

Illinois Division

Federal Highway Administration

July 24, 2023

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In Reply Refer To: HFE-IL

Mr. Gregory Lupton Local Project Implementation Engineer Illinois Department of Transportation 2300 South Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62764

Subject: Finding of No Significant Impact - Re-evaluation for Brush College Road Faries Parkway Grade Separation Project in the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Lupton:

The Illinois Division has reviewed the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) reevaluation of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) dated July 19, 2023. The reevaluation demonstrates there are no new significant impacts within the project area for the Brush College Road - Faries Parkway Grade Separation project in the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

The Division concurs with the Illinois Department of Transportation's determination that there are no significant impacts to the environment in the project area and the approved environmental decision issued on October 2, 2014, remains valid.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Fraley at (217) 492-4619.

Sincerely.

Chris Fraley Transportation Engineer

Enclosures:

ecc: Mr. Jeff Meyers, Region 4 Engineer, IDOT Mr. George Tapas, Bureau of Local Roads and Streets, IDOT Mr. Mark Reitz, Bureau of Local Roads and Streets, IDOT



July 19, 2023

Macon County City of Decatur Section 09-00933-01-BR Project 3ELT(222) Brush College Road (FAU 7448)

Mr. David Snyder Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 3250 Executive Park Drive Springfield, Illinois 62703-4514

RE: FONSI Re-evaluation

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Attached is an electronic copy of the FONSI re-evaluation document for the subject project for your review and approval. The EA for this project was approved on January 17, 2014. The FONSI was signed on October 2, 2014. On February 26, 2019, FHWA determined the FONSI remained valid. Since the validation in 2019, there have been no changes in project scope or design. It is our opinion this current re-evaluation supports the conclusion that there are no significant impacts associated with this project. If you concur, please issue the appropriate finding.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Reitz at (217)785-2798 or Mark.Reitz@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

GEORGE A. TAPAS, NAN

George A. Tapas Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Enclosure

Illinois Department of Transportation Reevaluation of Brush College Road -Faries Parkway Grade Separation Section 09-00933-01-BR City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois July 19, 2023

1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT?

The purpose of this document is to provide a re-evaluation of the environmental documents prepared for the Brush College Road - Faries Parkway Grade Separation project and identify portions of the project that have been changed since the initial report and require re-evaluation. The following items will be assessed:

• Changes in the scope of the proposed action or design of the project

• Changes to the existing environment (e.g., socio-economic, agricultural, cultural resources, air quality, noise, natural resources, threatened and endangered species, water quality/resources, groundwater resources, floodplains, wetlands, special lands, and Environmental Justice)

- Changes to project impacts and mitigation
- New or modified laws, regulations, or policies
- New information, in general, related to the project

This reevaluation has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration Rules and Regulations set forth in 23 CFR 771.129."

2. WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT TYPE?

State the type of environmental documents previously approved and their approval dates: State the approval date(s) of previous re-evaluation(s), if applicable.

	Environmental Document	Date
	State Approved Categorical Exclusion	
	Federal Approved Categorical Exclusion	
\boxtimes	Environmental Assessment	01/17/2014
\boxtimes	Finding of No Significant Impact	10/02/2014
	Environmental Impact Statement	
	Record of Decision	
\boxtimes	Previous re-evaluations	02/26/2019
	Other	
	BDE Sequence Number	16936

3. WHERE DOES THE PROJECT BEGIN AND END?

Discuss the logical termini and Study Area for the project. Include in the Appendix map(s) that show the original termini and study area and the new termini and study area.

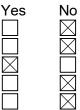
The project limits include Brush College Road (FAU 7448) from just south of William Street (IL 105) to a point north of Faries Parkway.

See Exhibit A: Project Location Map.

4. ANY CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION?

Have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document(s):

- the project scope?
- the project design?
- the project funding source(s)?
- the project termini?
- other?



If yes to any of the above, explain any changes compared to what is documented in the original environmental document(s) and any changes. Describe any further coordination with USACE, USEPA, USFWS, SHPO, IDNR, IDOA, IEPA, or other agencies.

Change in Project Funding Sources: The Project funding sources were not identified in the original Environmental Assessment. Funding for the current portion of the project to complete a grade crossing separation for Brush College Road over Faries Parkway and the Norfolk Southern Railroad currently includes \$46.6 million in Federal funding and \$23.0 million in Non-Federal/Local funding.

No further coordination has occurred with other agencies other than the Illinois Department of Transportation.

5. ANY CHANGES TO THE PURPOSE AND NEED?

Have there been any changes to the project purpose and need since the approval of the original environmental document(s)?

Yes	Nc
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Yes

No

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If yes, describe the changes.

6. ANY CHANGES TO THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES?

This section of the document identifies if there have been any changes in the affected environment or project impacts from those identified in the original approved environmental document. For each "YES", the change will be described, and appropriate documentation/coordination will be attached. If the resource is not present in the study area, there will be an "X" in the "NO" box and no further information is necessary.

