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Ryan Peterson
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Re: Archaeological investigation of the Henry Street portion of the Greenlawn Cemetery (CR-49-6) for the proposed Henry Street Bridge Greenlawn Cemetery project (DHPA # 28221)

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 14-21-1, the staff of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (IDNR-DHPA) has conducted an analysis of the materials dated and received by our office September 10 and 18, 2024 for the above indicated project in Indianapolis, Center Township, Marion County, Indiana. Geotechnical boring was previously performed under permit #2024036. The proposed archaeological investigation and relocation of a portion of the Greenlawn Cemetery (12MA1108, CR-49-6) is considered an expansion and addendum of permit #2024036.

We recognize that the City of Indianapolis has already approved a cemetery development plan (dated October 21, 2022) in accordance with IC-14-21-1-26.5. As a requirement of IC-14-21-1-26.5(e), it is appropriate that an archaeological plan for the excavation and relocation of a portion of the cemetery within the project area has been developed for the project. The plan for the archaeological excavation is acceptable with the following conditions:

1. All archaeological investigations will be directly supervised in the field and laboratory by a qualified professional archaeologist who meets the qualification standards for a principal investigator or field or laboratory supervisor under 312 IAC 21. It is our understanding that Ryan Peterson will be the Principal Investigator (PI). Co- PIs for the project are Dr. Brooke Drew and Dr. Jeremy Wilson.
2. The scientific investigations will conform to the current *Indiana Guidebook for Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory—Archaeological Sites*.
3. Any proposed revisions to the plan must be submitted to the DHPA and approved prior to implementation in the field.
4. If human remains are accidentally discovered during field investigations or related laboratory analyses and would be subject to the Native American Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the investigating or curation facility shall assure NAGPRA reporting and compliance.
5. Should non-burial materials require curation, please notify our office when a curation facility has been identified.
6. We understand it is the intent of the project team to submit a management summary detailing the results of all excavation activities shortly after completion. The management summary must be approved by the DHPA prior to the implementation of construction.
7. All retained human remains will be temporarily housed in a secure location until a reburial location within a designated cemetery can take place. Once the reinterment location has been finalized, we would be able to comment pursuant to 312 IAC 22-2-1 (d) regarding disposition of the remains and burial objects.

8. A final report will be submitted to the DHPA within one year of reinterment.
9. An archaeological site form and updated cemetery registry form for this level of investigation must be submitted into SHAARD.
10. Written landowner permission will need to be supplied to our office prior to the beginning of fieldwork.
11. This plan is non-transferable.

With these conditions, the proposed plan is acceptable (#2024036). A copy of this letter, along with proper identification, should be carried by personnel in the field. This will ensure minimal confusion should they be requested to produce proper identification in the field by law enforcement personnel.

If you have questions, please contact Beth McCord at (317) 232-3492 or bmccord@dnr.IN.gov.

Very truly yours,



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