



Indiana Department of Natural Resources

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March 22, 2010

Amanda C. Ratliff
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
536 S. Clark Street, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605-1521

Federal Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Re: Notification of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's finding of "no historic properties affected" regarding the construction of a new fire station to be located at 503 East Columbus Street using ARRA funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (DHPA #6469)

Dear Ms. Ratliff:

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 2, 2010 and received on March 8, 2010, for the above indicated project in Staunton, Posey Township, Clay County, Indiana.

We concur with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's March 2, 2010 finding that there are no historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources within the area of potential effects that will be affected by the above indicated project.

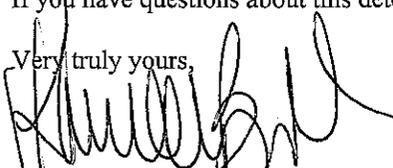
This identification is subject to the following condition:

- The 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.

If you have questions about this determination, please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or cslider@dnr.IN.gov.

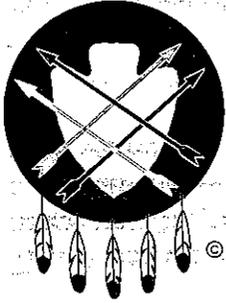
Very truly yours,



James A. Glass, Ph.D.
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

JAG:CWS:cws

cc: Charles Brown, Clay County Commissioners



PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

118 S. Eight Tribes Trail (918) 540-2535 FAX (918) 540-2538
P.O. Box 1527

MIAMI, OKLAHOMA 74355

CHIEF
John P. Froman

SECOND CHIEF
Jason Dollarhide

March 11, 2010

Amanda C. Ratliff
Regional Environmental Officer
FEMA
536 South Clark St.
6th Floor
Chicago, IL 60605-1521

RE: DHPA #6469, Posey Township Fire Station, Staunton, Clay County, IN

Thank you for notice of the referenced project. The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is currently unaware of any documentation directly linking Indian Religious Sites to the proposed construction. In the event any items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) are discovered during construction, the Peoria Tribe request notification and further consultation.

The Peoria Tribe has no objection to the proposed construction. However, if any human skeletal remains and/or any objects falling under NAGPRA are uncovered during construction, the construction should stop immediately, and the appropriate persons, including state and tribal NAGPRA representatives contacted.

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John P. Froman
Chief

xc: Bud Ellis, Repatriation/NAGPRA Committee Chairman

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State of Indiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Water

Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #: ER-13988 Request Received: May 1, 2009

Requestor: Reed Consulting
Matthew Reed
PO Box 294
Staunton, IN 47881

Project: Construction of a new fire station and lower level "safe room" at 503 East Columbus Street, Staunton; Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department

County/Site info: Clay

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.

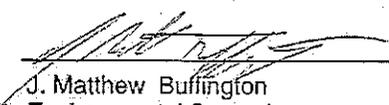
Regulatory Assessment: Formal approval by the Department of Natural Resources under the regulatory programs administered by the Division of Water is not required for this project.

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: Fish, wildlife, and botanical resource losses as a result of this project can be minimized through implementation of the following measures.
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. 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.
Plant five 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 do not hesitate to contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4160 or 1-877-928-3755 (toll free) if we can be of further assistance.

Date: June 29, 2009


J. Matthew Buffington
Environmental Supervisor
Division of Fish and Wildlife

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United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service



Bloomington Field Office (ES)
620 South Walker Street
Bloomington, IN 47403-2121
Phone: (812) 334-4261 Fax: (812) 334-4273

May 4, 2009

Mr. Matthew Reed
Reed Consulting
P.O. Box 294
Staunton, IN 47881

Project No: New Fire Station – Columbus Street, Staunton, IN
County(ies): Clay

Dear Mr. Reed:

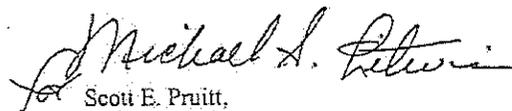
This responds to your letter dated May 1, 2009, requesting our comments on the aforementioned project.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et. seq.) and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mitigation Policy.

