Preservation and the **Public Process: Getting** Creative with Section 106 Mitigation



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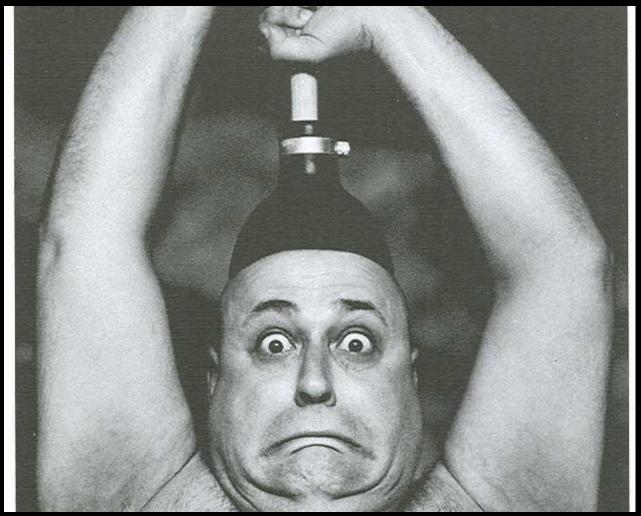
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Oh No! Not another Section 106 Consultation!





Case
Study # 1
Ohio
River
Bridges
Project
IN & KY

Ohio River Bridges Project



Project Basics

\$2.6 billion dollar transportation project involving the states of KY and IN

PURPOSE AND NEED: IMPROVED CROSS RIVER TRAFFIC MOBILITY

Includes completion of two new Ohio River bridges (Downtown and East End) linking Louisville, KY, and Southern, IN, and reconstruction of the Kennedy Interchange (I-65, I-64 and I-71 connector in Louisville)

Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) completed/approved in 2003; modified in 2011/12

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Original MOA was signed in April 2003

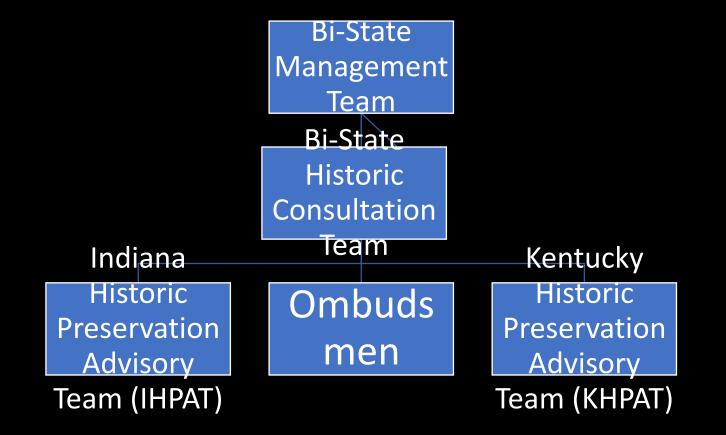
First Amended MOA signed in March 2012

58-page agreement

Provides for preservation commitments in both KY and IN



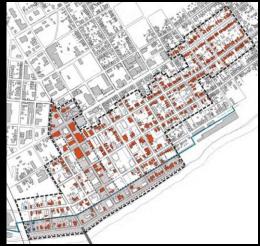
MOA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Downtown I-65 Bridge Alignment







Key MOA Mitigation Measures- "Standard"

Construction traffic monitoring

Noise abatement

Vibration and blasting monitoring

Context Sensitive Design solutions

Streetscape improvements

Roadway lighting- minimize light pollution, compatible design; viewshed impacts

Interpretative signage

Key MOA Mitigation Measures- "Creative/Site Specific"

Smart Growth Conference

Update of Countywide Historic Resource Survey

Formulation of Preservation Plans. Total of six plans developed. In Indiana, plans formulated for Old Jeffersonville Historic District and Township of Utica Historic Lime Industry

National Register nominations for three industrial complexes

Historic Preservation Easements on selected historic properties

Purchase and rehabilitation of a historic freight railroad depot



Key MOA Mitigation Measures- "Creative/Site Specific"

"Reasonable effort" to relocate five contributing residential properties in Old Jeffersonville NRHD