A. Have There Been Any Changes to Land Use, Transportation, or Other Plans?

Have there been any changes to land use plans since the approval of the original environmental documents(s)

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed. Discuss the potential for the project to have an adverse indirect and cumulative effect on land use, transportation or other plans.

B. Have There Been Any Changes to Right-of-Way Needed?

Have there been changes to the right-of-way requirements for the project since the approval of the original environmental document(s)?

If yes, describe changes compared to what is documented in the original environmental document. Be specific on the location(s), types of property(s), amounts, and reasons for the new Right-of-Way needs. Discuss the existing land use for the new Right-of Way.

C. Have There Been Any Changes to Social Impacts?

Have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document(s): N.L.

•	the number of residential acquisitions or relocations required? the project's effects on neighborhoods or community cohesion?	Yes	NO
•	the project's effects on travel patterns and accessibility (e.g., vehicular, commuter, bicycle, or pedestrian)?		\bowtie
•	the project's effects on schools, recreation areas, churches, businesses, police and fire protection, etc.?		\boxtimes
•	the project's effects on the elderly, handicapped, non-drivers, transit-dependent, minority and ethnic groups, or the economically disadvantaged?		\square

unresolved project issues or concerns of an Indian Tribe? •

For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed.

D. Have There Been Any Changes to the Environmental Justice Imp	pacts?	
Were any minority or low-income populations documented in the original study area?	Yes	No
If yes, have there been any changes to the project's effects related to any minority or low income population as defined in DOT Order 5610.2(a), May 2, 2012 or DOT Order 6640.23A, June 14, 2012?		

Describe changes, explain basis for determining whether or not there are disproportionate adverse impacts to those populations, including any change to proposed mitigation and or environmental commitments.

Yes	No
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As part of this re-evaluation, the project was reviewed and there are no new, significant impacts to an Environmental Justice population. The project will not result in disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority or low-income populations.

No

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E. <u>Have There Been Any Changes to the Economic Impacts?</u>

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Were any businesses documented in the original study area?	\boxtimes
If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the	
approval of the original environmental document:	
• the number of business acquisitions/relocations required?	
 the project's potential to have adverse economic impacts on 	

- the project's potential to have adverse economic impacts on the regional and/or local economy, such as the effects of the project on development, tax revenues and public expenditures, employment opportunities, accessibility, and retail sales?
- the project's potential to have an adverse effect on established businesses or business districts?
- the project's impact on business operations, including impacts to parking spaces?

For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments,

F. Have There Been Any Changes to Farmland Impacts?

Were any farmlands documented in the original study area? If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the	Yes	No
 approval of the original environmental document: the number of farms or farm building acquisitions or relocations required? 		\square
 the project's potential to have adverse economic impacts on the regional or local farm economy? 		\square
 the project's impact on farmland or farming operations? 		\boxtimes

For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or commitments.

G. Have there been any changes to Cultural Resources Impacts?

	Yes	NO
Were any historic properties (e.g., buildings, bridges archeological sites) eligible for		\bowtie
the National Register of Historic Places) documented in the original study area?		
If additional ROW is required, are there any historic properties in or immediately		\square
adjacent to the new ROW?		

If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:

- Any changes in the Area of Potential Effect (APE)
- the status of National Register-listed or eligible sites in the project area
- the conclusions reached in the original environmental document regarding the project's effect on cultural and historical resource
- the project activities described in consultation or findings letters previously submitted to SHPO or other consulting parties
- Was a Section 106 project Memorandum of Agreement prepared? If so, are there any changes to the Memoradum or Agreement?

See Exhibit B: Cultural Resources Validation.

For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or commitments. *If any changes to historic properties that requires consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, include documentation of that consultation in the appendix to this document.*

H. Section 4(f) or Section 6(f) or Other Special Funded Lands

Were any Section 4(f), 6(f), Open Space Lands, INAI, Nature Preserves, Land and
Water Reserves, or OSLAD, or other uniquely funded lands in the original study
area?

Section 4(f) Land In Study Area: Impacts to a parking lot owned by Decatur Park District. The project will require acquisition of approximately 5,218 square feet of ROW from a parking lot owned by the Decatur Park District, plus a construction easement of approximately 2,978 square feet. FHWA determined the impact was de minimis.

If additional ROW is required, d	loes the ROW include 4	(f), 6(f), or other special
funded lands?		

If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:

- the status of Section 4(f) properties affected by the proposed action or the project's effects on such 4(f) properties?
- the determination of whether the project would "use" land from a Section 4(f) property?
- the status of Section 6(f) or other uniquely funded properties affected by the proposed action?
- the determination of whether the use of a Section 6(f) or other special funded property is a "conversion of use" per Section 6(f) of the LWCFA or other regulation or statute?
- the status of Open Space Lands, INAI, Nature Preserves, Land and Water Reserves, or OSLAD

Yes	No	
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For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, and include any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments and attach appropriate documentation. Coordination with FHWA, IDNR, National Park Service, and other agencies may be necessary if there is potential involvement with these special lands.