Based on a review of the information you provided, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has no objections to the project as currently proposed. This precludes the need for further consultation on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. However, should new information arise pertaining to project plans or a revised species list be published, it will be necessary for the Federal agency to reinitiate consultation.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment at this early stage of project planning. If project plans change such that fish and wildlife habitat may be affected, please re-coordinate with our office as soon as possible. If you have any questions about our recommendations, please call (812)334-4261.

Sincerely yours,


Scott E. Pruitt,
Field Supervisor

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June 9, 2009

Matthew Reed
Reed Consulting
P.O. Box 294
Staunton, IN 47881

Federal Agency: Clay County Commissioners as the delegatee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Re: Project information regarding the construction of a new fire station to be located at 503 East Columbus Street using Community Focus Funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (DHPA #6469)

Dear Mr. Reed:

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 and received on June 2, 2009, for the above indicated project in Staunton, Posey Township, Clay County, Indiana.

Based upon the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places within the probable area of potential effects. Additionally, with respect to the former Saint John's Church, we do not believe it is individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

This identification is subject to the following condition:

- The 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.

At this time, it would be appropriate for the Clay County Commissioners 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 Clay County Commissioners believes that a determination of "no historic properties affected" 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 Clay County Commissioners 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 Clay County Commissioners may proceed to apply the criteria of adverse effect and determine whether the project will result in a "no adverse effect" or an "adverse effect" in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.5.

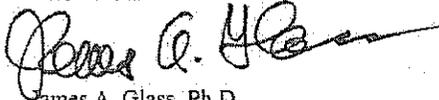
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Matthew Reed
June 9, 2009
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A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Laura Black at (317) 232-1650 or lblack@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Ashley Thomas at (317) 234-7034 or asthomas@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #6469.

Very truly yours,



James A. Glass, Ph.D.
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

JAG:ADT:LRB:lrb

cc: Charles Brown, Clay County Commissioners
cmc: Dave Hacker, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

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Agency Correspondence

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor

Judith A. Monroe, M.D.
State Health Commissioner



Indiana State
Department of Health
An Equal Opportunity Employer

Date: May 1, 2009

To: Matthew Reed
Reed Consulting
PO Box 294
Staunton, IN 47881

RE: Posey Twp. VFD

In regards to the above referenced project, I am responding to the environmental review documents received by our office.

We have no reservation about the proposed project and foresee no significant environmental disturbance.

We believe this proposed project will have environmental detriment to the community and have attached supporting document or intend on requesting more information for our consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis H. Ehlers at AC 317/233-7588.

Sincerely

HOWARD W. CUNDIFF, P.E., ACTING SUPERVISOR
HEALTH CARE ENGINEERING

DHEhlers
CC: Clay County Health Department



FEMA

March 5, 2010

Thomas E. Gamble, Chief
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1326
Miami, Oklahoma 74355

Re: DHPA#6469, Posey Township Fire Station, Staunton, Clay County, Indiana

Dear Chief Gamble:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), using ARRA funding authorized under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, plans to fund the construction of a new Fire Station in Clay County, Indiana.

FEMA is consulting with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the need for cultural resource surveys to inventory resources potentially affected by this project. Should an archeological survey be necessary, all work will follow SHPO-approved methods and will be subject to the Section 106 review process as required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

As part of the environmental review process for this project, FEMA is required to contact Native American groups regarding the possible effect of the proposed project on cultural properties of historic or traditional significance, referred to as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs). We invite your comments on the potential impacts this project may have on lands traditionally used by or sacred to Native American groups. We understand the sensitive nature of much of the information regarding TCPs and assure you in advance that any information you provide will be considered privileged and confidential and will not be made public.

After review of the enclosed documentation, contact Amanda Ratliff, FEMA Regional Environmental Officer, at the above address or Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov with any information or questions you may have. We would appreciate a response by mail or email from your office within thirty (30) days. If we receive no response within that time, we will assume that this project has no impact to TCPs of interest to the Delaware Nation and will move forward with the project.

Sincerely,

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Amanda C. Ratliff
FEMA Regional Environmental Officer

Enclosures



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March 2, 2010

Sherry White, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians
W13447 Camp 14 Road
PO Box 70
Bowler, Wisconsin 54416

Re: DHPA#6469, Posey Township Fire Station, Staunton, Clay County, Indiana

Dear Ms White:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), using ARRA funding authorized under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, plans to fund the construction of a new Fire Station in Clay County, Indiana.

FEMA is consulting with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the need for cultural resource surveys to inventory resources potentially affected by this project. Should an archeological survey be necessary, all work will follow SHPO-approved methods and will be subject to the Section 106 review process as required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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Sincerely,

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Amanda C. Ratliff
FEMA Regional Environmental Officer

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March 2, 2010

Kerry Holton, President
Delaware Nation
P.O. Box 825
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

Re: DHPA#6469, Posey Township Fire Station, Staunton, Clay County, Indiana

Dear President Holton:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), using ARRA funding authorized under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, plans to fund the construction of a new Fire Station in Clay County, Indiana.

FEMA is consulting with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the need for cultural resource surveys to inventory resources potentially affected by this project. Should an archeological survey be necessary, all work will follow SHPO-approved methods and will be subject to the Section 106 review process as required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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Sincerely,

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Amanda C. Ratliff
FEMA Regional Environmental Officer

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March 2, 2010

John P. Froman, Chief
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1527
Miami, Oklahoma 74355

Re: DHPA#6469, Posey Township Fire Station, Staunton, Clay County, Indiana

Dear Chief Froman:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), using ARRA funding authorized under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, plans to fund the construction of a new Fire Station in Clay County, Indiana.

FEMA is consulting with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the need for cultural resource surveys to inventory resources potentially affected by this project. Should an archeological survey be necessary, all work will follow SHPO-approved methods and will be subject to the Section 106 review process as required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

As part of the environmental review process for this project, FEMA is required to contact Native American groups regarding the possible effect of the proposed project on cultural properties of historic or traditional significance, referred to as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs). We invite your comments on the potential impacts this project may have on lands traditionally used by or sacred to Native American groups. We understand the sensitive nature of much of the information regarding TCPs and assure you in advance that any information you provide will be considered privileged and confidential and will not be made public.

After review of the enclosed documentation, contact Amanda Ratliff, FEMA Regional Environmental Officer, at the above address or Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov with any information or questions you may have. We would appreciate a response by mail or email from your office within thirty (30) days. If we receive no response within that time, we will assume that this project has no impact to TCPs of interest to the Peoria Tribe of Indians and will move forward with the project.

Sincerely,

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Amanda C. Ratliff
FEMA Regional Environmental Officer

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March 2, 2010

Karie Brudis
Assistant Director of Environmental Reviews
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street, W274
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: DHPA#6469, Posey Township Fire Station, Staunton, Clay County, Indiana

Dear Ms Brudis:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), using ARRA funding authorized under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, plans to fund the construction of a new Fire Station in Clay County, Indiana.

On June 9, 2009, after reviewing project documentation submitted by Matthew Reed on behalf of the Clay County Commissioners, the Indiana SHPO determined that no historic properties would be affected by this undertaking, as long as the project activities remain within areas disturbed by previous construction.

In accordance with 36 CFR §800.11, I am enclosing documentation regarding the proposed undertaking and its effect on historic properties. The documentation provides the justification for FEMA's identical finding of no historic properties affected.

After review of the enclosed documentation, contact Amanda Ratliff, FEMA Regional Environmental Officer, at 312-408-5440 or Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov with any questions you may have. Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.3(c)(4), if we receive no response by mail, phone or email from your office within thirty (30) days, we will assume your concurrence with our findings.

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Amanda C. Ratliff
FEMA Regional Environmental Officer

enclosure



FEMA

March 2, 2010

DHPA#6469

*Posey Township Fire Station
Staunton, Clay County, Indiana
North 39.4877 | West -87.1836*

Description of Undertaking:

The construction of a new firehouse at 503 East Columbus Street on three previously-disturbed and now vacant lots. Site is shovel-ready, with utilities in place.

Steps Taken to Identify Historic Properties:

The current firehouse is a church converted to that purpose. Constructed in 1911, the building is listed as "Contributing" in the *Clay County Interim Report* (p. 48), but does not retain sufficient integrity to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Across Jefferson Street to the east is a parcel comprised of three empty lots, which will be the construction site for the new fire station. The homes and associated buildings previously constructed on these lots were demolished in the early 1980s; none were noted in the interim report.

The remaining building on this block is noted in the interim report as "Contributing" (16002: House, Gabled-ell, c. 1880). The south façade of the residence has an addition with a shed roof. The building is not within the project APE. Other inventoried Staunton buildings stand two or more blocks east of this building.

The nearest properties listed on the National Register are in Brazil, approximately five miles northeast of the project site.

Finding:

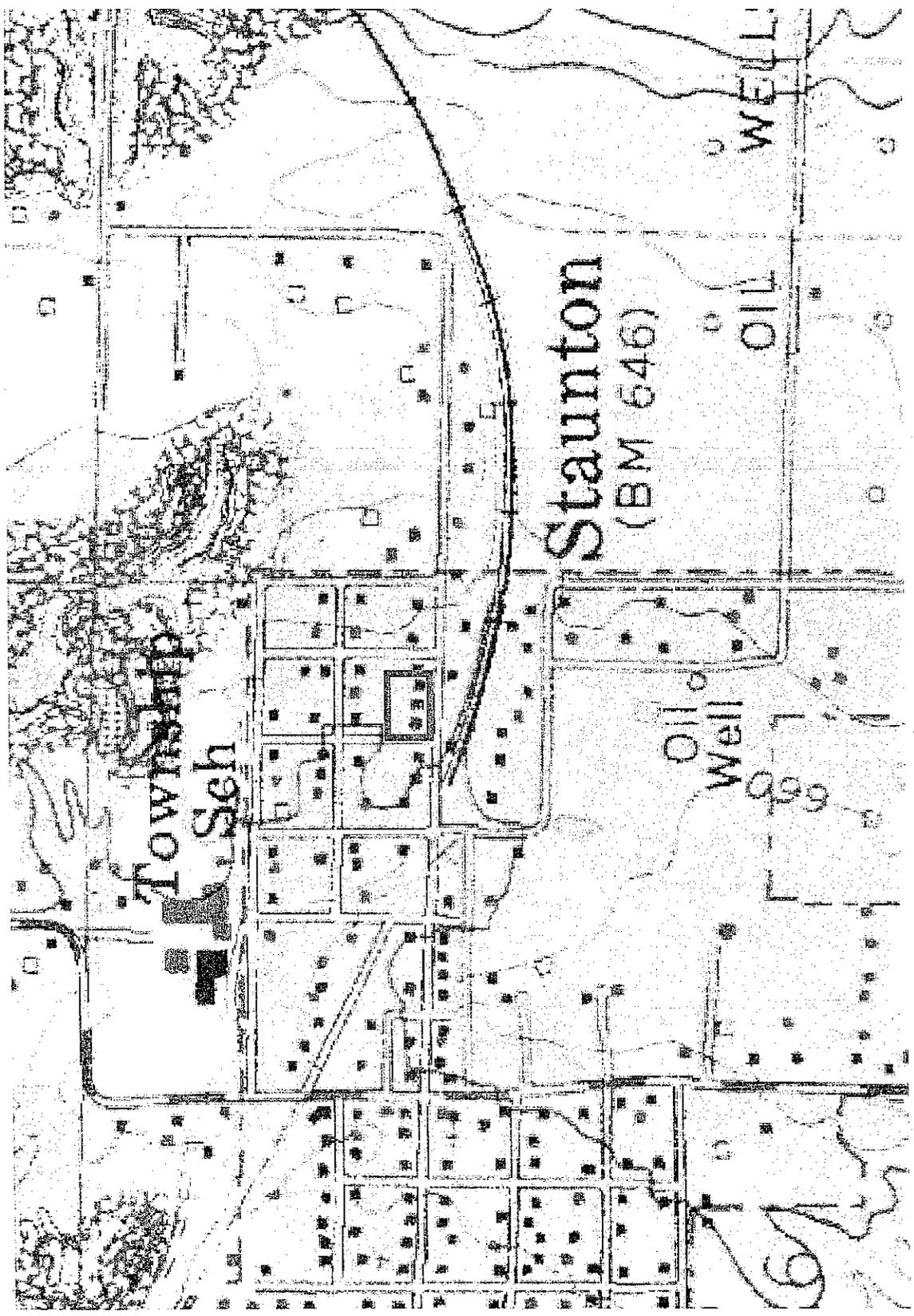
FEMA has determined that there are no historic properties within the APE, and therefore no historic properties are affected by this undertaking. This finding agrees with that set forth by the SHPO in a letter to Matthew Reed on behalf of the Clay County Commissioners, dated June 9, 2009.

