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Federal Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”)

Re: Project information for environmental site assessment, cleanup and redevelopment planning for 3515, 3525 and 3547 East Washington Street using Multi-Purpose Brownfield Grant funds (DHPA #28208)

Dear Mr. Gentry:

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 and received on September 23, 2021, for the above indicated project in Indianapolis, Marion 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 listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places have been recorded within the proposed project area. No archaeological investigations appear necessary provided that all project activities remain within areas disturbed by previous construction.

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 EPA 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 EPA 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 EPA 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 EPA 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.

The 36 C.F.R. Part 800 regulations governing the Section 106 review process may be found at www.achp.gov. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Amy Johnson at (317) 232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Kim Marie Padgett at (317) 234-6705 or kpadgett@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #28208.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth K. McCord". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Beth K. McCord
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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