

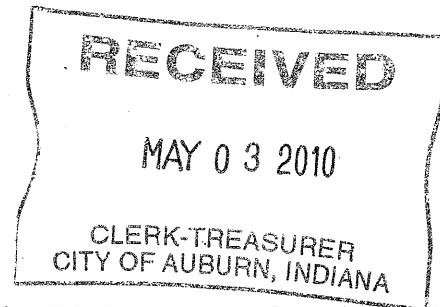


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Federal Agency: City of Auburn as the delegatee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Re: Project information and Archaeological Records Review (Stillwell, 3/13/10) regarding the north side sewer improvements using Disaster Recovery II or Community Focus Funds through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (DHPA #9187)

Dear Ms. Sturtz:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) 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 March 31, 2010 and received on April 5, 2010 for the above indicated project in Auburn, Dekalb County, Indiana.

In terms of archaeology, no currently known archaeological resources 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.

If any 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.

In regard to buildings and structures, we have identified the following properties within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that they may meet the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places:

Site #033-027-54010, House, 910 Midway Dr.

Site #033-027-54017, House, 823 Midway Dr.

Site #033-027-54019, House, 824 Midway Dr.

Site #033-027-54024, House, 818 Midway Dr.

Site #033-027-54025, House, 816 Midway Dr.

North Main Street Historic District, Site #033-027-52001-052

Additionally, we have identified the following properties within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that they meet the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places due to its/their historical and architectural significance:

Site #033-664-54005, House, 1004 Midway Dr. is eligible for the National Register as an outstanding example of early 20th-century eclectic revival architecture

Site #033-027-54009, House, 907 Midway Dr. is eligible for the National Register as an outstanding example of early 20th-century eclectic revival architecture

Based on the information provided to our office, we do not believe that there will be any alterations to the characteristics of the above identified historic properties qualifying them for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register (*see* 36 C.F.R. § 800.16[i]).

Upon completing its own identification and evaluation efforts, it would be appropriate for the City of Auburn 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 City of Auburn believes that a determination of "no adverse effects" 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 City of Auburn 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 City of Auburn may proceed to apply the criteria of 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 for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Miriam Widenhofer at (317) 233-3883 or mwidenhofer@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #9187.

Very truly yours,


James A. Glass, Ph.D.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Norman E. Yoder, Mayor, City of Auburn
emc: Dave Hacker, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs