

Appendix D

Historic Resources

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Certificate of Approval



July 15, 2021

Mike Maurovich
American Structurepoint
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

Re: Application for a certificate of approval to demolish four homes within the Plum Prairie Historic District for the proposed east to west corridor project from State Road 32 to the intersection of 19th Street and Pleasant Street across Cicero Creek and the White River in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County

Dear Mr. Maurovich:

You are hereby notified that the Historic Preservation Review Board ("Review Board"), at its meeting in Indianapolis on July 14, 2021, in accordance with Indiana Code § 14-21-1-18, took the following action:

In regard to Agenda Item III.2, a certificate of approval is granted to the City of Noblesville on behalf of the Indiana Department of Transportation, to alter the Plum Prairie Historic District and demolish or remove historic structures at 694 Pleasant Street, 507 Vine Street, 529 Vine Street, and 579 Vine Street to construct an east-west corridor from the intersection of SR 32 and Hague Road to the intersection of 19th Street and Pleasant Street in Noblesville, Hamilton County, on the following conditions:

1. Façade Grant Program: The City of Noblesville ("City") shall consult with the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and Indiana Landmarks to create a Façade Grant Program for Residential Structures to improve exterior details of buildings according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards within the boundaries of the Plum Prairie Historic District and other National Register-listed historic districts within the City.
 - The program will be administered by the City of Noblesville.
 - The City of Noblesville shall provide \$50,000 of funding per year for three (3) years, beginning in the calendar year 2022.
 - Of the \$50,000 of funding each year, \$25,000 will be designated to the Plum Prairie Historic District, if enough qualified applications are received.
 - The remaining funding (\$25,000) will be eligible to all homes within National Register-listed historic districts in the City of Noblesville, including those rated Contributing and Non-Contributing to a district.

- The City shall send letters to owners of eligible properties, in the first quarter of the calendar year 2022. The letters will notify owners of the Façade Grant Program and include information about the application process.
 - A list of eligible improvements and the application requirements shall be developed in partnership with the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and Indiana Landmarks.
2. Signage & Markers: The City of Noblesville shall fund the manufacture and the installation two (2) interpretive signs to be placed along the project corridor and ten (10) wayfinding signs to be placed within the boundaries of the Plum Prairie Historic District.
- The wayfinding sign shall identify the Plum Prairie Historic District and will be similar in design and scale to historical signage within other National Register-listed historic districts in the City.
 - The interpretative signs shall focus on themes relevant to the Plum Prairie Historic District and/or specific resources within the district. Signs may focus on the following themes: Reverend Barney Stone, African American heritage, Architecture, Plum Prairie Farm, the Leonard Wild Summer House, the American Strawboard Company. Other themes with a demonstrated connection to the District may be examined, as well. The interpretive signs will be similar in design and scale to other interpretive signage in the City.
 - The proposed design and content of the interpretive signage shall be prepared by historic preservation professionals (“qualified professionals”) who meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualifications Standards, as Amended and Annotated [http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_9.htm] and shall be submitted to the Interested Parties and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources--Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (“DNR-DHPA”) at seventy-five (75) percent completion for review and comment.
 - The proposed design and locations of the wayfinding signs shall be submitted to the Interested Parties and the DNR-DHPA at seventy-five (75) percent completion for review and comment.
 - A good faith effort to accommodate recommendations on the interpretative signage and wayfinding signs by Interested Parties will be made. The City and/or its consultants shall respond to substantive comments provided by the Interested Parties and DNR-DHPA to obtain DNR-DHPA’s approval of final plans.
 - The approved content, graphic design, and final design plans will be provided to the Interested Parties and DNR-DHPA for their records.
3. Context Sensitive Design: The City of Noblesville and its consultants shall incorporate context sensitive design for the Plum Prairie Residential Historic District into the project plans.
- The City of Noblesville shall install decorative lighting along the roadway corridor in areas adjacent to the Plum Prairie Historic District. The style of lighting will be the same as that used in other historic areas of the city.
 - The City of Noblesville will work with a landscape architect and local residents to identify neighborhood-defining characteristics of the Plum Prairie Historic District that will be incorporated into the project’s design in areas adjacent to the historic district.
 - The City of Noblesville and INDOT shall make project plans available at seventy-five (75) percent design completion for the Interested Parties and the DNR-DHPA.

The Interested Parties and DNR-DHPA will have thirty (30) days to review and comment on each submission. A good faith effort to accommodate recommendations of Interested Parties will be made. The City, INDOT and/or its consultants shall respond to substantive comments provided by the Interested Parties and DNR-DHPA to obtain DNR-DHPA's approval of final plans.

4. If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts, features, or human remains are uncovered during construction, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 & 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.
5. The certificate of approval shall expire in four (4) years.

Copies of staff comments and recommendations are available for review and copying at the office of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, 402 West Washington Street, Room W274, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (telephone number 317-232-1646).

This action may be appealed by filing a written petition with the Natural Resources Commission, Division of Hearings, within eighteen (18) days of the mailing of this document. The petition should be addressed to:

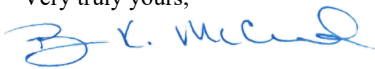
Division of Hearings
Natural Resources Commission
Indiana Government Center North, Room N103
100 North Senate
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The petition shall contain specific reasons for the appeal and shall indicate the portion or portions of the state agency action that are being appealed.

The review is a formal legal proceeding governed by the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, I.C. § 4-21.5 and the Natural Resources Commission's rules pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, 312 I.A.C. 3-1.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

Very truly yours,



Beth K. McCord
Director, Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology

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February 5, 2021 Early Coordination Letter and Invitation



February 25, 2021

This letter was sent to the listed parties.

RE: East-West Corridor Project, Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana

Dear Interested Party (see attached list),

The City of Noblesville proposes to proceed with the development of an east-west corridor in Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. The City of Noblesville anticipates receiving state funding in the future and thus, is following the state environmental review process. CHA is under contract with the City of Noblesville to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project.

This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the state environmental review process requesting comments associated with this project. We are requesting comments from your area of expertise regarding any possible environmental effects associated with this project. Please use the above project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

We are also inviting you to attend an Interested Parties meeting as part of the cultural resource study of the state environmental review process. This meeting will be held on March 12, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

The proposed project is located along Pleasant Street, starting at State Road (SR) 37 and heading west, tying into Hague Road, in of the City of Noblesville, Indiana. Specifically, the project is in Sections 1, 2, and 6 Township 18 North, Range 1 and 5 East as shown on the Noblesville, Indiana United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quadrangle.

Purpose and Need: The project is needed due to limited mobility through downtown Noblesville on SR 32/Conner Street, as outlined in the 2009 Noblesville Thoroughfare Plan and evidenced by increasing traffic volumes. The purpose of the project is to provide a significant volume reduction of SR 32 downtown Noblesville traffic, defined as a 20 percent reduction. A 20 percent reduction in traffic volume results in 2045 traffic volumes on SR 32/Conner Street that are no greater than existing (year 2025) traffic volumes.

Scope of Work: CHA prepared a screening memo for the City of Noblesville in October 2020 that examined nine alternatives, including a "No Build" option. Alternative B1 satisfied the project purpose and need and reduced impacts to historic resources and was identified as the preferred alternative.

The preferred alternative would begin near the intersection of SR 37 and Pleasant Street and head west along existing Pleasant Street. From the Eighth Street and Pleasant Street intersection, the route would curve north to meet the former east-west Midland Trace railroad bed that crosses the White River between Vine Street and Mulberry Street at Fifth Street. This corridor would then attempt to travel around the National Register of Historic Places (National Register)-listed Plum Prairie Residential Historic District. The preferred alternative would then continue across White River, joining with SR 32 and Hague Road.

The Alternatives Screening Memo is available online at: <https://cutt.ly/QlRdv5u>.

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Right-of-Way: This project includes new terrain and would require temporary and permanent right-of-way. Right-of-way amounts will be refined as the project progresses.

This project anticipates utilizing state funds and is following the Indiana Historic Preservation and Archaeology Act (IHPAA) outlined in Indiana code (IC) 14-21-1-18. According to the IHPAA, a historic site or structure owned by the State of Indiana or one that is listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register) or the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) “may not be altered, demolished, or removed by a project funded, in whole or in part, by the state unless the review board has granted a certificate of approval” (IC 14-21-1-18(a) and (b)). This project anticipates obtaining a Certificate of Approval (COA) due to the project activities that will occur in the Plum Prairie Historic District, which is listed in the National Register and State Register (NR-2543). Weintraut & Associates, Inc. is advancing the IHPAA documentation.

