

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW
LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM**

Project Number: ER-16549-1

Name of Applicant: Sedrick M. Green

Address of Applicant:

Robinson Engineering Limited
253 West 80th Place
Merrillville, IN 46410

Project Description:

Summit Street and Merrillville Road intersection reconstruction, traffic signals and roadway lighting, City of Crown Point; Des #1173708

Location of Project: City of Crown Point

Send comments to the following no later than Monday, September 9, 2013:

Federal Consistency Review Coordinator, Environmental Unit
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street, Room W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Electronic mail: environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov

Copies of the request, accompanying information and data are available for inspection at the following location:

Environmental Unit
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street, Room W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204

From: [Sedrick Green](#)
To: [Review, Environmental](#)
Cc: [Stanifer, Christie](#); [Ron Wiedeman](#)
Subject: Des#1173708_DNR#ER-16549_Old Merrillville Rd & Summit St Intersection Reconstruction, Traffic Signals and Roadway Lighting
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 4:32:48 PM
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[DNR Request for Federal Consistency Review 20130828.pdf](#)

I am requesting a federal consistency review and determination because my project is receiving federal funds. The proposed activity complies with Indiana's approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program. Please find attached all graphics, documentation and previous correspondence with IDNR.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Thank you,

Sedrick M. Green Jr.

Project Engineer



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**State of Indiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Fish and Wildlife**

Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #: ER-16549 **Request Received:** September 4, 2012

Requestor: Robinson Engineering Limited
Jonathon M Derwinski
253 West 80th Place
Merrillville, IN 46410

Project: Summit Street and Merrillville Road intersection reconstruction, traffic signals and roadway lighting, City of Crown Point; Des #1173708

County/Site info: Lake

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

If our agency has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, the recommendations contained in this letter may become requirements of any permit issued. If we do not have permitting authority, all recommendations are voluntary.

NOTE: This project falls within the Lake Michigan Coastal Program's boundary; therefore, it may be subject to Federal Consistency (FC) review. Please go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/files/20070214-IR-312070085NRA.xml.pdf> for more information regarding items requiring additional review. If the project requires a Permit, Agency Action, or Funding as listed in Section III (pages 8-13) please follow the FC process outlined at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/6041.htm>.

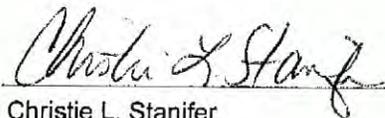
Regulatory Assessment: Formal approval by the Department of Natural Resources under the regulatory programs administered by the Division of Water is not required for this project.

Natural Heritage Database: The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. To date, no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity.

Fish & Wildlife Comments: The measures below should be implemented to avoid, minimize, or compensate for impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources:

1. Revegetate all bare and disturbed areas with a mixture of grasses (excluding all varieties of tall fescue) and legumes as soon as possible upon completion; low endophyte tall fescue may be used in the ditch bottom and side slopes only.
2. Appropriately designed measures for controlling erosion and sediment must be implemented to prevent sediment from entering the stream or leaving the construction site; maintain these measures until construction is complete and all disturbed areas are stabilized.
3. Plant five native trees, at least 2 inches in diameter-at-breast height, for each tree which is removed that is ten inches or greater in diameter-at-breast height.

Contact Staff: Christie L. Stanifer, Environ. Coordinator, Fish & Wildlife
Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service. Please contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4080 if we can be of further assistance.



Christie L. Stanifer
Environ. Coordinator
Division of Fish and Wildlife

Date: September 19, 2012

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August 29, 2012

Christie Stanifer, Environmental Coordinator
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Division of Fish and Wildlife
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Attn: Ms. Christie Stanifer

RE: DES #: 1173708 Intersection Reconstruction, Traffic Signals and Roadway Lighting
Summit Street & Merrillville Road
City of Crown Point, IN
Early Coordination Letter

Ms. Stanifer:

The City of Crown Point intends to proceed with a project involving the subject intersection in Lake County. This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process. The proposed improvement involves the use of federal funding. We are requesting comments from your area of expertise regarding any possible environmental or historical effects associated with this project. **Please use the above designation number and description in your reply.** We will incorporate your comments into a study of the project's environmental impacts.

The project is located at the intersection of Summit Street and Merrillville Road in the City of Crown Point, in Lake County Indiana, where both legs are classified Urban Major Collectors. The existing conditions of this intersection consist of a 2-lane rural cross section along Merrillville Road and the east leg of Summit and an urban cross section on the West leg of Summit Street. The existing pavement width varies from 22 to 36 feet and there is a designated west-bound to north-bound right turn at this intersection. All other quadrants of this intersection do not have a designated turning lane. The existing pavement consists of hot-mix asphalt pavement for the entire project length and is in fair to poor condition. The existing right of way for Merrillville Road is approximately 30 feet from the centerline of Merrillville Road. The existing right of way of Summit Street is approximately 66 feet, roughly centered on the Section line.

The proposed cross section is anticipated to consist of a three-lane cross-section consisting of 3-12 foot lanes (one through lane in each direction, along with both right and left turns for all directions of traffic). The proposed cross section will consist of curb and gutter with an enclosed drainage system which will outlet to Beaver Dam Ditch and the whole project is located within the Beaver Dam Watershed area. The proposed horizontal alignment will match the existing alignment as much as possible. No significant changes to the horizontal alignment are anticipated. The vertical alignment will not vary significantly from the existing conditions. The section line will remain the centerline of the roadway for Summit Street. The proposed right of way will vary between 66 and 80 feet in width and only impact those parcels located at the intersection.

