



Indiana Brownfields Program  
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Mitch Zoll  
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Re: City of Portland, Jay County  
MIFCO Environmental Recycling/Old  
Book Bindery  
516 South Wayne Street, Portland, IN  
Indiana Brownfields Program

Dear Mr. Zoll:

This letter is to serve as the Indiana Brownfields Program's ("Program") formal request for a Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act review by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology for the property located at 516 South Wayne Street, Portland, Jay County. The Program is the recipient of a federal Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant for environmental remediation awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As a condition of use of the federal funds, the Program must ensure a review is conducted to determine the potential applicability of the National Historic Preservation Act to the Site. The federal funds will be used to remediate environmental impacts at the Site, including removing source soil of lead and arsenic. The Program is currently using the federal Brownfields grant to address six (6) sites through a Rapid RLF Remediation Sub Grant Initiative ("Initiative"). Due to the pace of this Initiative, the Remediation Work Plan (RWP) has not yet been prepared, but will be submitted as an addendum to this letter, if needed, once bidding is completed and the environmental contractor has been selected. This letter is to initiate the review process due to the number of sites the Program is submitting for review for this Initiative.

**Federal Funding Source:** The City of Portland plans to enter into a sub-grant agreement with the Program and will use federal funds to remediate environmental impacts identified on the Site. A Site map is included with this letter as "Exhibit A" for your reference and review. (The Remediation Work Plan will be forwarded at soon as it is received and approved by the Program, if needed.)



**Site Background:** The Site is located at 516 South Wayne Street, Portland, and consists of 1.48 acres. In 2014, all industrial buildings on the Site were demolished. The majority of the Site is now covered with grass and bare soil. An area of asphalt/pavement is located on the northwest portion of the Site, and a gravel access drive is located along the north boundary with a concrete sidewalk located along the west boundary. The Site was first developed in 1887 by the Haynes Wheels Company. Buildings were constructed in 1887 and 1896 for the wheel making operations. In 1910, the Site was occupied by Portland Auto Body Work business. From 1925 to the 1950s, the Site was operated by the Joseph Lay Broom Company as a broom manufacturing operation. From 1952 to 1962, the Site was the location of different tool & die operations. From the 1960s to 1990s, the Site was the location of the Modern Book Bindery Company. Subsequently, the existing building was used as a tire recycler operation, offices for a petroleum company, and an automobile repair shop. In 2017, Phase I and Phase II Environmental Reports were prepared by SES Environmental. The environmental impacts found at the Site are arsenic and lead in the soil. It is anticipated the contaminated soil will be removed with the federal funds.

**Historical Status of Site:** The Site is not listed on State or National Registries

**Sources of Historical Information:** Indiana DNR SHAARED Database/Indiana Buildings, Bridges & Cemeteries Map

Thank you for your assistance with the Section 106 review process. In order to facilitate the appropriate review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Program requests that all correspondence from your office to the Program be copied to Patricia Polson, Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., BB-7J, Chicago, IL 60604. Please feel free to contact me at (317) 234-6018 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

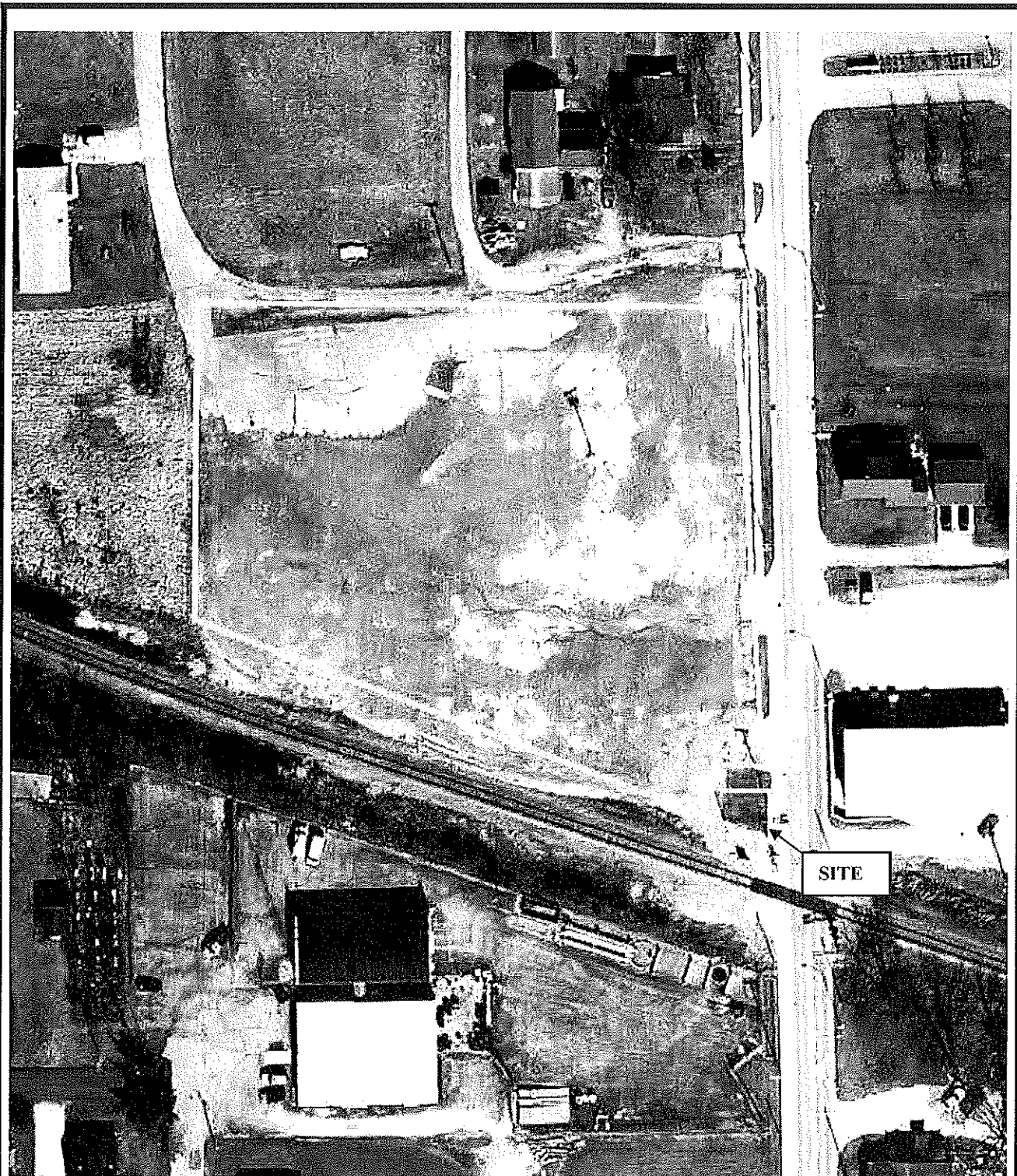


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cc: *via electronic transmission*  
Patricia Polston, U.S. EPA

# Exhibit A



**2017 Aerial Photograph**  
Approximate Scale: 1" = 100'

MIFCO Environmental Recycling-Old Book Bindery  
516 South Wayne Street, Portland, Jay County, Indiana 47371

Source: Jay County GIS  
SES Project Number: 2017-533