You are hereby requested to join in the COA review process as an interested party. Entities that have been invited to participate in the consultation process for this project are identified in the attached list. We hereby request that the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) notify this office if the SHPO staff is aware of any other parties that should be contacted as potential interested parties for the project.

At this time, no cultural resource investigations have occurred; however, the results of cultural resource identification and evaluation efforts, both above-ground and archaeological, will be forthcoming. Interested parties will receive notification when these reports are completed.

You are formally invited to attend a virtual interested parties meeting on **Friday, March 12, 2021 at 1:30pm**. The intent of this meeting is to discuss the preferred alternative, effects to historic resources, and discuss potential mitigation for those effects.

Below are the details of the upcoming meeting:

Date: March 12, 2021

Time: 1:30 pm

Meeting Location: Noblesville City Hall, Room A213/214, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Virtual Location Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Link: <https://cutt.ly/7lRwTDM>

Or, join by phone: (866) 780-3080

Phone Conference ID: 104184952

Please note that space is available to attend the meeting in-person at City Hall. Due to social distancing, space is limited and seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please contact CHA Consulting at (317) 780-7214 to reserve a seat.

Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. If you indicate that you do not desire to be an interested party, or if you do not respond, you will not be included on the list of interested parties for this project. If we do not receive your response in the time allotted, the project will proceed consistent with the proposed design and you will not receive further information about the project unless the design changes.

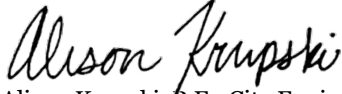
For questions concerning specific project details, you may contact Linda Weintraut of Weintraut & Associates, Inc. at 317-733-9770 or linda@weintrautinc.com. All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to Weintraut & Associates, Inc. at the following address:

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Sincerely,
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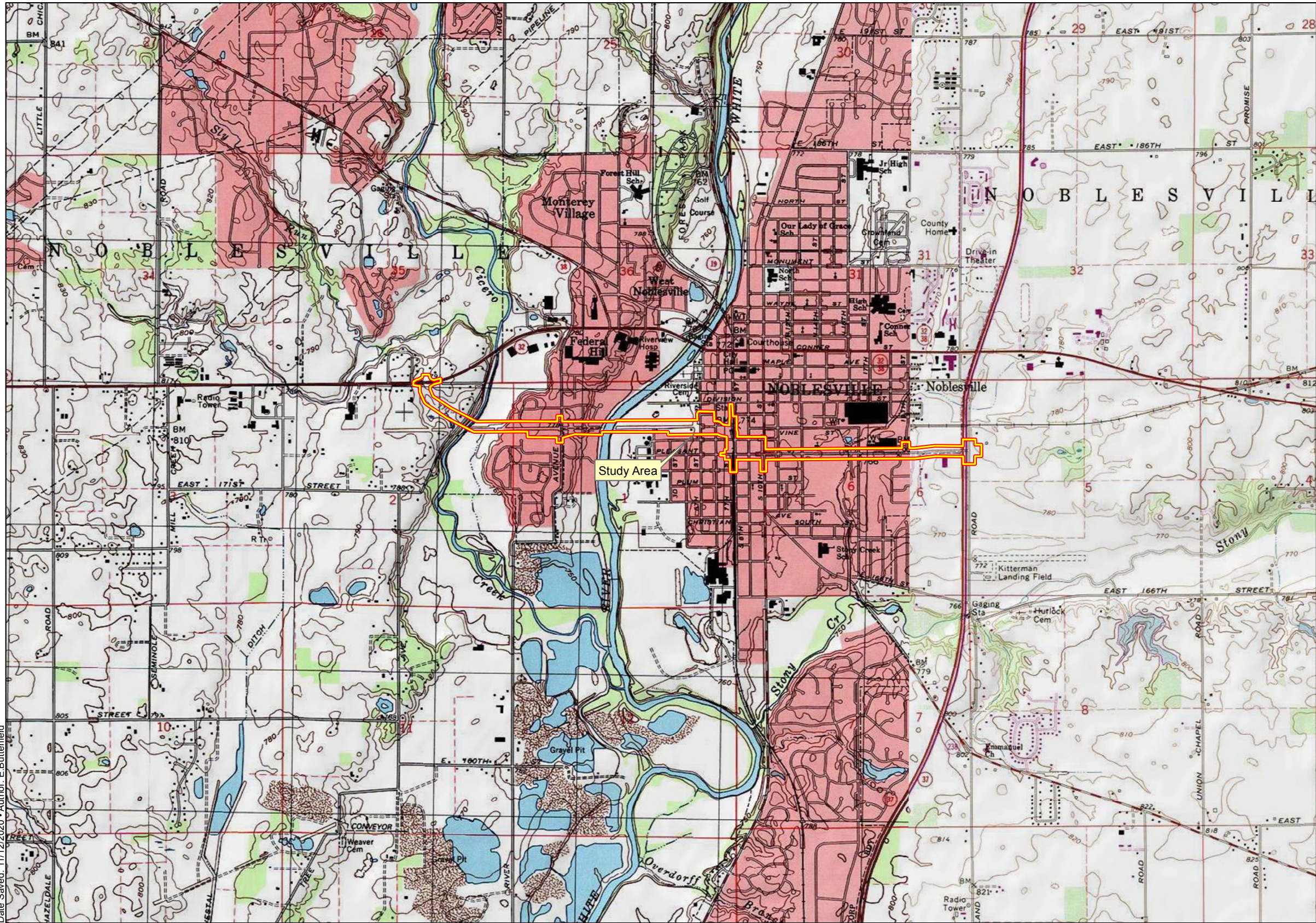
Alison Krupski, P.E., City Engineer
16 South 10th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

Enclosures:
Topographic Map of Study Area

Distribution List:
Hamilton County Historian
Hamilton County Genealogy Society
Hamilton County Historical Society/Hamilton County Museum of History
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Hamilton County Council (At Large & District 3)
Hamilton County Highway Director
Noblesville Mayor
Noblesville City Council
Noblesville Main Street, Inc.
Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Inc.
Noblesville Historic Preservation Commission
Southwest Quad Neighborhood Association
Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Indiana Landmarks--Central Office
Historic Spans Task Force
Dr. James L. Cooper
Historic Hoosier Bridges
HistoricBridges.org
Historic Bridge Foundation
IDNR-DHPA, Office of SHPO
INDOT Greenfield District
INDOT Cultural Resources Office
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Victor & Nora Diaz
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Dennis & Patricia Griffin
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James & Elisa DeFoe

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USGS Project Location Map	
East-West Corridor Project Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana	
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Interested Parties Meeting No. 1 Summary

Meeting Summary

Noblesville East-West Corridor Meeting

Interested Parties Meeting No. 1

March 12, 2021

Noblesville City Hall

Room A213/214

and virtually via Teams

1:30 pm

Virtual Attendees

Name	Organization	Email
Robert (guest)	Unknown	Unknown
Molly (guest)	Unknown	Unknown
Greg O'Connor	Noblesville City Council, District 5	Goconnor@noblesville.in.us
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Brad Davis	Hamilton County Highway Department	bradley.davis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
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Andrew Rodewald	City of Noblesville, Engineering Department	arodewald@noblesville.in.us

Noblesville East-West Corridor

Interested Parties Meeting Summary Version March 24, 2021

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Phone Attendees

Name	Organization	Email
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Cindy Leonard & Shauna Parsons jtrs (a.k.a. Shauna Roy)	529 Vine Street Noblesville, IN 46060	shaunaroy@msdlt.k12.in.us

In-Person Attendees

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Sandy Stewart	Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Inc.	info@noblesvillepreservation.com
Bill & Debbie Jamieson	Southwest Quad Neighborhood Association/PIP	jamiesod@prodigy.net ; minitonasbill@gmail.com
Paula Gilliam	Southwest Quad/Plum Prairie/African American History Committee of Landmarks	pg7am@aol.com
Joshua Biggs	Indiana Landmarks--Central Office	jbiggs@indianalandmarks.org
James & Elisa DeFoe	0 Vine Street Noblesville, IN 46060	jldefoe@gmail.com
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Matt Light	City of Noblesville, Deputy Mayor	
Jayme Thompson	City of Noblesville, Engineering Department	jgthompson@noblesville.in.us
Alison Krupski	City of Noblesville, Engineering Department	akrupski@noblesville.in.us
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Robert Winebrinner	CHA Consulting, Inc.	rwinebrinner@chacompanies.com
Trevor Wieseke	CHA Consulting, Inc.	twieseke@chacompanies.com
Linda Weintraut, Ph.D.	Weintraut & Associates, Inc. (W&A)	linda@weintrautinc.com
Bethany Natali	W&A	bethany@weintrautinc.com

Summary

Robert Winebrinner, CHA, welcomed attendees and took virtual attendance. Linda Weintraut, W&A, reviewed meeting etiquette for the virtual attendees.

Alison Krupski, City of Noblesville, welcomed all participants and said the City is looking forward to getting feedback on the project.

Mike Maurovich, American Structurepoint, initiated introductions of the project team members and interested parties in physical attendance. He explained that the City hopes to utilize State funds and the project would, therefore, go through the State Review Board process. The Plum Prairie Historic Residential District is the resource being affected.

Weintraut described the difference between federal and state funded projects as it relates to historic resources. Section 106 review is initiated when Federal monies are being used or when Federal permits are required. Federal law (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) will be initiated for the water crossings and jurisdictional waters. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will initiate that consultation process, and it will not be part of the interested parties' consultation for the entire project.

State-funded projects follow the Indiana Historic Preservation and Archaeology Act (IHPAA). The Act applies to Historic Sites and Structures that are owned by the State, listed in the National Register, or listed in the State Register. Eligible properties are not covered by the IHPAA. The Act applies to aboveground and archaeological resources.

An archaeologist has initiated a record check for the project. There are no State or National Register-listed archaeological sites within the corridor.

The IHPAA requires a Certificate of Approval that goes before the State Review Board.

There is one historic property (listed in the National Register) in the Pleasant Street Corridor: Plum Prairie Residential Historic District. It was listed in the National Register in 2019 under Criteria A and C. The listed district includes examples of vernacular housing for working class Americans that lived in the area. It is significant in the areas of Architecture and Ethnicity, for its African American population.

Maurovich discussed the selection of the preferred alternative. The analysis started with a high-level review of alternatives, which were then narrowed down to the "B" Alternatives. B-1 is the preferred alternative.

The B Alignment was originally planned to bisect the Plum Prairie Historic District to connect 8th & Pleasant Streets. However, due to the listing of the historic district, the team revised the B Alignment to B-1 in an attempt to avoid or minimize impacts. The revised alignment also considers impacts to adjacent property/business owners and avoids disproportionately adverse impacts to the historic district and adjacent properties. The proposed alignment meets all safety and engineering criteria.

The boulevard-style roadway will follow the rail corridor, impact the northern part of the district, and then jog south to an 8th Street roundabout. The road will be two-lanes wide, one way in each direction with raised median. A trail is proposed along the road (the Midland Trace Trail) and will meet the Riverwalk Trail. The road will be two lanes in each direction at 8th Street with a raised median and another roundabout at 8th and Pleasant Streets.

The B-1 alignment has been shifted to minimize impacts to the district and to avoid bisecting the district but will impact four houses.

Weintraut noted the minimization efforts that have taken place with the selection of the B-1 Alternative. The preferred alignment minimized impacts as much as possible while taking into account other impacts in the area. The four properties removed as a result of the undertaking would change the resource count in the historic district. Currently, there are 105 Contributing resources but after the project, there would be 101. The 47 Non-Contributing properties would remain. The district would still maintain its approximate ratio of Contributing to Non-Contributing (2:1) resources.

Debbie Jamieson asked if the boulevard will become four lanes at 8th Street and about the impacts on 8th Street. Maurovich confirmed the road will become four-lanes wide at 8th Street. There will be a Public Information Meeting that will have mapping that will show the whole corridor alignment. It will be posted to the City's website. The slides from this Interested Parties' meeting will be included with the meeting summary when it is distributed.

Jamieson noted the road bisects the Southwest Quad neighborhood and asked if it would block off 5th and 6th Street. *[Note for clarification: The project will not bisect the Plum Prairie Residential Historic District, which is within the Southwest Quad neighborhood.]*

Krupski said there would be no through access on 6th Street, but 5th Street would have access to Pleasant Street. Maurovich clarified: the design is currently showing 5th Street with truck access on the north side, and no access from the south side. This was a safety feature to avoid crossing and making left turns. Krupski said the City would investigate whether a right in-right out could be provided on the south side. Jamieson asked if there is any way to have a through street. Krupski said that the City can examine that option. There are safety reasons for its current design, however.

Joshua Biggs, Indiana Landmarks, asked if the homes on east 8th Street have historic qualities or would be considered eligible for the National Register? Weintraut explained that for the State process, they were not examined for eligibility; the project is concerned with properties listed in the State or National Register.

Mark Dollase, Indiana Landmarks asked if there is a way to move the roundabout at Pleasant and 8th Streets to the east to avoid impacts to the houses. Maurovich said this would be weighted with the "safety sacrifice" that would be required. Krupski explained the distance between roundabouts was a safety issue. The roundabout also has to align with the roundabout to the north.

Dollase asked if a roundabout is the optimal safety option given the presence of the historic district. Is there a feasible alternative that would shift the project to the east? Maurovich said safety would be sacrificed with other options. Because there are intersections east of Pleasant & 8th Streets, queuing and design at those locations would need to be examined as well. Krupski added that a shift may cause issues at 9th Street and if the roundabouts move closer together, some access points may need to be removed.

Dollase asked if the alignment could shift further north to avoid impacts. Krupski said the City has looked into that possibility but there is a longstanding business that would be impacted. The City is trying to balance impacts to the district and adjacent property owners. A shift to the north could have a major impact on a business.

Dollase asked if the building shown on the far west of the graphic [507 Vine Street] would have to be demolished, since the alignment is next to it but not going through it. Maurovich explained that the graphic shows right-of-way lines but they anticipate that house being a relocation due to the actual limits of construction.

Dollase said he took to heart the comments from the Southwest Quad neighborhood resident about accessibility in the district. In some ways, Pleasant Street would be a mini interstate cutting the neighborhood in half. Landmarks has seen this happen in Indianapolis near their headquarters. Dollase would encourage the City to find a way to connect the southern and northern part. There will be long term implications for separating this neighborhood. Dollase requested this comment be added to the public comments. *[Note for clarification: Pleasant Street will not be a mini-interstate. The road is designed as a boulevard cross-section, with a shared-use path or sidewalk, one or two lanes in each direction, and a central raised median and buffers. The posted speeds along the roadway will be 25-30 miles per hour (mph).]*

Dollase asked about 6th Street as a possible connection point. Maurovich responded that 6th Street would not be a safe route to connect because of the way 6th Street aligns with Pleasant, and because of the truck operations using 6th Street to the north. Fifth Street also had a safety issue, but the team could look at this as well. Krupski said 5th Street seemed more likely due to safety concerns.

Dollase asked if the design has been examined from the context of emergency services (EMS). Krupski said that EMS have been involved directly and have seen the plan and provided comments. There has not been an issue for design as it relates to the district, since those services still have 8th, 9th, and 10th Street access; however, the city can revisit this topic with EMS to be sure they are fully aware.

Dollase asked about segmentation of the project since a federal permit is involved.

Winebrinner explained that the concept of logical termini had been examined previously as part of the project. The City has set up logical termini, with three phases of construction that each have independent utility. It is common for local/state funded projects to have areas that require federal permitting even though the project is not federally-funded. Some of that is discussed in the Alternatives Analysis. The City of Noblesville wanted to be sure that it was not closing out federal or state funding options. The USACE will have limits to what they consider as the jurisdictional areas, and the agency will draw an Area of Potential Effects (APE) for its Section 106 process.

Maurovich added that the USACE jurisdictional limits fall outside the historic district limits. In December 2020, the definition of jurisdictional waters changed and the project team has already sought guidance from the USACE. USACE has already determined the area they will consider for their action.

Dollase thanked the City of Noblesville, the Mayor, and the project team for its inclusive and thoughtful process regarding the Plum Prairie Historic District. The City has done a better job than what he has seen in similar projects.

Thomas Cook asked how his house at 684 Pleasant Street would be affected. It is right next to the one being relocated. Maurovich said that there will be right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, but the house would remain in place. Winebrinner added that the study area for environmental investigations is large and does not necessarily mean construction or ROW will occur in that area.

Cook added that he is concerned with his being an old house and that construction will shake the foundation. Winebrinner said that is an impact that will be considered. A noise analysis will occur.

Jamieson asked for clarification regarding one of the north Vine Street properties being acquired. Weintraut said it was 507 Vine Street.

Weintraut then explained that mitigation refers to actions that minimize or compensate for an adverse effect. Within the Plum Prairie Historic District, minimization has already occurred with the revised preferred alternative. The City would like to consider ways to compensate for the adverse impact since the district will shrink from the north and 694 Pleasant Street will be acquired. Mitigation can include design, education, and interpretation.

Mitigation will be formalized in a series of project commitments. When agreement is reached on commitments, they will be added to the Certificate of Approval (COA) application. This is not like a signed Memorandum of Agreement used for Section 106. Commitments are a list of actions that the City agrees to do as a result of this adverse effect on the historic district.

Biggs recommended informative signage (e.g., "Welcome to the Plum Prairie District") in a font appropriate to the district's period of significance, as well as historical information and educational material about the district. He asked if there will be an opportunity to move the structures to other parts of the district.

Weintraut said that signage could be examined. Moving buildings can be a complex and difficult process but can be discussed with the project team. Krupski added that the signage in the area would be beneficial, given that there are three trails that will be converging around the area.

Dollase asked if the City has a façade grant program that could be made available to owners in the district.

Krupski said the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been discussing that recently. Matt Light said the program has been focused on businesses, but could be expanded to residences if deemed feasible.

Biggs noted that the City of Carmel's historic preservation commission offers facade grants at least once a year. Last year, there were 17 applications. The façade grant programs can be the difference between property owners installing vinyl siding and period-appropriate materials to historic buildings.

Dollase asked about proposed street amenities and if period appropriate amenities could be added? Could the utilities be buried?

Krupski said everything in the corridor will be upgraded. Within the district, there have not been discussions about internal modifications/enhancements, but those enhancements can be discussed.

Dollase said that anything that makes the neighborhood more livable and attractive overall as increased traffic moves through it, would be a good thing.

Paula Gilliam noted noise will be an issue for the neighborhood given the presence of IDI and increased traffic. Can there be noise buffers? In addition, there are concrete parking buffers on Walnut where people have to step over to access. There are people with walkers in the neighborhood.

Krupski said parking blocks were placed in those locations because of cars parking on the sidewalk which caused an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issue; however, those blocks can be looked into.

Gilliam noted her family has lived in their house for 76 years and wondered if the City could address the noise.

Krupski said that CHA is conducting a noise study.

Gilliam added that IDI completed new construction and for some reason this is causing the sound to come through the neighborhood all day long.

Cook added that there is vibration and noise in the neighborhood currently. Maurovich said the noise study will account for the increase due in noise due to traffic generated by this project, but not existing noise. The plan is for the trucks to go directly to IDI from Pleasant Street.

Sandy Steward said the Preservation Alliance would prefer that no structure would be demolished, but appreciates the City's approach for this project.

Dollase and Biggs discussed signage. Plum Prairie is one of the few such working class African American neighborhoods that remains intact. This neighborhood could become another asset of Noblesville.

Stewart also supports moving a house. Their organization was founded on the moving of the Craig House. It can be done. That is left to the analysis. She also said that Noblesville Preservation Alliance has a façade grant. It is currently on hold while they work on the restoration of another project. If it were possible to extend façade grants to historic owners, that would be very valuable. It really makes a difference.

Dollase noted that the commitments in the other COAs that he has seen were weak. He would like to see firm commitments rather than committing to investigate the feasibility of options.

Krupski said the City fully expects to do that in preparing commitments.

Weintraut concluded the meeting by looking at the next steps. She noted next steps may depend on the comments received from the meeting. Weintraut requested comments by April 10, 2021. Krupski encouraged attendees to get the word out to people who were not in attendance at this meeting but would like to comment.

The meeting ended around 2:45 pm

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March 12, 2021 | 1:30pm – 3:30pm



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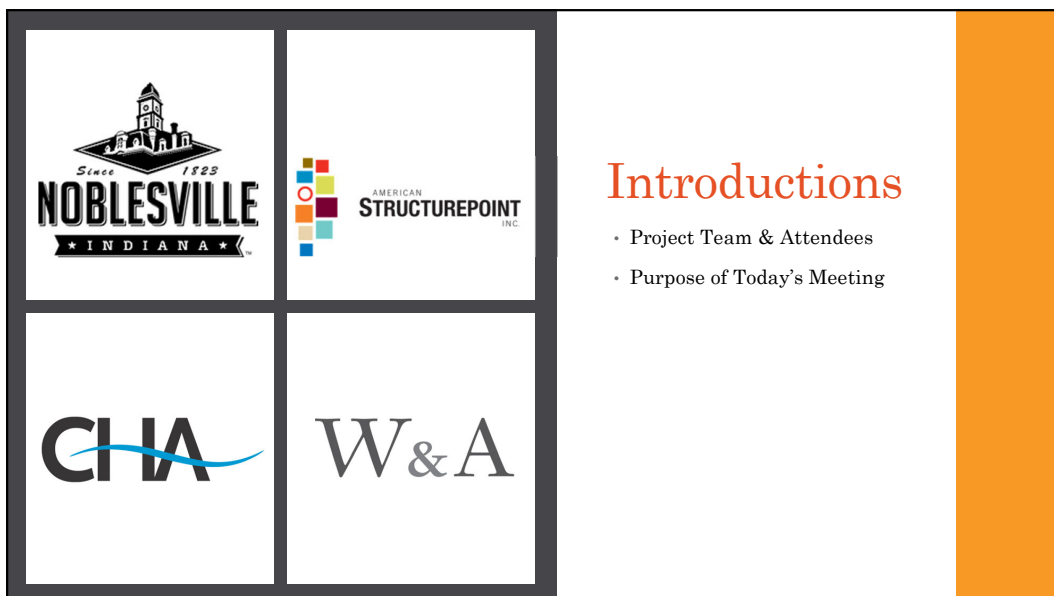
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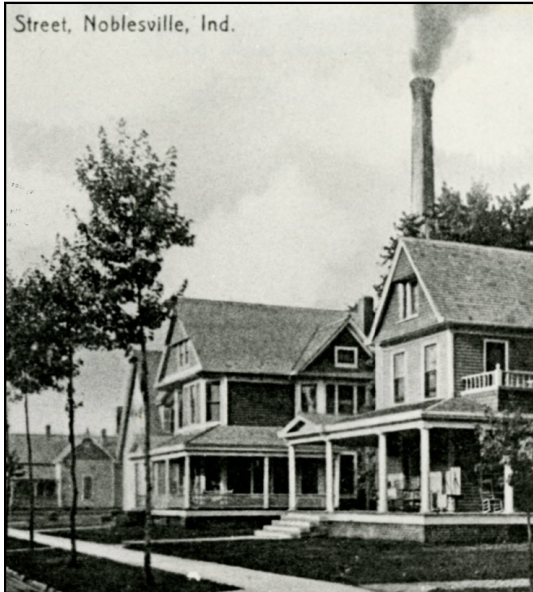


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Purpose of the Meeting

- Discuss Historic Properties
- Discuss Impacts to Historic Properties
- Discuss Ways to Mitigate those Impacts

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Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

- Initiated when federal money is being spent or with an application for a federal permit;
- Federal law will govern the jurisdictional waters of the US (river crossings and some wetlands);
- USACE will initiate Section 106 consultation for those areas of the project only;
- Section 106 looks at the effects of the undertaking on historic properties;
- Historic properties are those listed or eligible for listing in the National Register.

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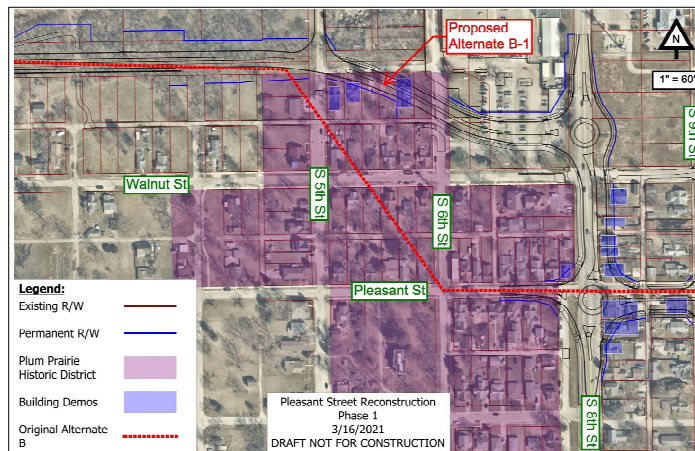


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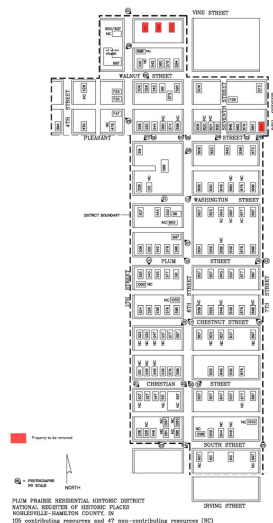
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Next Steps

- Meeting Summary to Interested Parties (IP)
- IP - Submit comments on potential mitigation by April 10, 2021 to:

Linda Weintraut
Weintraut & Associates, Inc.
PO Box 5034
Zionsville, Indiana 46077
linda@weintrautinc.com

- Certificate of Approval submission
- State Review Board Meeting



SIGN-IN / MAILING LIST

INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING

Noblesville E-W Corridor
March 12, 2021/ 1:30-3:30pm
Virtual & Noblesville City Hall

Name	Organization	Mailing Address	Email
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SANDY STEWART	NOBLESVILLE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE	1274 LOGAN	mikeandsandyare@gmail.com
James + Elisa DeFoe	home owner	PO Box 183 Arcadia 46030	jldefoe@gmail.com
Thomas & Mary Cook	Home owner	684 Pleasant St. Noblesville	MecW1963@aatt.net
Darren Peterson	Council		
Pete Schwartz	Council		
Joshua Biggs	Indiana Landmarks	1201 Central Ave Indianapolis, IN 46202	jbiggs@indianalandmarks.org

Also in attendance from the project team: R. Winebrinner, L. Weintraut, B. Natali, T. Wieseke, M. Maurovich, M. Light, J. Thompson

Appendix D: Historic Resources

April 12, 2021 Interested Parties Meeting Invitation



April 12, 2021

RE: East-West Corridor Project, Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana

TO: Interested Parties (see attached list)

Dear Interested Party,

The City of Noblesville proposes to proceed with the development of an east-west corridor in Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. The City of Noblesville anticipates receiving state funding in the future and thus, is following the state environmental review process (IC-13-12-4).

This letter is part of the discussion of impacts to historic resources. We are requesting comments from your area of expertise regarding any possible effects associated with this project. Please use the above project description in your reply and your comments will be incorporated into the formal environmental study.

We are also inviting you to attend a second Interested Parties meeting as part of the cultural resource study of the state environmental review process. This meeting will be held on April 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm to discuss commitments to mitigate the adverse impact to the Plum Prairie Historic District (details below).

The proposed project is located along Pleasant Street, starting at State Road (SR) 37 and heading west, tying into Hague Road, in of the City of Noblesville, Indiana. Specifically, the project is in Sections 1, 2, and 6 Township 18 North, Range 1 and 5 East as shown on the Noblesville, Indiana United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quadrangle.

Purpose and Need: The project is needed due to limited mobility through downtown Noblesville on SR 32/Conner Street, as outlined in the 2009 Noblesville Thoroughfare Plan and evidenced by increasing traffic volumes. The purpose of the project is to provide a significant volume reduction of SR 32 downtown Noblesville traffic, defined as a 20 percent reduction. A 20 percent reduction in traffic volume results in 2045 traffic volumes on SR 32/Conner Street that are no greater than existing (year 2025) traffic volumes.

Preferred Alternative: The preferred alternative would begin near the intersection of SR 37 and Pleasant Street and head west along existing Pleasant Street. From the Eighth Street and Pleasant Street intersection, the route would curve north to meet the former east-west Midland Trace railroad bed between Vine Street and Mulberry Street at Fifth Street. This corridor circumvents the National Register of Historic Places (National Register)-listed Plum Prairie Residential Historic District with minor impacts to the northern portion of the district. The preferred alternative would then continue across White River and Cicero Creek, joining with SR 32 and Hague Road.

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16 South 10th Street, STE 155, Noblesville, Indiana | P: 317-776-6330 F: 317.776-6322 | cityofnoblesville.org

The Alternatives Screening Memo is available online at: <https://www.reimaginepleasantst.com/documents>

Right-of-Way: This project includes new terrain and would require temporary and permanent right-of-way. Right-of-way amounts will be refined as the project progresses.

CHA is under contract with the City of Noblesville to advance the environmental documentation for the referenced project. Weintraut & Associates has been subcontracted to complete the documentation related to the Indiana Historic Preservation and Archaeology Act (IHPAA). According to the IHPAA, a historic site or structure owned by the State of Indiana or one that is listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register) or the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) “may not be altered, demolished, or removed by a project funded, in whole or in part, by the state unless the review board has granted a certificate of approval” (IC 14-21-1-18(a) and (b)). This project anticipates obtaining a Certificate of Approval (COA) due to the project activities that will occur in the Plum Prairie Historic District, which is listed in the National Register and State Register (NR-2543).

An early coordination letter was distributed on February 26, 2021. An interested parties meeting was held on March 12, 2021, to discuss the preferred alternative, effects to historic resources, and potential mitigation for effects. A meeting summary was distributed on March 24, 2021.

The Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) responded to the meeting in a letter, dated March 29, 2021, and provided the following comment:

Comment: At the interested parties meeting held March 12, 2021, it was noted that the project consists of three phases of independent utility. A United States Army Corps of Engineers’ permit will be required for a portion of the project. In your next submission, please identify the federal undertaking, explain the segments of independent utility, and clarify which portion of the project has been submitted for review under IC 14-21-1-18.

Response: Independent utility refers to the ability of a project or project phase to be constructed absent the construction of other projects or phases. While this project is being constructed in three phases, the environmental and historical reviews are being performed for the entire project limits from Hague Road to SR 37. This will be documented in the State Environmental Assessment, due to the State funding sought by the City. The entire project (all three phases) will be submitted for review under IC 14-21-1-18; however, only the Plum Prairie Residential Historic District is listed on the State Register or National Register. For this reason, the focus of the Certificate of Approval (IC 14-21-1-18) process and Interested Parties meetings are to consult on the effects of Pleasant Street project on the Plum Prairie Historic District. The federal undertaking in this project is limited to the immediate area of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer’s permitting authority (also known as jurisdiction), which is limited to the water resources deemed “Waters of the U.S.” The “Waters of the U.S.” involved in this project include the White River, the Cicero Creek, the Elwood-Wilson drain, and a wetland located northwest of Cherry Tree Road. These resources do not extend into the Plum Prairie Historic District. As a result of preliminary discussions with the USAACE, it is believed to be unlikely that jurisdictional limits of the USACE Permit review would extend to Plum Prairie Historic District.

In response to discussions at the last interested parties meeting and from comments received after that meeting, the City of Noblesville has prepared potential commitments to mitigate the impacts of this project on the Plum

Prairie Historic District. These commitments include: signage/markers along trail bordering the district, landscaping along the project as it borders the district, decorative lighting along trail bordering the district (use of the City's standard decorative light), and the creation of a Façade Grant Program for Residential Structures to improve exterior details of buildings within the boundaries of the district.

You are formally invited to attend an interested parties meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021, to discuss these draft commitments. The meeting will be held at City Hall (limited seating) and virtually.

Below are the details of the upcoming meeting:

Date: April 26, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm

Meeting Location: Noblesville City Hall, Room A213/214, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Virtual Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Link: <https://cutt.ly/lcBcdmq>

Or, join by phone: 1-872-240-4868

Phone Conference ID: 572 511 51#

Please note that space is available to attend the meeting in-person at City Hall. Due to social distancing, space is limited and seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please contact CHA Consulting at (317) 780-7214 or rwinebrinner@chacompanies.com to reserve a seat.

Please review the information and comment within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. If we do not receive your response in the time allotted, the project will proceed consistent with the proposed design and you will not receive further information about the project unless the design changes.

For questions concerning specific project details about historic properties, you may contact Linda Weintraut of Weintraut & Associates, Inc. at 317-733-9770 or linda@weintrautinc.com. All future responses regarding the proposed project should be forwarded to Weintraut & Associates, Inc. at the following address:

Linda Weintraut, Ph.D.
Weintraut & Associates, Inc.
PO Box 5034
Zionsville, Indiana 46077
linda@weintrautinc.com.