I. Wetland Impacts

Were any wetlands documented in the original study area?

If additional ROW is needed, are there any wetlands present in the new ROW? If 'YES' to either of the above questions, have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document: the project's wetland impacts?

Yes	No
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- List acres of original impact:
 - Permanent impacts:
 - Temporary impacts:
 - Total impacts:
- List acres of new impact:
 - Permanent impacts:
 - \circ $\,$ Temporary impacts:
 - Total impacts:

Discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed. Describe all changes to each wetland, include the wetland identification number, and include any changes to the previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments. *If any changes to wetland impacts, include in the appendix to this document coordination with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.*

J. Surface Water and Stormwater

Were any rivers, streams, lakes, or springs documented in the original study area? If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the	Yes ⊠	No
 original environmental document; the project's effects on water bodies? any streams listed by IEPA as impaired? a designated Wild and Scenic River or land adjacent to a Wild and Scenic River? 		\boxtimes
 the project's effect on a stormwater management area? the project's effect on discharges of stormwater into waters of the United States? 		\boxtimes
 changes to the stormwater management methodologies resulting from project scope or design changes? 		\square

For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including

any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments. If yes to any of the above, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed.

K. Groundwater and Drinking Water Impacts

- Are there changes to groundwater impacts since the approval of the original environmental document?
- Are there any changes to the project's involvement with a public or private drinking water source?
- Are there any project activities that will occur in the Mahomet Sole Source Aquifer review area? (Coordination with USEPA may be required.)

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed plus any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments.

L. Floodplain Impacts

Are there changes to floodplain impacts since the approval of the original environmental document?

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed plus describe any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments.

M. Fish and Wildlife Impacts

Have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:

- the project's effects on wildlife or fish species or habitat?
- the project's effect on migratory birds?

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments

N. Threatened and Endangered Species (T&E) Impacts

Were any T&E species or habitat documented in the original study area?

Yes	No
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Yes



Yes No

Status of T&E Species Affected by Project: According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) webbased review tool, there is the potential for Indiana bat (Ibat), Northern long-eared bat (NLEB), Rusty patched bumblebee, and Eastern prairie fringed orchid. The Tricolored bat is also proposed for listing. No proposed or designated critical habitat is listed in Macon County.

The IPaC qualification interview determined that the project is within the scope of the programmatic biological opinion and will have no effect on the NLEB or IBAT.

Tree removal and replacement will be done in accordance with IDOT Departmental Policy D&E-18 *Preservation and Replacement of Trees.* This commitment is still valid, and the commitment shall be incorporated into the project.

At this time, the Tricolored bat is proposed for listing as federally endangered. The species habitat requirements are similar to NLEB and IBAT. They often roost in trees during the summer active season and hibernate in caves or mines during the wintertime period. Therefore, it has been determined that the above conservation measures may also provide protections for the Tricolored bat. However, once the USFWS issues their final ruling on whether to list the Tricolored bat as federally endangered, there may be additional consultation needed for those projects that have not been completed by the effective date.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, it was determined there will be no effect to the Rusty patched bumble bee.

The project will have no effect on the monarch butterfly.

Preferred habitat of each of the listed species was cross referenced with knowledge of the project area and determined that the proposed improvement will have no effect on the listed species.

See Exhibit C: Natural Resources Review Renewal.

If additional ROW is required, are there any T&E species or habitat in the new ROW?

If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:

• the status of listed, proposed or candidate T&E species that will be directly or indirectly affected by the project?

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- the status of critical habitat in the project area?
- the project's effect on listed, proposed or candidate T&E species or designated critical habitat?

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments. Consultation with USFWS may be necessary if there is potential to affect T&E species or habitat.

O. Unique Upland Habitat

Was any unique upland habitat identified in the original study area?	Yes	No 🖂
If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:		
• the project's effect on identified unique upland habitat?		

• the project's effect on identified unique upland habitat?

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments

P. Air Quality (Conformity)

Have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:	Yes	No 🔀
 the project's effect on a nonattainment area or maintenance area, which will require a new or revised conformity determination? 		\boxtimes
 the requirement to perform a hot-spot analysis for mobile source air toxics or PM2.5? 		\square
 Is the project included in the fiscally constrained, conforming portion of the Plan and TIP? What is the TIP Number: DUATS DEC 19-09 		\boxtimes

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or commitments.

Q. Noise Impacts

Have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:	Yes	No ⊠
 the project's scope or design that would change the project to a Type I project per IDOT's Noise Manual? 		
 project parameters that would require a revision to the noise analysis completed for the original environmental document? 		
 project parameters that would change the decision on mitigation measures for identified noise impacts? 		
 changes in federal or state noise regulations or policy? 		

