



CARPENTER STREET UNDERPASS
SECTION 106 - CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING
JULY 23, 2015

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Comment Sheets – Requested by July 30, 2015

Following the meeting, comments may be mailed to:

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WHY ARE WE HERE?

Purpose of the meetings on March 10, 2015 and May 11, 2015:

- Ensure that the public was adequately informed about the discovery of the archaeological site and its historic importance.
- Seek public input on mitigation/treatment options for the archaeological site.

Purpose of today's Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting is to seek input on the following:

- Historic importance and resource boundaries
- Anticipated effects of the project to the resource
- Options to mitigate adverse effects

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS & THE SECTION 106 PROCESS

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RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS

Because FRA is providing partial funding for the Carpenter Street Underpass project, several Federal environmental planning and historic preservation laws are triggered. These include:

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 REVIEW

- Historic properties are an important and valued part of many communities, contributing to a sense of place and identity.
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires that projects receiving federal funds consider effects on historic properties.

THE SECTION 106 PROCESS

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1. INITIATE the process

- Determine undertaking
- Coordinate with other reviews
- Notify SHPO/THPO

- Identify tribes and other consulting parties
- Plan to involve the public

*No undertaking/
potential to cause
effects?*

2. IDENTIFY historic properties

- Determine APE
- Identify historic properties

- Consult with SHPO/THPO, tribes, and other consulting parties
- Involve the public

*No historic properties
present/affected?*

3. ASSESS adverse effects

- Apply criteria of adverse effect

- Consult with SHPO/THPO, tribes, and other consulting parties
- Involve the public

*No historic properties
adversely affected?*

4. RESOLVE adverse effects

- Avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects
- Notify ACHP

- Consult with SHPO/THPO, tribes, and other consulting parties
- Involve the public

*Agreement
(MOA/PA)
or
Council Comment*



NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

SECTION 106 REVIEW

Section 106 applies to:

- *Properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*

Historic Properties include:

- *Buildings*
- *Structures*
- *Objects*
- *Districts*
- ***Sites***

To be eligible for the NRHP, properties must meet at least of one the following criteria:

- * *A. Associated with **events** that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our nation's history*
- B. Associated with the lives of significant persons in our past*
- C. Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (architecture)*
- * *D. That have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (**archaeology**)*

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 REVIEW

Major Participants in the Section 106 Review Process:

- The Federal Agency (FRA)
- The State Historic Preservation Office (IHPA)
- The Applicant (City of Springfield)
- The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (The ACHP is an independent federal agency that oversees Section 106 review and issues the regulations that implement it)

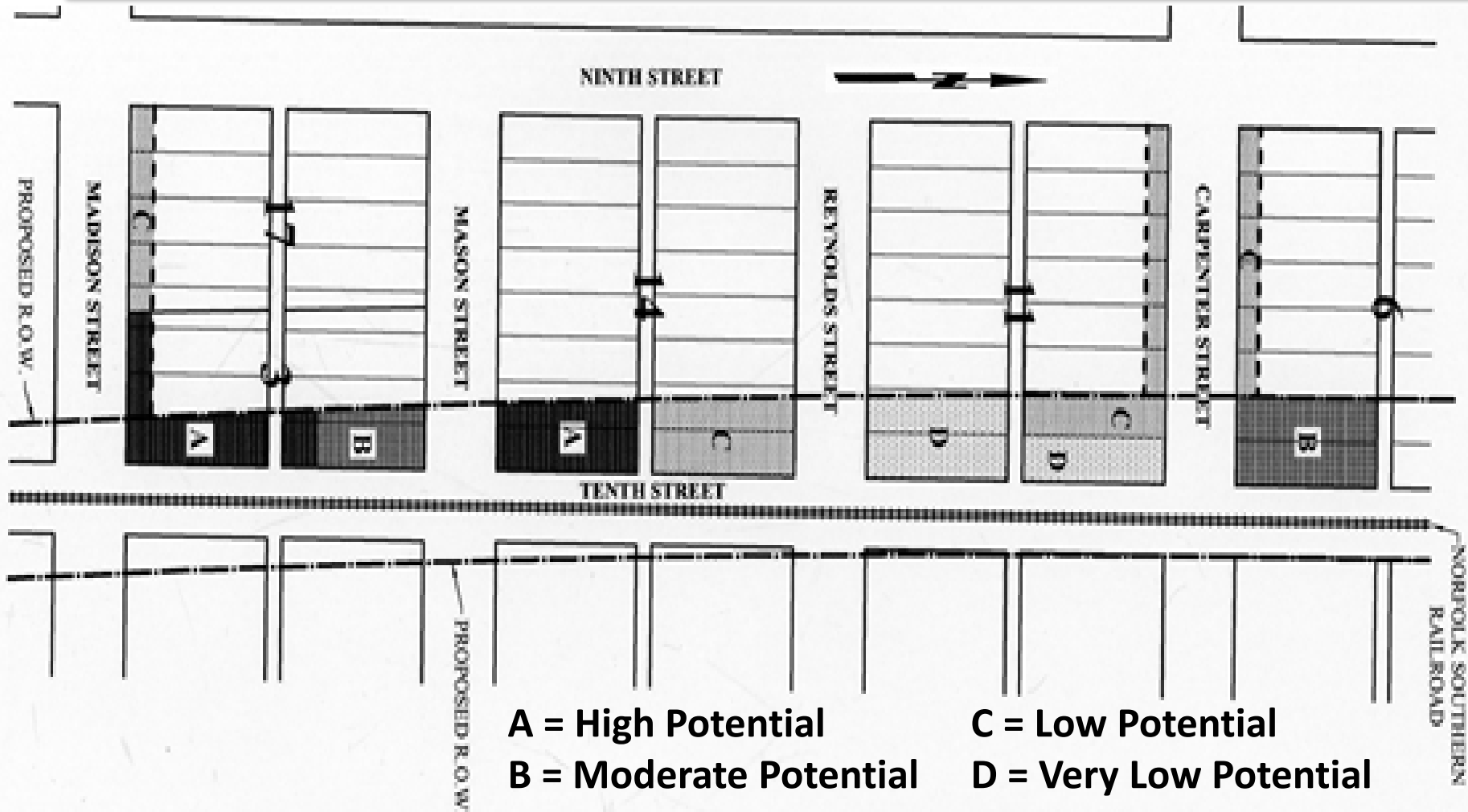
ABOUT THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

