



Indiana Brownfields Program
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Mitch Zoll
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Re: City of Fort Wayne, Allen County
OmniSource I, Allen County
1610 North Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, 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 1610 North Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Allen 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 removal of contaminated soil. The Program is currently using the federal Brownfields grant to address six (6) sites through a Rapid RLF Subgrant Initiative ("Initiative"). Due to the pace of this initiative, the Remediation Work Plan (RWP) has not yet been prepared by the Program, but will be submitted as an addendum to this letter, if needed, once the bidding is completed and the selection of the environmental contractor has occurred. This letter is to initiate the review process due to the number of sites the Program is submitting for review.

Federal Funding Source: The City of Fort Wayne 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.)



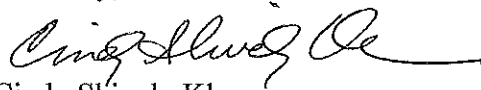
Site Background: The Site is located at 1610 North Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, and is comprised of 30 parcels consisting of 28.85 acres of vacant land, in a mixed residential/commercial/industrial area north of downtown Fort Wayne. It is bordered on the east by North Clinton Street, on the south by West 4th Street, and North Calhoun and North Harrison Streets on the west. A charter school and an automobile sales and service facility are located to the north of the Site. In addition, 5th and 6th Streets extend into the west central portion of the Site. Currently, there are building foundations/slabs located on the northwest corner, the southwest corner, and the south central portion on the northeast corner of North Clinton and 4th Streets. Historical documentation indicates the Site was first commercially developed in 1902 as a wood products manufacturer, a railroad roundhouse and a junk yard. A freight station was constructed in the junk yard on the southeast corner by 1918. A railroad roundhouse and locomotive repair facility occupied the central portion of the Site through the late 1940s. Other site occupants during that time included an engineering and manufacturing company, a sand and gravel company, a truck equipment and oil company, an auto wrecking yard, an iron and metal company, a pump manufacturer, and a wholesale liquor distributor. Superior Waste Material and Tri State Scrap Baling were located on the southwest portion of the Site in 1950s, and Superior Waste continues to be listed under different company names through the 1980s. In the 1990s, Superior Waste Material was replaced by OmniSource, which operated a scrap iron business. Aerial photographs from the 1960s through the 1990s show most site buildings were located on the west portion of the Site, while the east portion was vacant land covered with piles of debris, which were later removed. Underground storage tanks located at the Site were removed by 2000. Environmental investigations performed in 1998 and 2000 indicate lead, arsenic, cadmium and mercury are in the soil at concentrations exceeding their RDCLs, and PCBs were present in soil samples at concentrations exceeding their RDCL. In 2006, OmniSource ceased operations at the site, and all buildings have been removed. Fill material covers the southeast portion of the Site and has been graded into small hills and seeded with grass. The north portion of the Site consists mostly of vacant land covered with gravel and is overgrown with grass and weeds. There is also a concrete drive reinforced with steel beams on the south central portion of the Site from 4th Street, and a brick paved area is located on the southeast corner of the Site along Clinton Street. A Phase I was conducted in 2013 and a Phase II investigation was performed in 2018 by IWM Consulting Group. The results of investigations concluded that metals, PAHs, and PCBs are still detected in the soil and ground water above applicable RCG residential screening levels. At this time, hot spot removal of contaminated soil is planned to remove the environmental impacts at the Site.

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, and 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, and Chicago, IL 60604. Please feel free to contact me at (317) 234-6018 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