If yes, discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed. Describe results of a new noise analysis, identification of new impacts, and newly identified noise

sensitive receivers or changes in noise abatement measures. Additional public involvement may be required, including soliciting viewpoints of benefited receptors.

See Exhibit D: Noise Analysis validation.

R. Special Waste (Recognized Environmental Condition (REC) or Contaminated **Properties**)

Were any special waste or REC sites identified in the original study area?

If 'YES', have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:

- the status of known or potentially contaminated sites within or adjacent to the existing or proposed ROW (temporary or permanent)?
- any proposed excavation plans adjacent to, or within, a known REC • site?
- was this a Risk Managed site?
- the potential for encountering contamination during construction?
- additional bridge repairs or replacements requiring asbestos inspection?

For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously identified remediation plans or environmental commitments.

See Exhibit E: PESA Validation.

S. Construction Impacts

Have there been any changes to the following since the approval of the original environmental document:	YES	NO
 temporary degradation of water quality? 		\square
 temporary wetland impacts? 		M
 temporary stream diversion? 		\bowtie
 temporary degradation of air quality? 		\boxtimes
 temporary delays and detours of traffic? 		\boxtimes
 temporary impacts on businesses? 		\boxtimes
 temporary noise impacts? 		\boxtimes
 other construction impacts? 		\boxtimes

For each 'Yes' discuss the environmental condition documented in the original environmental document(s) and the environmental condition, law, rule, or policy that has changed, including any changes to previously proposed mitigation or environmental commitments.

T. Permits and Authorization(s)

Are permits or other authorizations required for work in the study area, as originally proposed?



Yes

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No

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	 Construction stormwater permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act; obtained from the Illinois EPA. Nationwide permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; corresponding 401 water quality certification from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. 		
	See Exhibit F: USACE NWP.		
	 Notification of demolition and renovation from the Illinois EPA. If the Project requires the removal of underground storage tanks (USTs),or if any are encountered, a removal permit must be obtained from the State Office of the Fire Marshall. 		
	Have there been any changes to the status of permits and authorizations since the approval of the original environmental document?		\square
C	Describe changes:		
ι	J. <u>Environmental Commitments</u>	YES	NO
	Are there any changes to the environmental commitments made in the original environmental documents?		\boxtimes
	Are they any new environmental commitments?		\boxtimes

For each yes, discuss the environmental commitments documented in the original environmental document, and new or revised commitments, and the reason(s) for the change(s).

Tree removal and replacement will be done in accordance with IDOT Departmental Policy D&E-18 Preservation and Replacement of Trees. This commitment is still valid, and the commitment shall be incorporated into the project.

7. Comments and Coordination

	YES	NO
Has public and/or agency coordination occurred since the approval of the		\square
original environmental document?		
Is there any public controversy regarding the proposed action?		\boxtimes

Describe all outreach and coordination efforts conducted for this project since approval of the original environmental document. Discuss pertinent issues raised by the public and other agencies. Attach applicable correspondence and responses. If no additional public involvement was conducted, explain why.

The following permits stated in the FONSI are still required and will be included with the Phase II design work:

8. ENVIRONMENTAL RE-EVAULUATION DETERMINATION

The conclusions of this reevaluation and supporting supplemental analysis indicate that there will be no significant impacts and that the original approved environmental decision remains valid?



If no, state the reason why. State what environmental document is now required. Consultation among the respective IDOT district office, IDOT-BDE, and FHWA, is required.

9. ATTACHMENTS.

Exhibit A: Project Location Map Exhibit B: Cultural Resources Validation Exhibit C: Natural Resources Review Renewal Exhibit D: Noise Analysis Validation Exhibit E: PESA Validation Exhibit F: USACE NWP

Exhibit A

Project Location Map

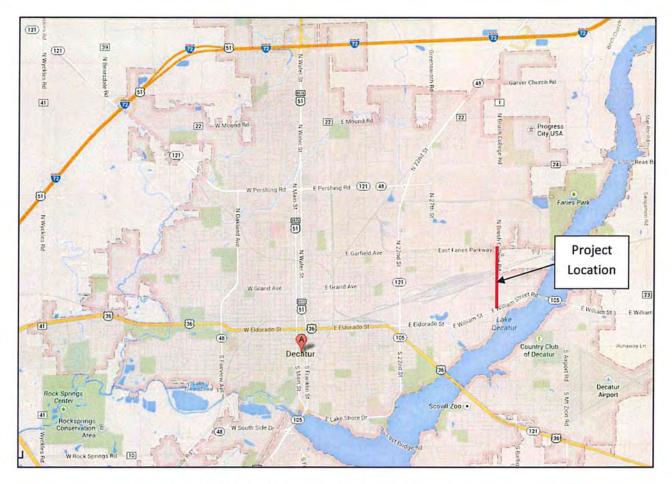


Exhibit A-1 – Project Location Map

Exhibit B

Cultural Resources Validation



To:	George Tapas	Attn:	Mark Reitz
From:	Jack Elston	By:	Joseph Galloy
Subject:	Cultural Resource - No Historic Properties Affected Clearance		
Date:	July 19, 2023		

Macon County FAU 7448, CH 1, Brush College Road Decatur Sec. 09-00933-01-BR Seq. 16936B

On October 15, 2020, IDOT's qualified Cultural Resources staff made a "No Historic Properties Affected" finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the referenced undertaking (see attached).

