



January 11, 2006

Mick Wilz
Whitewater Canal Trail Inc.
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State Agency: Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

Re: General information concerning the stabilization of the Butler Run aqueduct

Dear Mr. Wilz:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 14-21-1-16 and -18 the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology ("DHPA") has conducted a review of the materials received by the DHPA on December 21, 2005, for the above indicated project in Brookville Township, Franklin County, Indiana.

In regard to buildings and structures, the Butler Run aqueduct is within the Whitewater Canal Historic District, which was listed in the National Register on June 13, 1973, and the Brookville Historic District, which was listed in the National Register on July 25, 1975.

Since the proposed project is a temporary measure and all stonework removed will be marked and stored for future rebuilding of the aqueduct, we believe the proposed project should not permanently alter the characteristics of the Butler Run aqueduct qualifying it for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register (*see* 36 C.F.R. § 800.16(i)).

In terms of potential impact on archaeological resources, our only concern is that care is taken not to damage the old timber planks (on which the original structure was built) during the installation and subsequent removal of the temporary aluminum culvert.

Please keep in mind that if state funds are used or the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites helps with the above indicated project, then a certificate of approval will be necessary. The next quarterly meeting of the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board is scheduled for April 26, 2006, and the deadline for certificate of approval applications is March 17, 2006. A digital copy of the application is available via e-mail from the DHPA or the DHPA website at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/106statereview.html> (click on the certificate of approval link).

If you have any further questions regarding this determination, please contact our office at (317) 232-1646. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Christopher Koeppel. Questions about historic buildings or structures pertaining to this project should be directed to Shana Kelso.

Very truly yours,

Jon Jon C. Smith, Director
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

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