Enclosures:

- USGS maps showing the project site
- Aerial photos illustrating the project location, nearby historic resources and project APE
- Photos of the existing fire station and project site

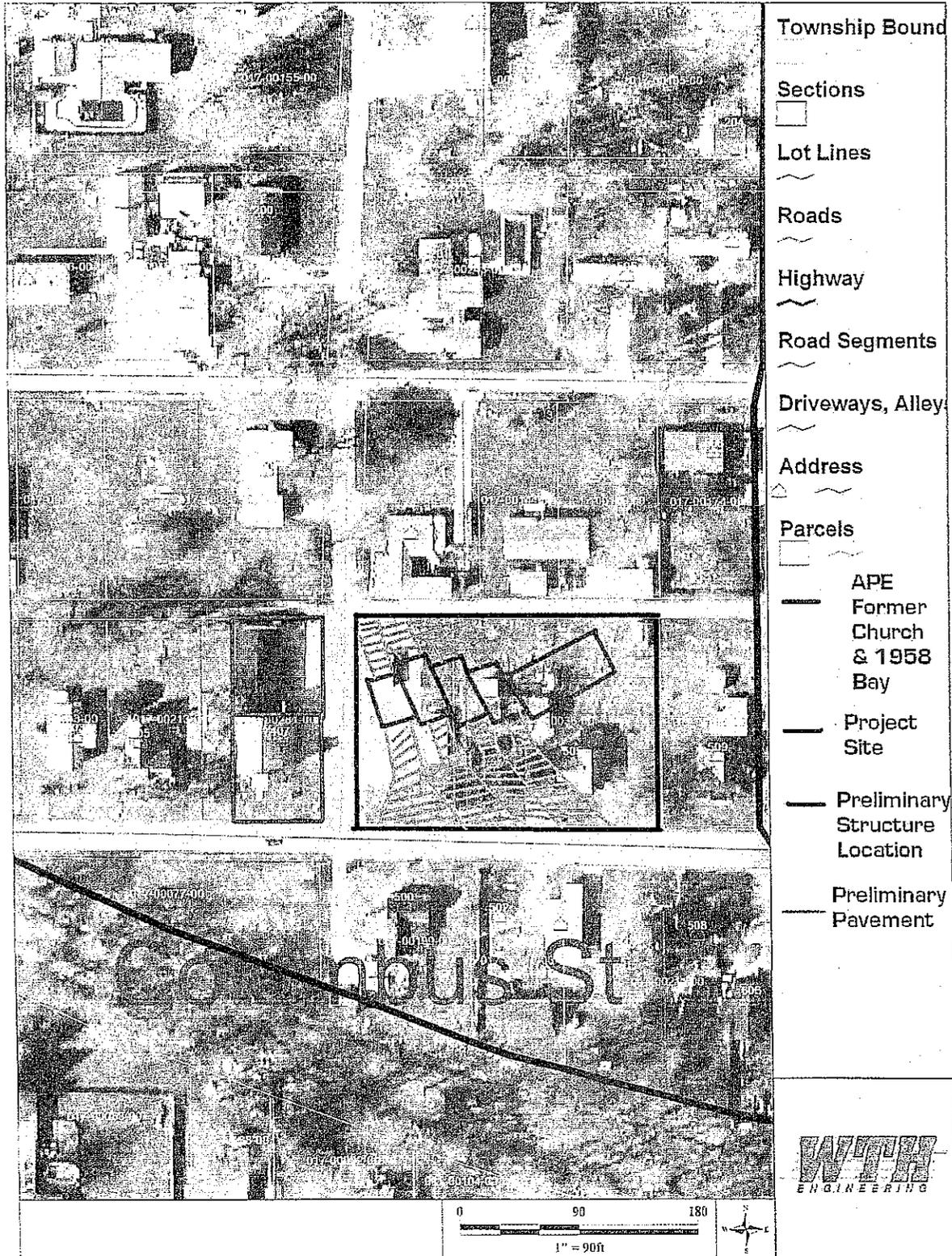
Posey Township Fire Station

Undertaking site outlined in red below.