A reevaluation of the undertaking was performed by IDOT qualified staff in April 2023. No additional structures or buildings within the APE have become eligible for evaluation since October 2020. Therefore, the "No Historic Properties Affected" finding remains valid.

No further cultural resources coordination is required for this undertaking, unless design modifications or new information indicate that historic properties may be affected.

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Joseph M. Galloy, PhD, RPA Cultural Resources Unit Bureau of Design & Environment

Attachment



To:Bureau of Local RoadsAttn: Mark ReitzFrom:Jack ElstonBy: Brad KoldehoffSubject:Cultural Resources - No Historic Properties Affected ClearanceDate:October 15, 2020

Macon County FAU 7448, CH 1, Brush College Road Decatur Sec. 09-00933-01-BR Seq. 16936B

For the above referenced undertaking, IDOT's qualified Cultural Resources staff hereby make a **"No Historic Properties Affected"** finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

This finding concludes the Section 106 process in accordance with the stipulations of the Programmatic Agreement Regarding Section 106 Implementation for Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Illinois, executed March 6, 2018 by FHWA, Illinois SHPO, IDOT and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

No further cultural resources coordination is required for this undertaking, unless design modifications or new information indicate that historic properties may be affected. After coordination with Local Roads any potential site impacts have been avoided. However, if archaeological sites cannot be avoided, then, additional coordination with my office is required.

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Brad H. Koldehoff Cultural Resources Unit Chief Bureau of Design & Environment

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To:	Jim Klein	Attn: Salmon Danmole	
From:	John Baranzelli	By: Brad Koldehoff	
Subject:	Cultural Resource Concurrence		
Date:	March 13, 2013		

Macon County FAU 7448, CH 1 Sec. 09-00933-00-BR Seq. 16936A

The attached letter documents the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in the following determination by IDOT's professional cultural resources staff: "No Historic Properties Affected." This concurrence completes the necessary cultural resource coordination for the above referenced project.

Attachment

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March 12, 2013

Macon County FAU 7448, CH 1 Decatur Roadway Improvements Section: 09-00933-00-BR IDOT Sequence #16936A ISAS #12219

Federal - Section 106 Project

NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED

Ms. Anne Haaker Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Springfield, Illinois 62701

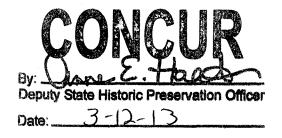
Dear Ms. Haaker:

Enclosed are copies of the Phase I Archaeological Report completed by Illinois State Archaeological Survey personnel concerning historical and archaeological properties potentially impacted by the above referenced project. Survey of the 9acre project area resulted in the identification of no archaeological sites. No architectural resources eligible for National Register consideration were identified by IDOT's cultural resources staff.

In accordance with the established procedure for coordination of proposed IDOT projects, we request the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in our determination that no historic properties subject to protection under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be affected by the proposed project.

Very truly yours,

Brad H. Koldehoff, RPA Cultural Resources Unit Bureau of Design and Environment



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To:	Jim Klein	Attn: Tom Winkelman	
From:	John Baranzelli	By: Brad Koldehoff	
Subject:	Cultural Resource Concurrence		
Date:	August 2, 2012		

Macon County FAU 7448, CH 1 Sec. 09-00933-00-BR Seq. 16936

The attached letter documents the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in the following determination by IDOT's professional cultural resources staff: "No Historic Properties Affected." This concurrence completes the necessary cultural resource coordination for the above referenced project.

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Illinois Department of Transportation



2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

August 1, 2012

Macon County FAU 7448, CH 1 Brush College Road, Decatur Section: 09-00933-00-BR IDOT Sequence #16936 ISAS Log #11193

Federal - Section 106 Project

NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED

Ms. Anne Haaker Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Springfield, Illinois 62701

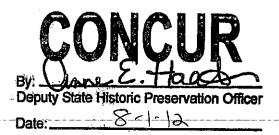
Dear Ms. Haaker:

Enclosed are copies of the Phase I Archaeological Report completed by Illinois State Archaeological Survey personnel concerning archaeological and historical properties potentially impacted by the above referenced project. Survey of the 21acre project area resulted in the detection of no archaeological sites. No architectural resources eligible for National Register consideration were identified by IDOT's professional staff.

In accordance with the established procedure for coordination of proposed Illinois Department of Transportation projects, we request the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Officer in our determination that no historic properties subject to protection under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be affected by the proposed project.