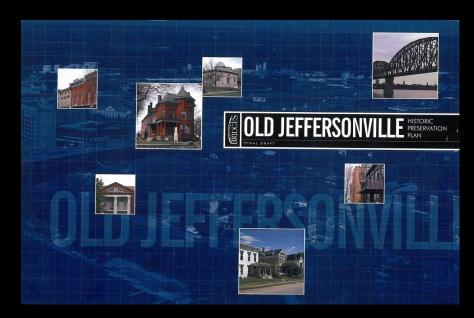
Relocation of historic bridge piers on NR-listed George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge

Acquisition of a historic farmstead as part of a proposed rural historic district



Preservation Plans

- Plans developed in consultation with HPATs and property owners
- •Plans to consider land use, transportation patterns, urban and suburban planning issues; threats and opportunities
- Plans to build on existing studies
- •Plans to be presented to relevant city/county governments and Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)



Preservation Plans – Key Issues/Lessons Learned

On-going public involvement crucial

Buy-in from local government is essential- incorporate as component of City's Comprehensive Plan

Community issues may change as project evolves and an update mechanism for plan is needed during project duration



National Register Nominations

National Register nominations to be prepared for several properties/districts

Nominations prepared by qualified consultants

Indiana properties included: Colgate-Palmolive complex, Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Company complex, Utica Lime Kilns (included creation of a Utica Lime Industry Multiple Property Listing Context Study), Swartz Farm Rural Historic District, and the Spring Street Freight Depot







Jeffersonville House Relocations

MOA committed INDOT to make a "reasonable effort" to relocate 5 contributing houses in the Downtown Bridge's path

Houses to be moved to available vacant lots in the Old Jeff HD, if available

Once relocated, they would be placed on permanent foundations and marketed for sale to owner-occupants (5 year term covenant)

Preservation easements would be placed on all relocated structures

Under a negotiated settlement agreement involving litigation with the NTHP and River Fields, INDOT commits to move all five structures; one of which is ultimately relocated outside HD

Properties marketed through seal bid auction

Indiana Landmarks to hold the preservation easements





Jeffersonville House Relocations– Key Issues/Lessons Learned

INDOT did not commit to undo insensitive alterations to houses (e.g., vinyl siding, replacement windows)

Presence of alterations complicates easement monitoring

Modest architecture created some unanticipated PR challenges

Owner-occupant requirement was a subsequent concern of INDOT in depressed real estate market

MOA provides for house donations to local government if houses do not sell







Spring Street Freight Depot

Acquired and Rehabilitated by INDOT

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places

Preservation easement to be placed on the property

Interpretative signage to be installed at the site





Big Four Railroad Pedestrian Bridge







Utica Lime Kilns Historic District

MOA called for development of a study of the Lime Kiln Industry in Clark County to better understand the resources

Preservation plan was developed

NRHP nomination to be developed for kilns and associated quarries

Pre-construction assessment of the kilns developed to determine condition prior to commencement of bridge construction activities

Preservation easement to be placed on one kiln located in road right-of-way

Interpretative marker to be placed near site in publically accessible location





Utica Lime Kilns Historic District – Key Issues/Lessons Learned

Three of four kilns are in private ownership

County approved subdivision plan for site which threatened integrity of the site

Bridges project ultimately impacts proposed subdivision requiring redesign; economic recession impacts

Preservation of kilns hampered by lack of incentives to restore as resources not eligible for traditional rehabilitation tax credits





20 years and counting....

The Sekula Children: Abby, Anna, and Amelia in 2013 (ages 10, and 7 respectively (left)) and 2023 on right.







Case Study # 2
Beechwood
Court Housing
Demolition and
Redevelopment
Project, New
Albany, Floyd
County







Surrounding Neighborhood Context – Beechwood Court, New Albany, IN

Beechwood Court Housing Project Demolition and New Construction Project -2021

- American Rescue Plan, IHCDA, US
 Department of Housing and Urban
 Development (HUD) Section 18 Program—funded project request by the City of New Albany/New Albany Housing Authority
- 13.7-acre site with 57 buildings containing 114 family apartment units in campus-like setting.
- 2021 Physical Needs Assessment showed existing buildings to be obsolete.

- Project scope would include resident relocation, building demolition, site clean-up and land disposition to a non-profit community housing corporation.
- Site deemed eligible for NRHP.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
 formulated with Indiana Landmarks invited
 to be a Consulting Party and Signatory to
 the MOA.
- Consultation is on-going.

