - Individual nomination for Kiln #48004
 - Nomination for Kilns #48002 and #48003 that encompasses both kilns, quarries, known archaeological features and areas of high probability of subsurface archaeological features
- Boundary Descriptions - A draft of a map was distributed with initial potential boundaries for the nominations highlighted in red, with the caveat that research information was still being evaluated and that the boundaries may change when evaluation is completed and final boundaries are delineated.

Historic Preservation Plan Development - Utica Limekilns – Draft B: Mr. Kevin Senninger, CTS-GEC

Mr. Senninger noted that work on the Utica Limekilns HPP had been placed on hold while most of the recent research has centered on the NRHP nomination process for the limekilns. Once the research is complete, relevant information is to be edited for inclusion in future drafts of the HPP. Future HPP drafts will likely be provided to the IHPAT for review in early 2010.

Mr. Senninger continued by sharing information he received regarding developments in Delphi (Indiana) with the IHPAT members. Local preservation efforts are currently working on rebuilding a limekiln in Delphi as part of a Wabash and Erie Canal Park. Mr. Senninger distributed an email from the local organization directing that effort that showed a historic photo of a limekiln in operation and current (re)construction photos. He reminded the IHPAT members the Wabash and Erie Canal Park is one of the case studies in the HPP, and that this information will be used to update that part of the HPP.

Mr. Senninger concluded his comments by asking those in attendance if they knew of any recent developments relative to the proposed Lime Kiln Ridge Subdivision, or any discussions with the property owners or Hughes Development Group. No one knew of any construction or other related activity on the limekiln properties. Mr. Sacksteder informed the IHPAT members that appraisals are currently being done on the (proposed) residential properties that fall within the Project right-of-way.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

A question was asked about the renovation of the Train Depot for future use. Mr. Sacksteder and Mr. Percy indicated that SDC 3 had toured the building with CTS-GEC to define the scope of work for rehabilitation and stabilization of the structure. As it is in poor condition, stabilization of it is deemed an immediate task. SDC 3 is working with CTS-GEC to finalize the scope and a schedule for the stabilization and, ultimately, the long-term rehabilitation.

Mr. Sacksteder asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by October 29, 2009 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The next scheduled IHPAT meeting is December 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Community Room of the McCauley – Nicolas Centre. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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INDOT:	Mary Kennedy Patrick Carpenter
City of Jeffersonville:	Brian Fogle
Town of Utica:	Henry Dorman
Rose Hill Neighborhood:	Joe Rafferty
HLFI:	Laura Renwick
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach Kevin Senninger Michael Matts Bob Lauder