Very truly yours,

Brad H. Koldehoff, RPA Cultural Resources Unit Bureau of Design and Environment



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Exhibit C

Natural Resources Review Renewal

Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

То:	George A. Tapas	Attn: Greg S. Lupton
From:	Jack A. Elston	By: Shawn Wilcockson
Subject:	Natural Resources Review Renewal	
Date:	June 29, 2023	
Seq #: Route: Marked: Street: Section: Location:	16936 Original and Addenda A and B FAU 7448 Brush College Road Brush College Road 09-00933-01-BR T 16N, R 3E, Sections 5,6,7,8	
Description: Project: Municipality: County:		s replacement misc improvements

This is an update of the threatened and endangered species and wetlands within the project vicinity. This document also discusses the species that have been listed after the FONSI was signed.

The project involves improvements to a 1.21-mile long section of Brush College Road in Decatur, Illinois, generally between Williams Street on the south and Faries Parkway on the north. Major project components include adding two lanes to Brush College Road between Williams Street and Faries Parkway, replacing the existing underpass at the Norfolk Southern (NS) railroad yard with an overpass, constructing a grade-separated interchange at Faries Parkway to include a crossing of the existing NS rail line at that intersection, adding additional turn lanes at the Williams Street intersection, and adding a traffic signal and turn lanes at the entrance to the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) James Randall Research Center (JRRC). The existing 7'x7' concrete box culvert under William St. and just east of Brush College Road (S.N. 058-8654) will be extended and riprap added at both ends. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide adequate capacity to handle present and future traffic volumes in a safe and efficient manner for the Brush College Road corridor between William Street Road and Faries Parkway, and to increase safety and access for businesses and future industrial development along the Brush College Road corridor. The project is needed to increase capacity, improve safety, correct existing roadway deficiencies, and provide system linkage.

The project involves 32.53 acres of land acquisition. Approximately 2.15 acres of trees will be removed. There will be work in an unnamed storm water drainage ditch. Land cover is urban industrial and residential in the City of Decatur.

Since the FONSI was issued in 2014, two new federally threatened or endangered species have been listed in Macon County, the Northern long-eared bat and the Rusty patched bumblebee. The Tricolored bat is proposed for listing. These species are discussed in the Review for Section 7 portion of this document.

The commitments related to natural resources documented in the original Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) read:

Tree removal and replacement will be done in accordance with IDOT Departmental Policy D&E-18 *Preservation and Replacement of Trees.* This commitment is still valid, and the commitment shall be incorporated into the project.

<u>Review for Illinois Endangered Species Protection and Illinois Natural</u> <u>Areas Preservation – Part 1075</u>

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database contains no record of State-listed threatened or endangered species, Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites, dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves, or registered Land and Water Reserves in the vicinity of the project location. Therefore, consultation under Part 1075 is terminated.

This review for compliance with 17 III. Adm. Code Part 1075 is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed improvement is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the proposed improvement has not been implemented within two years of the date of this memorandum, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new review will be necessary.

<u>Review for Illinois Interagency Wetland Policy Act – Part 1090</u>

The National Wetlands Inventory, Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Inventory, ground level and aerial photos, plan sheets, USDA soil maps, and topographic quadrangle maps were examined. There are no inventoried wetlands in the project vicinity. Soils are classified as a mixture of hydric and non -hydric silt loams, predominantly Flanagan, Catlin, and Birkbeck non- hydric silt loams as well as urban land. The area is highly urban and industrialized. There will be no wetland impacts. **Therefore, the wetland review under Part 1090 is terminated**.

Review for Endangered Species Act - Section 7

The proposed improvement was reviewed in fulfillment of our obligation under Section 7(a)2 of the Endangered Species Act. Our review included use of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) web-based review tool. Through IPaC, an official species list was received and is saved to the project folder. The list contains the endangered, threatened, proposed and candidate species and proposed and designated critical habitat that may be present within or in the vicinity of the proposed improvement. The following species are listed: Indiana bat (Ibat), Northern long-eared bat (NLEB), Rusty patched bumblebee, and Eastern prairie fringed orchid. The Tricolored bat is proposed for listing. No proposed or designated critical habitat is listed in Macon County. Under 50 CFR 402.12(e), the accuracy of the species list is limited to 90 days.

Within IPaC there is a Determination Key for the NLEB and Ibat. We used the key to determine applicability of the project with the USFWS revised programmatic biological opinion for transportation and to assess what effect the project would have on NLEB or Ibat. We completed an IPaC qualification interview and determined that the project is within the scope of the programmatic biological opinion and will have <u>no effect</u> on the NLEB or Ibat.

Our determination is based on the lack of suitable habitat for either bat species within the project vicinity. The project is located in an urban area. The trees which will be removed are urban landscape trees. There are no streams within the project corridor. The culverts which will be replaced cross a storm water drainage ditch and are too small to be considered suitable for bats. The existing underpass is an active rail corridor and is also not suitable for bats.