Sincerely,

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE



Alison Krupski, P.E., City Engineer
16 South 10th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

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Paula Gilliam, Southwest Quad Neighborhood Association
Mark Dollase, Indiana Landmarks—Central Office
Joshua Biggs, Indiana Landmarks—Central Office
Beth McCord, IDNR-DHPA/Office of SHPO
Chad Slider, IDNR-DHPA/Office of SHPO
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INDOT Cultural Resources Office
Karen Spartz Britton
Jay Merrell, IDI
Thomas Cook and Mary Wilson
James and Roberta Gurecki
Dennis and Patricia Griffin
Cindy Leonard and Shauna Roy
James and Elisa DeFoe

Appendix D: Historic Resources
Interested Parties Meeting No. 2 Summary

Meeting Summary

Noblesville East-West Corridor Meeting

Interested Parties Meeting No. 2

April 26, 2021
Noblesville City Hall
Room A213/214
and virtually via Teams
1:00 pm

Virtual Attendees

Name	Organization	Email
Andrew Rodewald	City of Noblesville, Engineering Department	arodewald@noblesville.in.us
Chris Jensen	Noblesville Mayor	cjensen@noblesville.in.us
Lindsey Bennett	City of Noblesville, Mayor's Office	lbennett@noblesville.in.us
Megan Wiles	Noblesville City Council, District 6	mwiles@noblesville.in.us
Chad Slider	Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (IDNR-DHPA)/Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)	CSlider@dnr.in.gov
Jim Hellmann	City of Noblesville, Engineering Department	jhellmann@noblesville.in.us
Chad Knecht	City of Noblesville, Public Safety	cknecht@noblesville.in.us
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Robert Herrington	City of Noblesville, Mayor's Office, Communications Manager	rherrington@noblesville.in.us
Emily Gaylord	City of Noblesville, Mayor's Office	egaylord@noblesville.in.us
Jamie Yost	City of Noblesville, IT Dept.	
Aaron Smith	Noblesville City Council, District 3	awsmith@noblesville.in.us
Tanner McKinney	American Structurepoint	TMcKinney@structurepoint.com
Kaitlyn Etzkorn	CHA	KEtzkorn@chacompanies.com

In-Person Attendees

Name	Organization	Email
Paula Gilliam	Southwest Quad/Plum Prairie/African American History	pg7am@aol.com

	Committee of Indiana Landmarks	
Greg O'Connor	City of Noblesville, City Council District 5	Goconnor@noblesville.in.us
Matt Light	City of Noblesville, Deputy Mayor	mlight@noblesville.in.us
Luke Kenley	IDI	luke@lukekenley.com
Joshua Biggs	Indiana Landmarks – Central District	jbiggs@indianalandmarks.org
Sandy Stewart	Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Inc.	info@noblesvillepreservation.com
Alison Krupski	City of Noblesville, Engineering Department	akrupski@noblesville.in.us
Mike Maurovich	American Structurepoint, Inc.	MMAurovich@structurepoint.com
Robert Winebrinner	CHA Consulting, Inc.	rwinebrinner@chacompanies.com
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Linda Weintraut, Ph.D.	Weintraut & Associates, Inc. (W&A)	linda@weintrautinc.com
Bethany Natali	W&A	bethany@weintrautinc.com

Summary

Robert Winebrenner, CHA, noted in-person and virtual attendees and reviewed meeting etiquette.

Ali Krupski, City of Noblesville, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that it is the City's desire for this to be a great project for both the City and the Plum Prairie Historic District. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss impacts to the Plum Prairie Historic District and mitigation options.

Linda Weintraut, W&A, reviewed the Indiana Historic Preservation and Archaeology Act (IHPAA). State funded projects must follow this process and it applies to historic sites and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register. As part of the process, a Certificate of Approval (COA) must be filed with the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board. The Board meets four times a year and the next meeting is in July 2021.

Weintraut noted that IHPAA applies to the entire project limits, but there is only one historic district listed in the National Register: the Plum Prairie Historic District. The district was listed in 2019 under Criterion A and C, with significance in the areas of ethnicity and architecture. The period of significance is 1875 to 1948, but most buildings were constructed between 1890 and 1920.

Mike Maurovich, American Structurepoint, provided an update on the project alignment and impacts to the Plum Prairie Historic District. As noted in the last meeting, Alternate B1 was shifted to minimize impacts to the district. Since the last meeting, there has been a minor change in alignment for the Midland Trace Trail. The trail was previously shown running along the Vine Street alley, but in discussions about resident access and trash pickup, it was deemed better to move the trail alongside the road. The trail no longer runs through the northern portion of the district. There are no other major changes to the design.

Weintraut then discussed proposed commitments for the project. She noted that a lot of good ideas and discussions came out of the last meeting and, in response to those discussions, the City of Noblesville is proposing three mitigation items: a façade grant program; signage and markers; and context sensitive design.

The façade grant program would be funded at 50,000 dollars per year for two years. It would be available to all National Register properties in the City, including the Plum Prairie Historic District. The program would include an application process. The intent of this program is uplift the whole district and help residents.

The signage and markers would include one wayfinding sign and two historic markers. The markers could discuss relevant themes related to the Plum Prairie Historic District. Those themes should relate to why the district is listed in the National Register to provide education about this area and why it is important to the City of Noblesville.

Context sensitive design would include landscaping and decorative lighting along the project corridor. The decorative lights would be the same as those used in other historic parts of Noblesville.

Paula Gilliam, Plum Prairie/Southwest Quad/Landmarks, said she would like to see the pavers moved. Krupski said the City is also looking into that issue, but it will not be included as part of the mitigation project. Gilliam added that there had been a problem with standing water before the pavers were added.

Krupski noted the City is excited about the façade grant program as a way to bring vitality to the neighborhood.

Chad Slider, INDR-DHPA/SHPO, asked if there would be any more specifics on who would run the program and the requirements. Krupski said the plan is for the City to run the program with Noblesville Preservation Alliance. The City has met with Landmarks and will work with them to set up the requirements.

Joshua Biggs, Indiana Landmarks, asked if there would be lighting throughout the district. Krupski explained it would be along the project corridor.

Gilliam noted that there had been a marker at 4th and Pleasant about Barney Stone. The marker has since been taken down, but Reverend Stone had connections to the Baptist church.

Biggs noted that the meeting invitation stated the meeting was at 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm. The project team went over the meeting slides again for those joining at 1:30 pm.

Biggs asked how the façade grant program for commercial properties (currently in place) is advertised.

Matt Light, Deputy Mayor of Noblesville, said it was his understanding that this occurred through Noblesville Main Street and the Downtown District Committee, but he could follow up with additional information, if appropriate.

Since this is a new program, Biggs wants to be sure residents are aware of it.

Krupski added that Noblesville Preservation Alliance will also be an important part of the program.

Sandy Stewart, NPA, said people seem to know about the façade program and that NPA still gets requests even though NPA has temporarily suspended their program. She also noted that restricting the application to National Register-listed resources would somewhat limit the program.

Krupski explained that the goal is particularly to help the Plum Prairie Historic District, and the City does not want the funding to become too thin for the district. The program would be open to any National Register-listed properties, but the idea is that it would primarily help the Plum Prairie District.

Biggs said the program is a good place to start. There are several districts already listed in the City. It could also provide an incentive for other neighborhoods to get listed.

Stewart said she is glad for the program.

Regarding context sensitive design, Krupski said that the City is using a landscape designer and consulting with affected neighbors individually about neighborhood-defining characteristics.

Biggs added that design standards go a long way, as shown in Indianapolis neighborhoods like Chatham Arch and Lockerbie Square. Those neighborhoods have similar architecture that has been beautifully revitalized and are good examples.

Krupski asked if the attendees felt good about the mitigation.

Stewart said she thought it looked great and would “bring some dignity to a long-neglected area of the City”.

Biggs added that some people may see homes that have been altered over time as not restorable, but this program could make a real difference toward restoration with funding for items like original windows and siding. It would do a lot for the attractiveness and curb appeal of homes.

Slider said that leading up to the COA application for the July meeting (June 4th deadline), more detail about each of the mitigation conditions would be needed. For signs and markers, the COA should describe the review process and the text and design development. For context sensitive design, plans should be developed prior to the meeting or there should be a process for plan development. Slider also asked how much of the grant program would be fleshed out ahead of the application.

Krupski said the plan is to have the details laid out about who would be administering the program and who would establish the criteria.