Land use in the vicinity of the project is primarily agricultural and includes one residence. An INDOT prequalified consultant will perform waters and wetlands determinations and a Biological Assessment to identify any ecological resources that may be present. As a part of this project the areas of additional right-of-way for archaeological and historic resources for compliance with Section 106 compliance. The results of this investigation will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Officer for review and concurrence.

Should we not receive your response within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter, it will be assumed that your agency feels that there will be no adverse effects incurred as a result of the proposed project. However should you find that an extension to the response time is necessary; a reasonable amount may be granted upon request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact either myself or Ronald Wiedeman, PE of Robinson Engineering, Ltd at 219-791-0711.

Please find the enclosed attachments:

- Project Location Map
- USGS Topographic Map
- Exhibit showing the project limits on an Aerial Photograph
- Project Photos of Existing conditions

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON ENGINEERING. LTD.



Jonathon Derwinski
Project Engineer
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Project Area

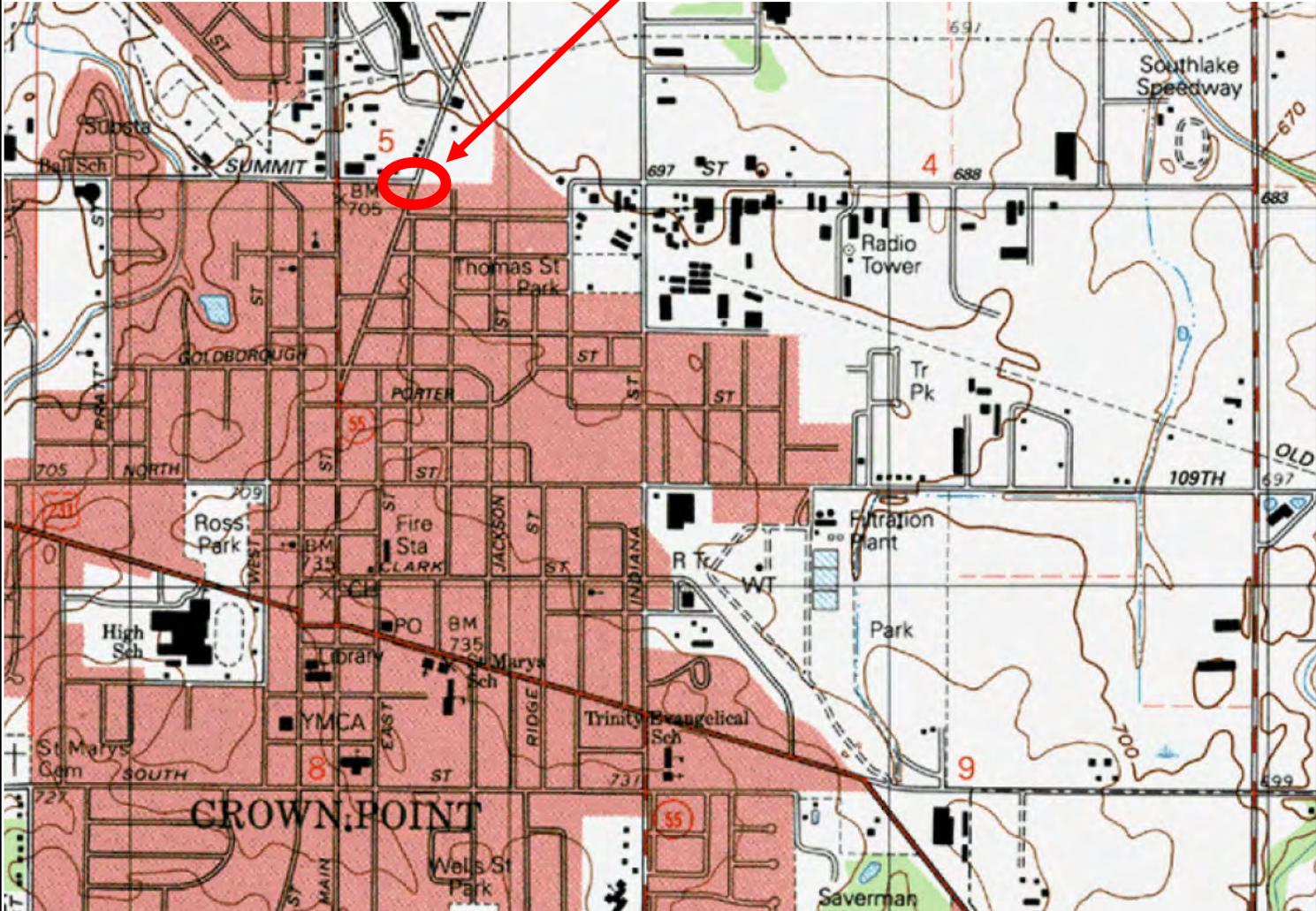


Summit Street & Merrillville Road
Intersection Reconstruction, Traffic Signals and Roadway
Lighting
Lake County – Crown Point, IN
Designation Number: 1173708
Project Location Map



USGS QUAD Map
Project located in
Section 05-34N-08W

Project
Area



Summit Street & Merrillville Road
Intersection Reconstruction, Traffic Signals and Roadway
Lighting
Lake County – Crown Point, IN
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Aerial Map



Summit Street & Merrillville Road
Intersection Reconstruction, Traffic Signals and Roadway
Lighting
Lake County – Crown Point, IN
Designation Number: 1173708



Prepared by: Jonathon Derwinski
08/20/2012

Project photos
Designation Number: 1173708



Looking south from intersection



Looking east from intersection

Project photos
Designation Number: 1173708



Looking north from intersection



Looking west from intersection