USGS Map "Staunton," 1:24000, enlarged to show detail.



Project area and Area of Potential Effects.

Map provided by application and submitted to the SHPO in 2009.



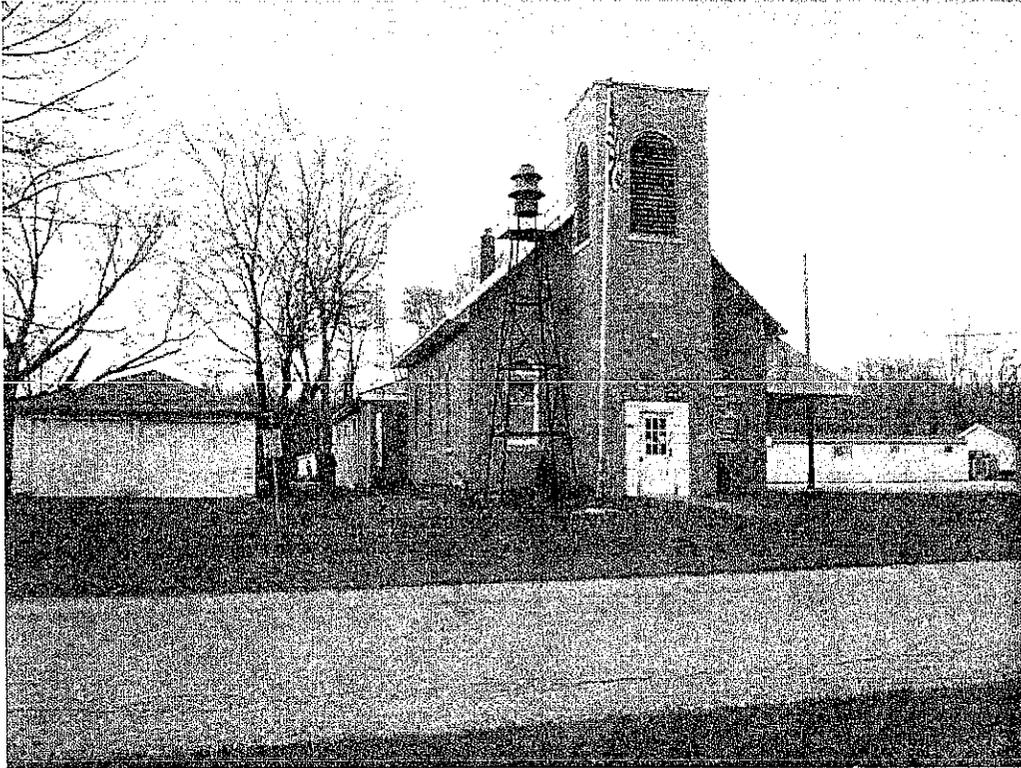


Photo 1: Existing building with addition visible in rear, taken from the south facing north.



