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Federal Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Project information concerning the environmental remediation of 402 Truesdale Avenue using Brownsfield Revolving Loan funds (DHPA #25236)

Dear Ms. Shively Klem:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) 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 18, 2020 and received on March 20, 2020 for the above indicated project in La Porte, La Porte County, Indiana.

Based upon the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any historic buildings, structures, districts, or objects listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places within the probable area of potential effects.

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. Due to contamination of and disturbance to the project site, no archaeological investigations appear necessary.

If any prehistoric or historic 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, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. 800.

At this time, it would be appropriate for the Environmental Protection Agency 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 Environmental Protection Agency 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 Environmental Protection Agency 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 Environmental Protection Agency 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.

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 Rachel Sharkey at (317) 234-5254 or rsharkey@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Miriam Burkett at (317) 233-3883 or m Burkett@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #25236.

Very truly yours,



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