Appendix 8.
Example Maps for the APE

When defining the Area of Potential Effects (APE), be sure to take the map scale into consideration. The size of the APE should be applicable to the project activities and all surveyed resources—previously surveyed resources and newly identified resources observed during the site investigation—within that area must be identified.

The DNR DHPA's Indiana Historic Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map is now the preferred method for identifying the APE for your project site. It is best to start with this map and if a SHAARD report is not available on this mapping tool, check the online SHAARD database. County Interim Report and township maps may be used as a last resort for identifying the APE. Interim maps may not be published for the county and they are rarely to scale. They may not be the best maps for rural sites where roads and other landmarks may be far apart, therefore making it difficult to accurately define an APE. Additionally, interim maps are becoming out-of-date. In some cases, especially in very rural areas, you may have to visit the site, use all of the above-mentioned resources and current online mapping tools to accurately reflect the APE.

For directions on how to find properties and make maps using the Indiana Historic Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map tool, please refer to Appendix 3, pages 8-9. Below is an example APE map using the map tool.

An APE should consider the height of a proposed property and if it will have a potential visual effect on the surrounding area. A typical APE will include the properties directly adjacent in all directions but can spread further outward depending on the possible effects and size of the project. For example, if a proposed three-story building is going to be constructed, then the APE needs to reflect what can be seen from those three stories. If it's within an urban area with taller or comparable buildings next to it, then the APE may still be the adjacent properties in all directions. If its within a residential or commercial area with buildings shorter than three stories, then the APE will be larger to encompass the viewshed of the proposed building.

If a project's APE includes a historic district, please include a SHAARD report for the historic district.

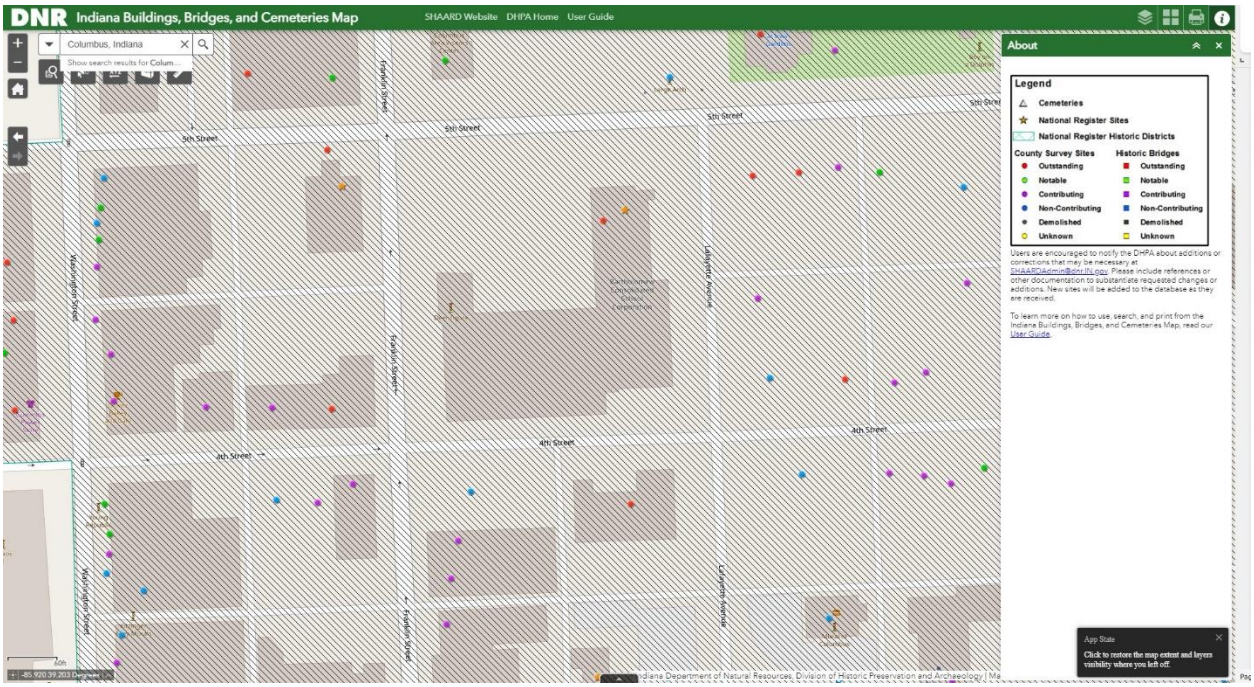
If a project is not located within a historic district, please include SHAARD reports for all National Registered properties, notable, or outstanding properties with the APE. Do not include SHAARD reports for contributing properties.