Tree removal and replacement will be done in accordance with IDOT Departmental Policy D&E-18 *Preservation and Replacement of Trees.* This commitment is still valid, and the commitment shall be incorporated into the project.

At this time, the Tricolored bat is proposed for listing as federally endangered. The species habitat requirements are similar to NLEB and IBAT. They often roost in trees during the summer active season and hibernate in caves or mines during the winter time period. Therefore, this office has determined that the above conservation measures may also provide protections for the Tricolored bat. However, once the USFWS issues their final ruling on whether or not to list the Tricolored bat as federally endangered, there may be additional consultation needed for those projects that have not been completed by the effective date.

We evaluated the limits of the proposed improvement for the presence of potentially suitable Rusty patched bumble bee (RPBB) habitat. Our evaluation included the use of the guidance issued by USFWS titled "The Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*), Interagency Cooperation under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act, Voluntary Implementation Guidance" ("USFWS Interagency Guidance"). According to the guidance, if a project is outside of a high potential zone, then the USFWS advises that the rusty patched bumble bee is not likely to be present and that consultation or incidental take coverage is not necessary. Therefore, if the project is outside of a high potential zone, then a "no effect" determination is appropriate.

We cross referenced the preferred habitat of the rusty patched bumble bee with our knowledge of the project areas and determined that the project does not occur within the High Potential Zone which has been identified in Macon county. In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, we determined that there will be <u>no effect</u> to the Rusty patched bumble bee.

The project will have <u>no effect</u> on the monarch butterfly.

We cross-referenced the preferred habitat of each of the remaining listed species with our knowledge of the project area and determined that the proposed improvement will have no effect on those species.

Should the proposed improvement be modified or new information indicate listed or proposed species may be affected, consultation or additional coordination should be initiated.

KCB

Exhibit D

Noise Analysis Validation

Reitz, Mark A

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sperry, Benjamin Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2:03 PM Reitz, Mark A RE: Brush College Road Noise Study

Mark,

I reviewed the original noise study for this project (dated November 8, 2012) and the review for the northern portion (dated April 20, 2020) with more detailed alignment information. I have determined that the conclusions of both studies remain valid and no updates are needed at this time. If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Ben Sperry

Benjamin R. Sperry Noise and Air Quality Specialist Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Design & Environment 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Room 330 Springfield, IL 62764 (217) 785-0202 benjamin.sperry@illinois.gov

From: Sperry, Benjamin
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:10 PM
To: Reitz, Mark A <Mark.Reitz@illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Brush College Road Noise Study

As requested.

Benjamin R. Sperry Noise and Air Quality Specialist Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Design & Environment 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Room 330 Springfield, IL 62764 (217) 785-0202 <u>benjamin.sperry@illinois.gov</u>

From: Sperry, Benjamin
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 1:12 PM
To: Reitz, Mark A <<u>Mark.Reitz@illinois.gov</u>>
Subject: Brush College Road Noise Study

Is there an overview plan or something that describes what the current project will look like?

It looks like we checked the 2012 noise study in 2020 against some Phase 2 plans, I would like to know how the plans may have changed since then.

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Exhibit E

PESA Validation



Memorandum

То	Matt Newell, Director of Public Works City of Decatur, IL	Page	1
сс	Kirsten Mawhinney, PE		
Subject	Brush College Road, East Muller Road to East William Street Avenue Recognized Environmental Concerns PESA Validation		IE
From	Cheryl M. Nash		
Date	June 2, 2023		

The City of Decatur, Illinois (Decatur) is providing improvements for Brush College Road from East Muller Avenue to south of East William Street Avenue; improvements will include the intersection with Fairies Parkway and the Norfolk Southern RR underpass. (A map indicating the corridor of the proposed projects is attached.) The project is located within Decatur's city limits, in Macon County, IL. In support of these efforts, Decatur previously conducted two Preliminary Environmental Site Assessments (PESA); the reports prepared are:

• Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment

Brush College Road at NS Crossing Study Decatur, Illinois Section 09-00933-00-BR Prepared by URS Corporation Decatur, Illinois June 2012

 Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment Update Brush College Road at NS/Fairies Road Crossing FAU Route 7448 Decatur, Illinois Prepared by Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC Belleville, IL March 17, 2020

Construction for the improvements is anticipated to begin in August 2023. Some funding for the project is being provided by the Federal Railroad Administration which has requested that the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) documentation for the project be validated. As a result, the Illinois Department of Transportation has requested the City of Decatur update and validate the previously conducted PESAs.

AECOM conducted the validation study of the two PESAs in May 2023. This consisted of a review of the recognized environmental concerns (RECs) previously identified by URS Corporation (URS, 2012) and Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC (Kaskaskia, 2020) and included an updated database



search. The two studies were compared to the updated database search to determine if new RECs were identified.