Key Commitments to MOA

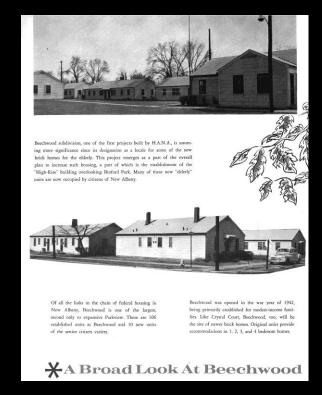
- Retention and rehabilitation of one 2-unit building for conversion as a clubhouse for the new neighborhood.
- Development of Interpretative signage chronicling the history of site with historic photos and map.
- Retention of original street names in new development.
- Design review for new housing units with IL participating in that process.
- Consideration for National Register-listing for Valley View Court public housing site in New Albany.
- Preservation and enhancement commitments for greenspace at Valley View Court site.





Beechwood Court Site, Summer 2023

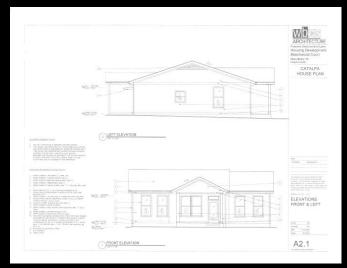




Beechwood Court Retained 2-unit Dwelling

Beechwood Court Historic Image to Guide Rehabilitation







Beechwood Court Infill Housing Unit Sampling





New Beechwood Court Neighborhood



THE NEW ALBANY HOUSING AUTHORITY

INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION FOR THE NEW

BEECHWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:00 am Corner of Beechwood and Lopp Avenues

Questions: Allison Pruit 812-206-2035















Valley View Court, New Albany, IN



Case Study # 2 Monon High Bridge Project, Carroll County

Monon High Bridge Project, Delphi vicinity, Carroll County 2012-2023

- CSX proposes demolition of an NR-eligible railroad bridge over Wildcat Creek near Owasco in southern Carroll County in 2012 due to structural damage from flooding.
- Federal Surface Transportation Board and DHPA agree to off-site mitigation focused on Monon High Bridge as pedestrian bridge for Delphi Trails System as part of a 2014 MOA. Indiana Landmarks is a concurring party to the MOA.
- Indiana Landmarks proposes CSX donate bridge to qualified non-profit for trail development as mitigation. Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc (Canal Assoc.) initially agrees to accept ownership of bridge and 1/3 mile of approach.

- Canal Association backs out and Indiana Landmarks steps in in 2016.
- IL and Canal Assoc. enter into a local partnership Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to stabilize bridge pier and install decking and railing on west portion of the bridge and then transfer back to Canal Assoc.
- CSX transfers ownership to IL in 2017 and IL secures funding from several sources to repair the damaged pier in 2019 and install decking and railing in late 2022.
- Transfer to Canal association and dedication occurs in early September 2023.







Monon High Bridge Pier Rehabilitation, Carroll County







Monon High Bridge Deck Rehabilitation, Carroll County





Monon High Bridge Dedication Day September 6, 2023 Photos courtesy Creative Photography by Jodi



Case Study # 3 US 31 Interchange/ Historic Structure Relocation Project, Hamilton County

US 31 Interchange/ Historic Structure Relocation Project, Hamilton County 2020-2024

- Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) US 31 Improvements from Indianapolis to South Bend included Interchange at US 31 & 236th Street.
- NR-eligible ca. 1850 Baker-Johnson-Pickett
 Farmhouse and ca. 1910 barn within interchange construction area.
- Indiana Landmarks is a consulting party to an MOA executed in 2021 which requires INDOT to develop a mitigation plan for impacts to historic properties, including providing funds to relocate the house and barns at the Baker-Johnson-Pickett farmstead to a suitable location in Hamilton County if deemed "feasible and practical".

- Project is deemed feasible and house and barns are disassembled and stored until a new location could be identified.
- Fieldgate Farms deemed a suitable site and LLC that owns property declares interest in having the house and barn relocated there.
- INDOT agrees to pay for the cost of architectural and construction management services and reconstruction of house and barn at new site with private owner paying remaining costs for interior rehab of the house. A preservation easement is to be placed on the property held by Indiana Landmarks (IL).
- INDOT provides necessary funds to IL to oversee the reconstruction effort.



Fieldgate Farm plan





Baker-Johnson-Pickett Barn Rehabilitation Hamilton County







Baker-Johnson-Pickett House Deconstruction Hamilton County



Deconstruction in progress.

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