Photo 2: Existing building with addition, taken from the east facing west.

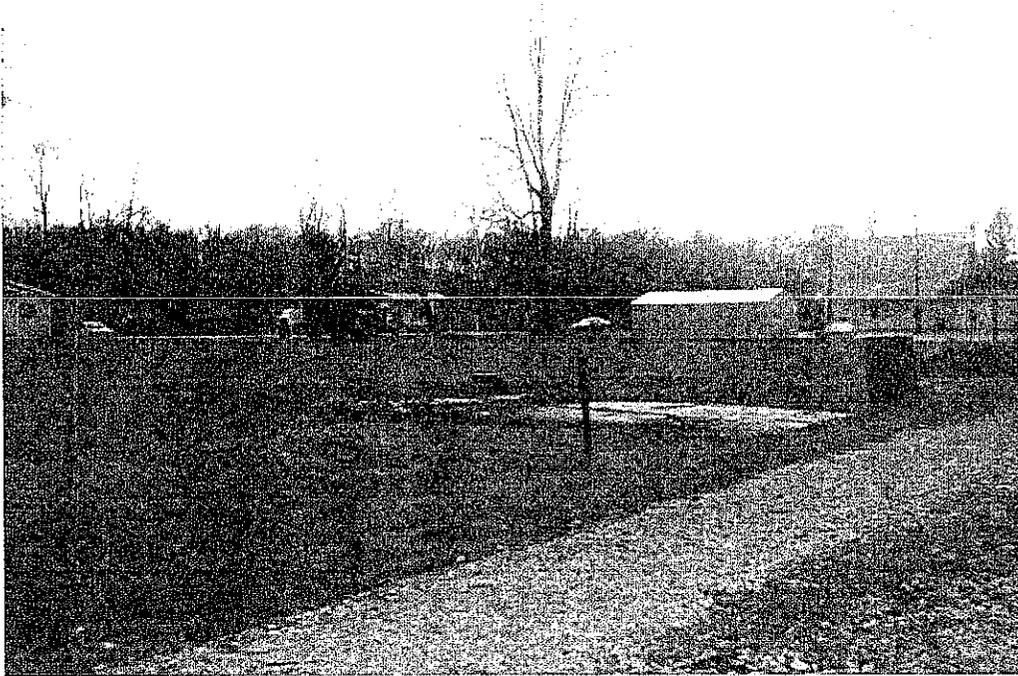


Photo 3: View of project site taken from the northeast facing southwest. South end of current fire station visible, right background.