A database search was conducted by EDR on May 17, 2023 and is attached. For clarity of review a table was developed that summarizes the RECs identified in the URS, 2012 and Kaskaskia, 2020 studies, as well as those identified in this May 2023 study. This table is located below.

The 2023 database search primarily identified the RECs that had already been noted in the earlier studies. Two RECs appeared to be new, however, further research determined that these RECs had previously been identified under a different name. The location of these two RECs were noted within the footprint of the Kaskaskia, 2020 PESA as Site 1.

- The current study's REC A (McKesson Chemical Company) is Kaskaskia, 2020's Site 1, Archer Daniels Midland Company
- The current study's REC F36/F37 (Thermo T Ecogen) is within the footprint of Kaskaskia, 2020's Site 1, Archer Daniels Midland Company

Since no new RECs have been identified, it has been determined the results and conclusions of the previously prepared PESAs are valid.

Exhibit F

USACE NWP



May 15, 2023

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: CEMVR-RD-2021-0532

Matthew C. Newell City of Decatur 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza Decatur, IL 62523

Dear Mr. Newell:

Our office has reviewed your application received April 5, 2023, concerning the proposed improvements to Faries Parkway where it crosses the unnamed tributary to Lake Decatur in Section 8, Township 16 North, Range 3 East, Macon County, Illinois. This project will impact 0.1 acres of the unnamed tributary.

Your project is authorized under Department of the Army, Section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 14 - Linear Transportation Projects, provided you meet the Nationwide Permit terms and conditions. Fact Sheet No. 9 (IL) including the Illinois Regional Conditions and the Section 401 Water Quality Certification issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (ILEPA) can be found on the Rock Island District Regulatory Webpage at: <u>https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</u>. The Corps has made a determination of no effect on federally threatened and endangered species and/or critical habitat under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Corps has made a determination of low to no potential to affect historic resources. The decisions regarding these actions are based on information found in the administrative record, which document the District's decision-making process, the basis for the decision, and the final decision. Special conditions associated with this permit will be listed below and must also be adhered to.

Please contact our office if the project plans change and there are different impacts caused by dredged or fill material into Corps' regulated waters. This may require modification of your Department of the Army Section 404 authorization.

This verification is valid until March 14, 2026, unless the nationwide permit is modified, reissued, or revoked. It is your responsibility to remain informed of changes to the nationwide permit program. We will issue a public notice announcing any changes if and when they occur. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to

commence this activity before the date the nationwide permit is modified or revoked, you will have twelve months from this date to complete your activity under the present terms and conditions of this nationwide permit.

This authorization does not eliminate the requirement that you must still obtain other applicable Federal, state, and local permits. If you have not already coordinated your project with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (ILDNR), please contact them by telephone at 217/782-6302 or <u>bill.milner@illinois.gov</u> to determine if a floodplain development permit is required for your project. Also contact the ILDNR at 217/785-5500 or <u>https://dnr2.illinois.gov/EcoPublic/</u> to consult on potential impacts to state listed species or other state protected natural resources. You may contact the IEPA Facility Evaluation Unit at 217/782-3397 to determine whether additional authorizations are required from the IEPA. Please send any electronic correspondence to <u>EPA.401.bow@illinois.gov</u>.

You are required to complete and return the enclosed "Transfer of Nationwide Permit Verification" and "Completed Work Certification" forms in accordance with General Condition Nos. 29 and 30 of the nationwide permits.

The Rock Island District Regulatory Division is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please take a moment to complete our Customer Service Survey found on our web site at *https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/ords/f?p=136:4* (be sure to select "Rock Island District" under the area entitled: Which Corps office did you deal with?).

Should you have any questions, please contact our Regulatory Division by letter, email tyler.h.hedeen@usace.army.mil, or telephone Tyler Hedeen at 309/794-5651.

Sincerely,

Aurora Scott Chief, Eastern Branch Regulatory Division

Enclosures

Mr. William Milner, P.E. Illinois Department of Natural Resources <u>bill.milner@illinois.gov</u> (email) Virginia Flynn Kaskaskia Engineering Group vflynn@kaskaskiaeng.com

TRANSFER OF NATIONWIDE PERMIT VERIFICATION

Permit Number:	CEMVR-RD-2023-0532	
Name of Permittee/Project:	City of Decatur	
County/State:	Macon / Illinois	
Date of Issuance:	May 15, 2023	

When the structure(s) or work authorized by this nationwide permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this nationwide permit, including any special conditions, will continue to be binding on the new owner(s), of the property. To validate the transfer of this nationwide permit and the liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

Transferee

Date

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COMPLETED WORK CERTIFICATION

Permit Number: CEMVR-RD-2023-0532

Name of Permittee/Project: City of Decatur

County/State: Macon / Illinois

Date of Issuance: May 15, 2023

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification, and return it to the following address:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Rock Island ATTN: Regulatory Division Clock Tower Building Post Office Box 2004 Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit, you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above reference permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit, and required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Signature of Permittee

Date

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