All surveyed—previously surveyed and after site investigation—sites within the APE should be noted and evaluated for inclusion or eligibility for inclusion in the National Register. The example property located at the northeast corner of 4th Street and Lafayette Street in Columbus is a vacant lot being used as public parking, which is not individually listed on the National Register. However, the lot is located in a Nationally Registered district and there is a National Register site across the street. In this case, the property across the street and the district's SHAARD report should be included in the ERR submission. Additionally, because all surrounding sites are located in a historic district, all Contributing, Notable, and Outstanding properties within the APE should have their SHAARD reports included. Information on all of these properties will also be noted in the Exhibit G of the ERR Workbook.

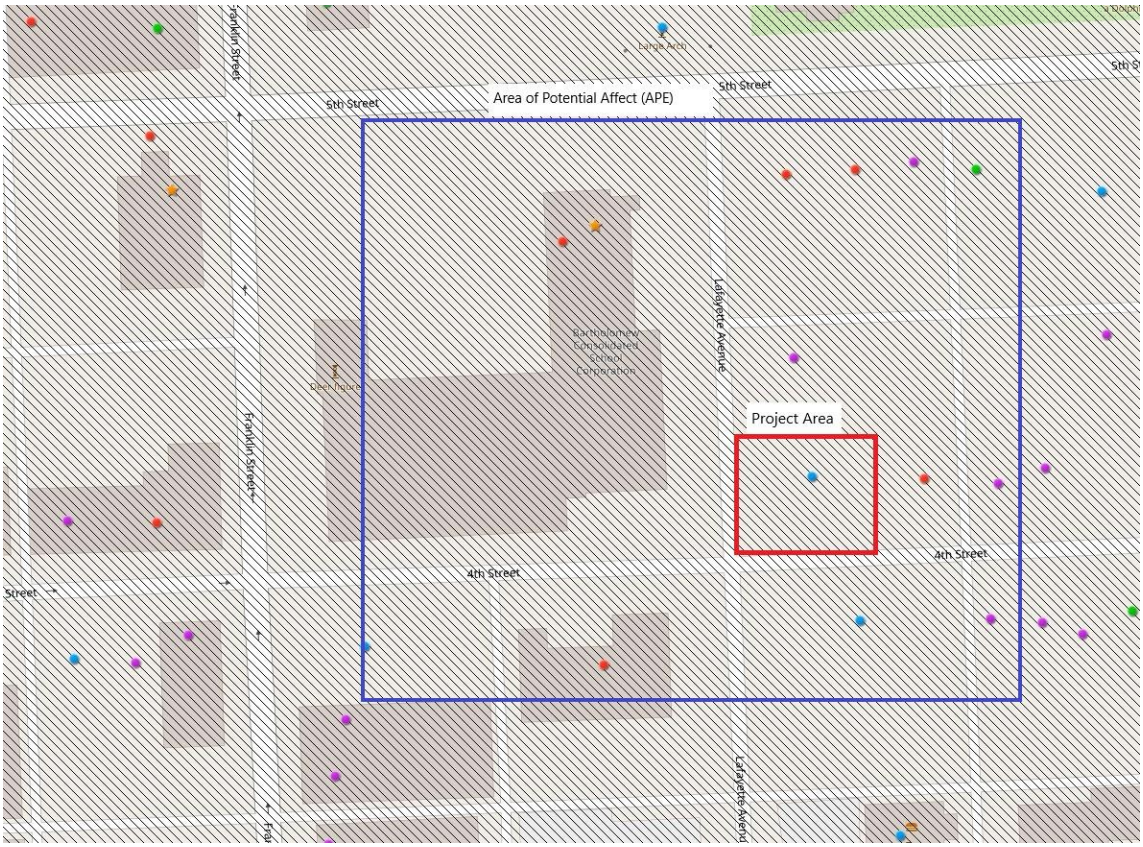
Considerations for projects located within a surveyed historic district: 1. If a district is identified in the map tool or in an interim report, then it is most likely eligible for the National Register (if not already listed). 2. Historic districts are considered to be a single resource.

Example map using the Indiana Historic Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map tool.

Full Map Section:



Zoomed in – Project Site and APE Identified:



Example SHAARD Reports to include (not cumulative):

*note—contributing SHAARD reports only need to be included if the site is in a historic district

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IHSSI (County Survey)

Survey Number: 005-130-26323
Rating: Contributing
Historic Name: Double House
Year Dataset Compiled: 2012
National Register File Number: NR-0373

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IHSSI (County Survey)

Survey Number: 005-130-26104
Rating: Outstanding
Historic Name: House
Year Dataset Compiled: 2012
National Register File Number: NR-0373

(Houses to the north and east of the project site)

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National Register

National Register File Number: NR-0373
Historic Name: Columbus Historic District
IHSSI Number: 005-130-26001

(Historic District)