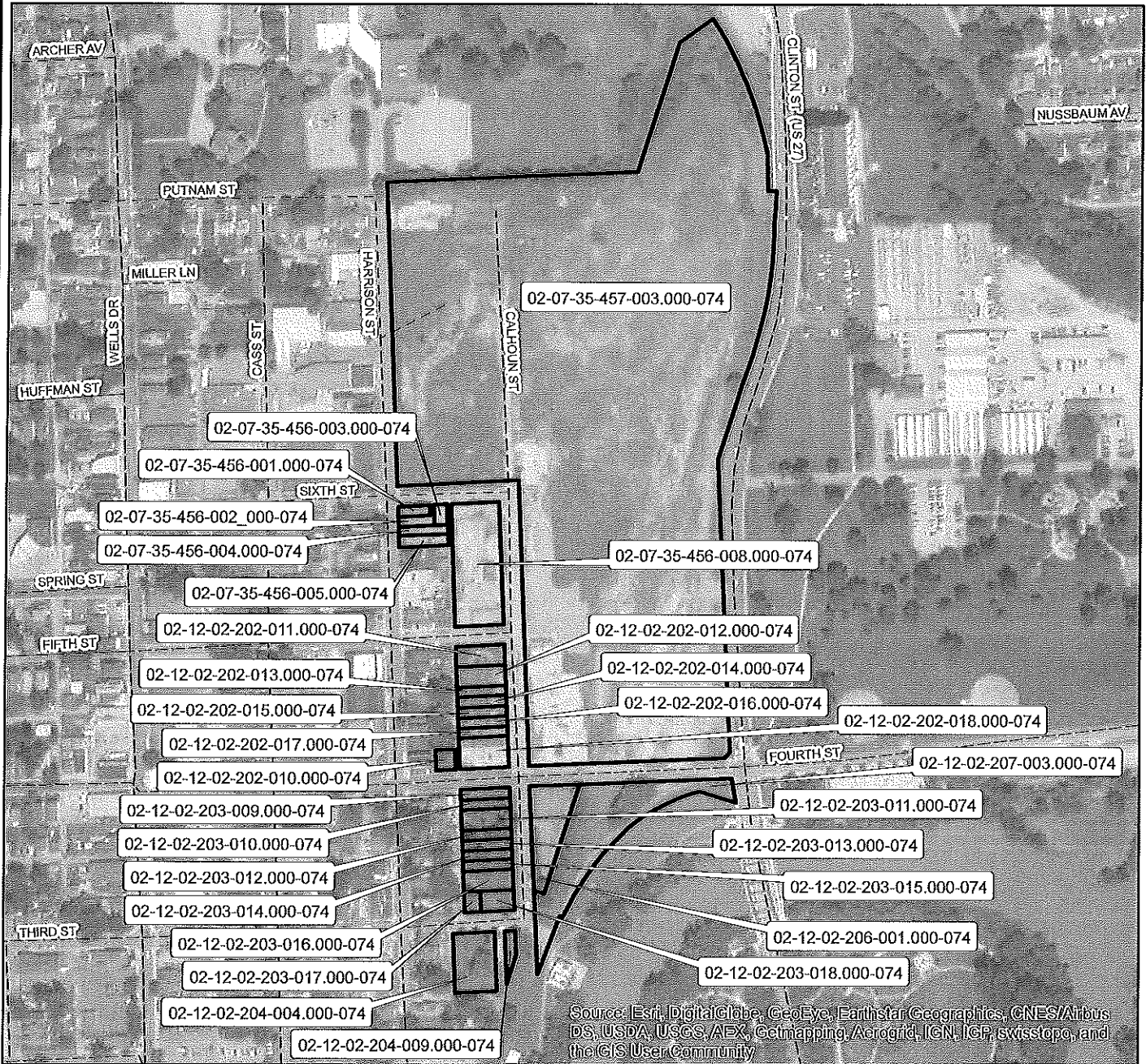
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Shively Klem". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cindy Shively Klem
Program Counsel

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

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

Mapped By: Mike Hill, IDEM, Office of Land Quality, Science Services Branch, Engineering & GIS Services, May 9, 2018

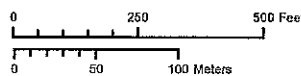
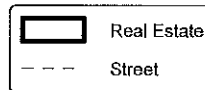
Legal Description Info: Legal descriptions from "ALTA / NSPS Land Title Survey, Address: 1610 N. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46808" by T-E Incorporated, dated 03/03/2017, Sheet 1 of 4

Orthophoto Info: Source: DigitalGlobe, Resolution: 0.5 meters, Source Date: 6/29/2016

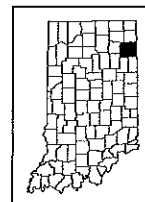
PLSS Info: Section "Heirs of Capt. Wells" Wayne Township, Allen County, IN

Disclaimer: This map is intended to serve as an aid in graphic representation only. This information is not warranted for accuracy or other purposes.

OmniSource Site



Allen County



Project Area