Slider said there should be a fairly concrete plan, including the amount of money set aside, who would be involved, and what the processes would be. The more details in the COA, the better.

Krupski added the City would be committing to work with NPA and Landmarks.

Weintraut asked if the commitments should be prepared with language similar to a Memorandum of Agreement.

Slider said language along those lines would be appropriate, including that the Secretary of the Interior’s language for a qualified professional should be used when describing the development of the signs. The text for the signs would be submitted to interested parties for comment at a certain point in the process. Another item that Slider suggested to include was that final design would be submitted to DHPA for comment to in some way to provide parameters for quality and review.

Stewart said she could provide the documents that NPA has been using for their façade grant program.

Slider confirmed the Review Board and the DHPA would be comfortable if there is a process in place to develop the criteria for awarding grants for the façade grant program. His opinion is: the more involved in developing the criteria, the better.

Slider added that the proposed mitigation seems to have covered a lot. The City has worked with the community and interested parties; based on the verbal commentary in this meeting there is some general agreement about the mitigation commitments. Sometimes the COA applications fall short where there has not been enough research and information presented to the public and interested parties or where there is not sufficient involvement from the local nonprofits. Slider added the COA will need to explain the alternatives and why the preferred alternative is the best solution. The purpose and need of the project and suggested mitigation conditions should also be included.

Biggs asked that the façade grant program consider allowing Non-Contributing property owners in the district to apply. Often those Non-Contributing characteristics can be easily remediated. The district may be revaluated later, and those properties may become Contributing or an owner could petition that their property become Contributing.

Krupski confirmed the City intends to include those properties when they meet the requirements put forth in the application process.

Weintraut said a meeting summary would be sent out to interested parties and requested comments by May 10, 2021 to prepare for the meeting in July. The next step is to submit the COA before the State Review Board in July 2021. Interested Parties will be notified of the date and time of the Board meeting in July.

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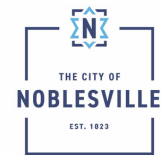
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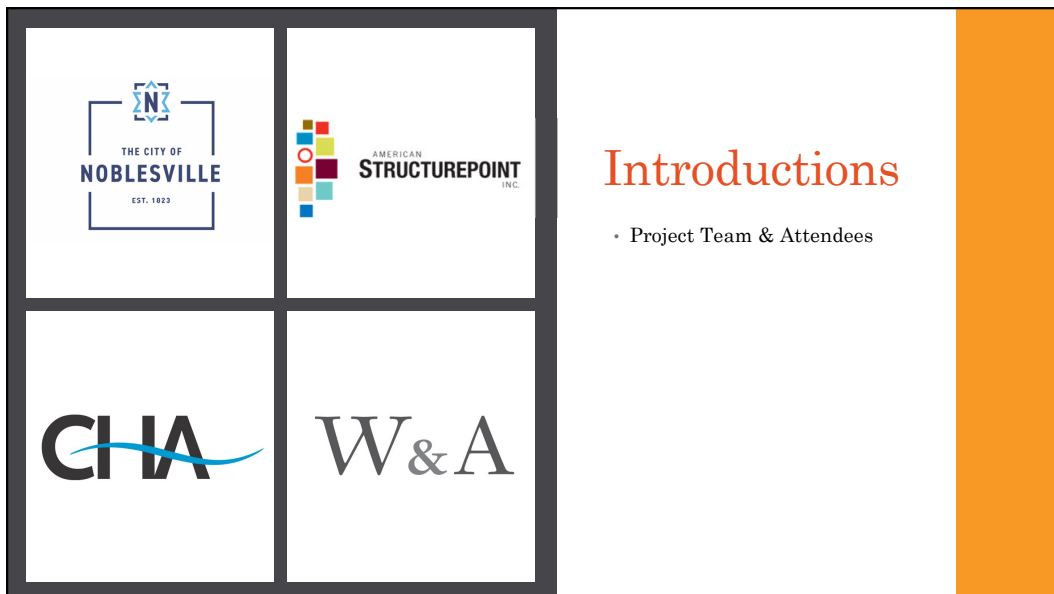
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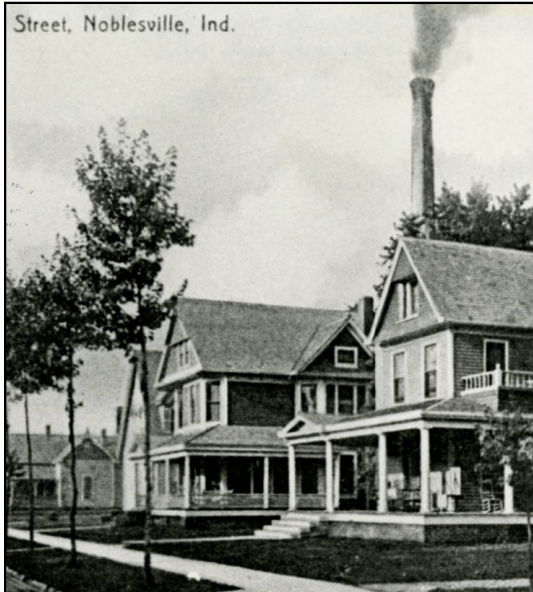
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- Recap applicable State Law
- Discuss commitments to offset adverse impact on Historic District

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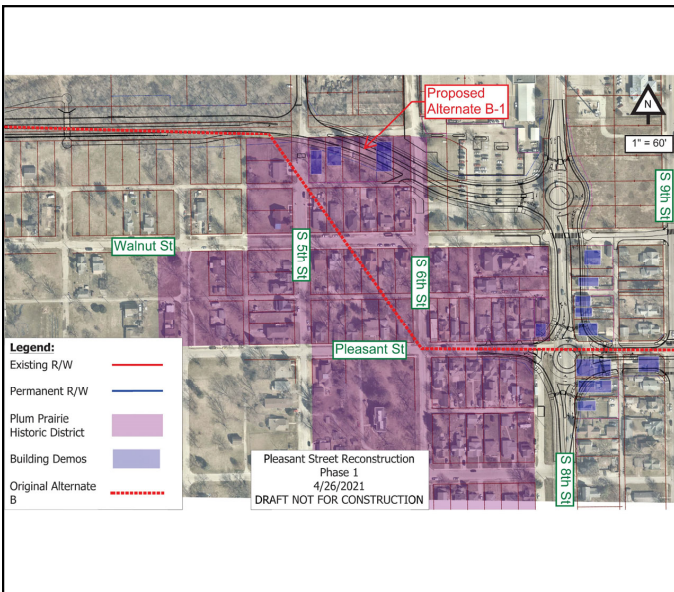
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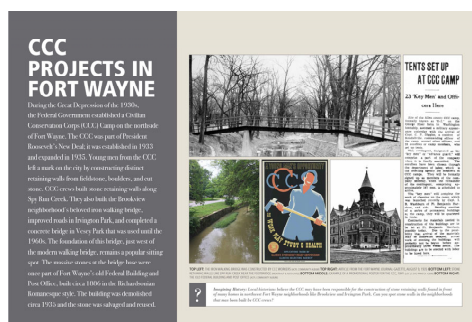
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Façade Grant Program

- The City of Noblesville would allocate \$100,000 for a façade grant program
- Funded for two years, \$50,000 each year
- Open to all National Register-listed properties in the City of Noblesville
- Includes an application process