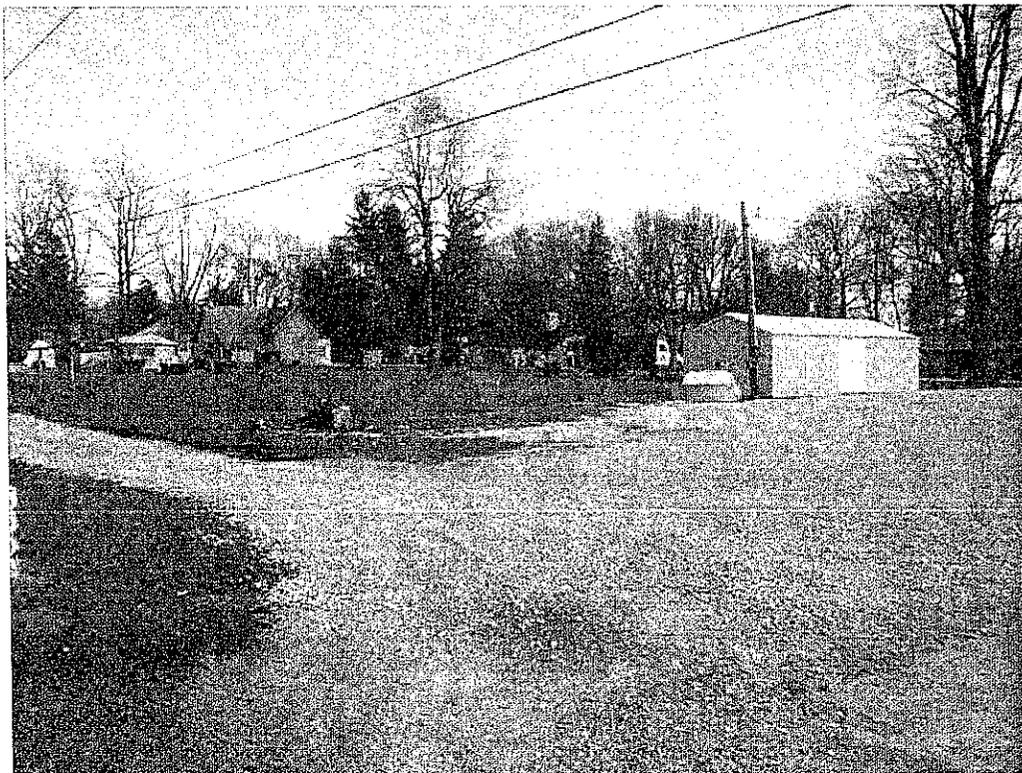


Photo 4: View of project site taken from the northwest facing southeast.

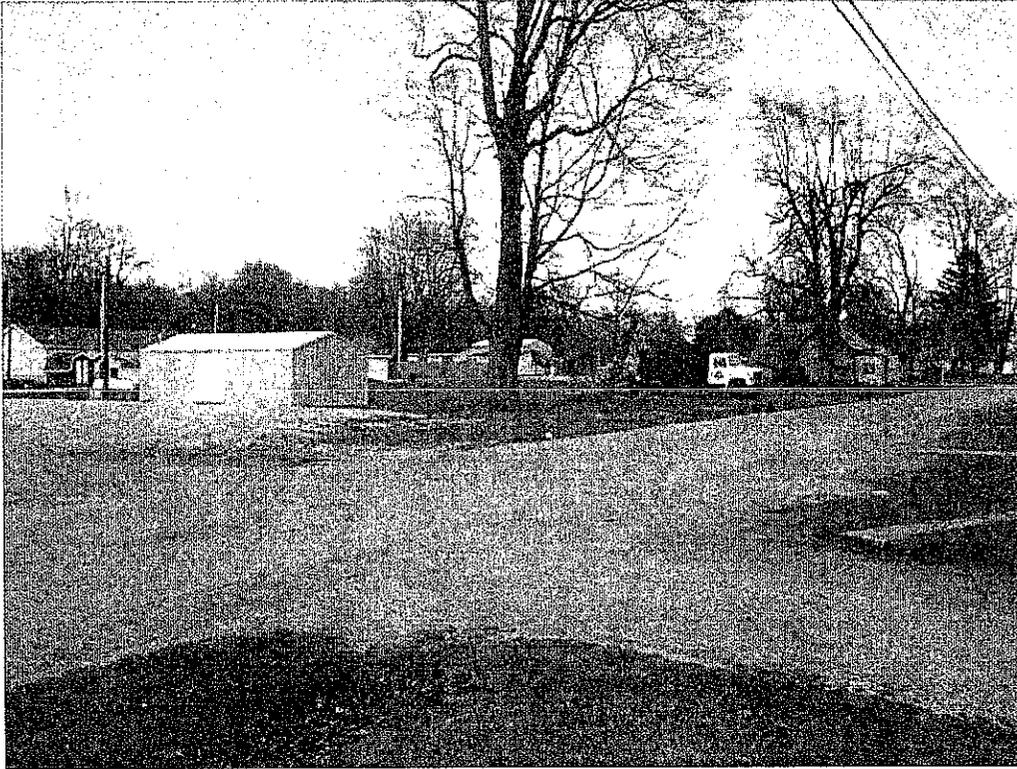


Photo 5: View of project site taken from the southeast facing northwest.