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Signage & Markers

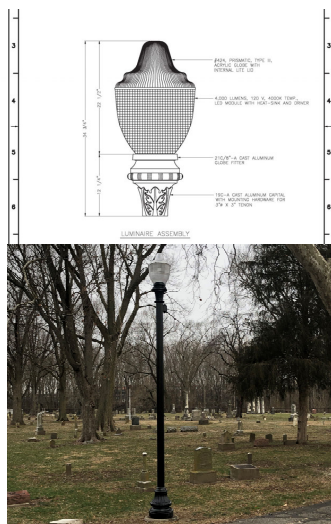


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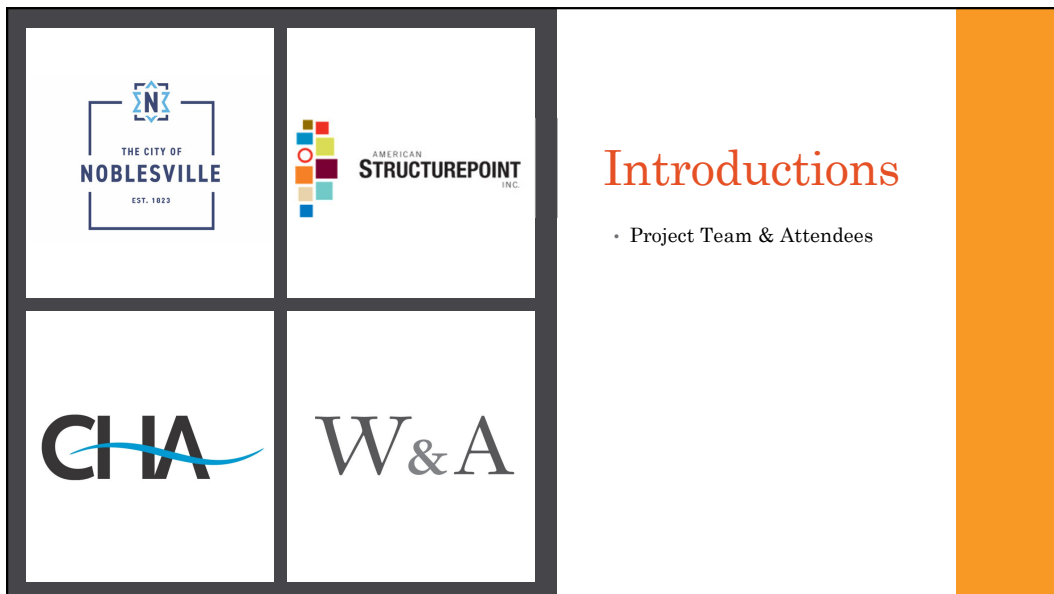
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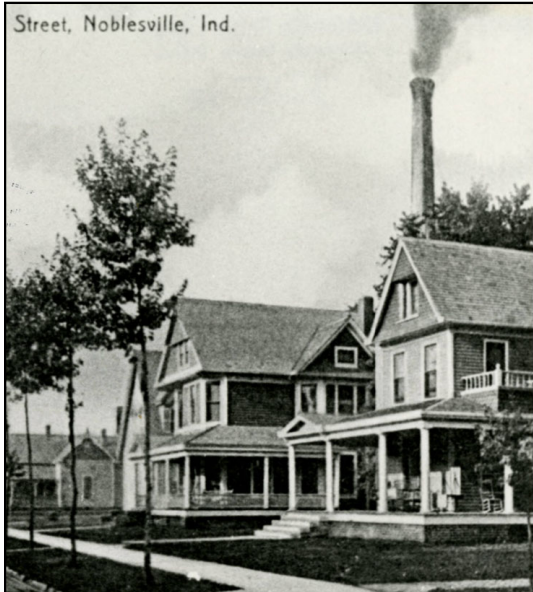
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Street, Noblesville, Ind.

Purpose of the Meeting

- Recap applicable State Law
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State-funded projects must follow this process (IC 14-21-1-18)

Applies to historic sites or structures:

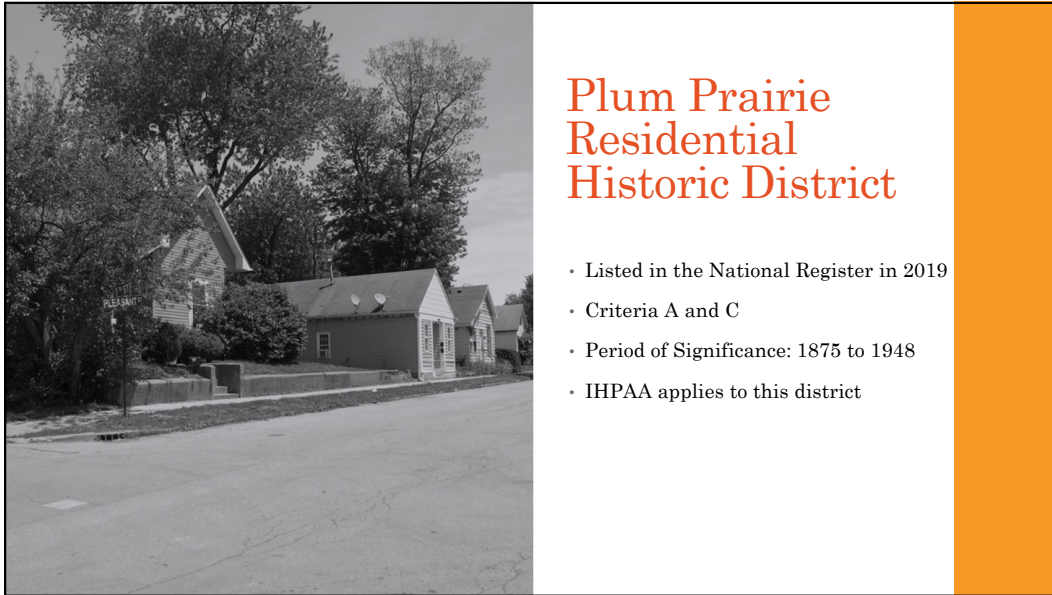
- Owned by the State of Indiana
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
- Listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites (State Register)
- Both to above-ground and archaeological properties

Requires an Application for a Certificate of Approval

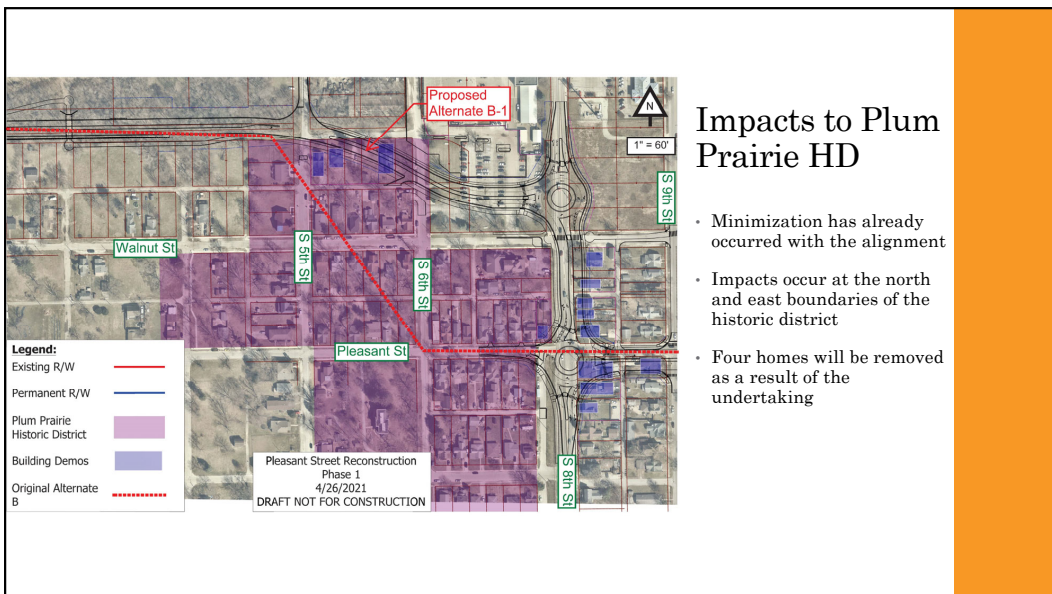
- Filed with the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology
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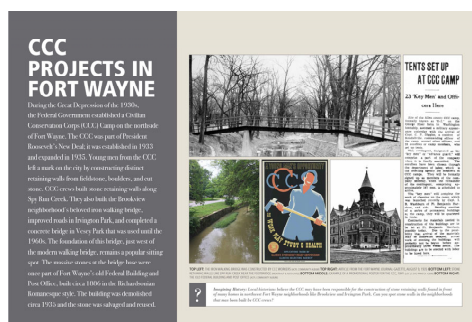
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Façade Grant Program

- The City of Noblesville would allocate \$100,000 for a façade grant program
- Funded for two years, \$50,000 each year
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- Includes an application process

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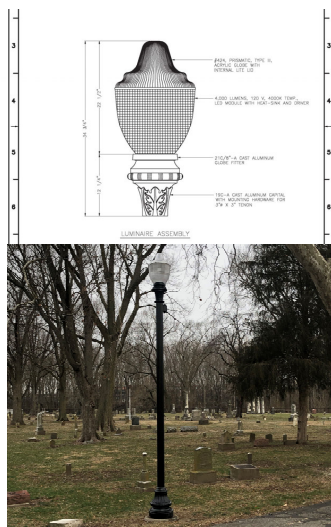


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