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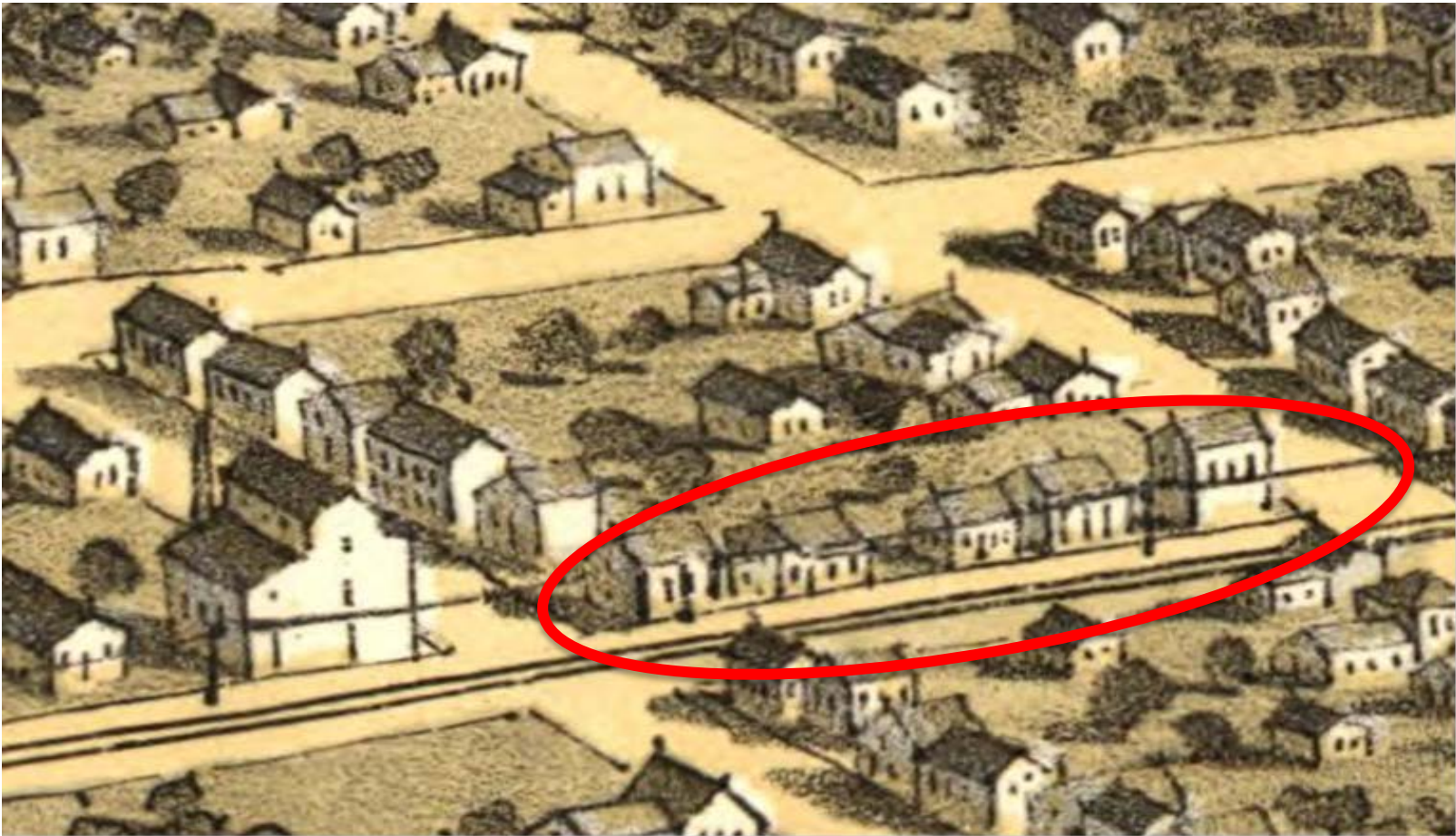


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PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

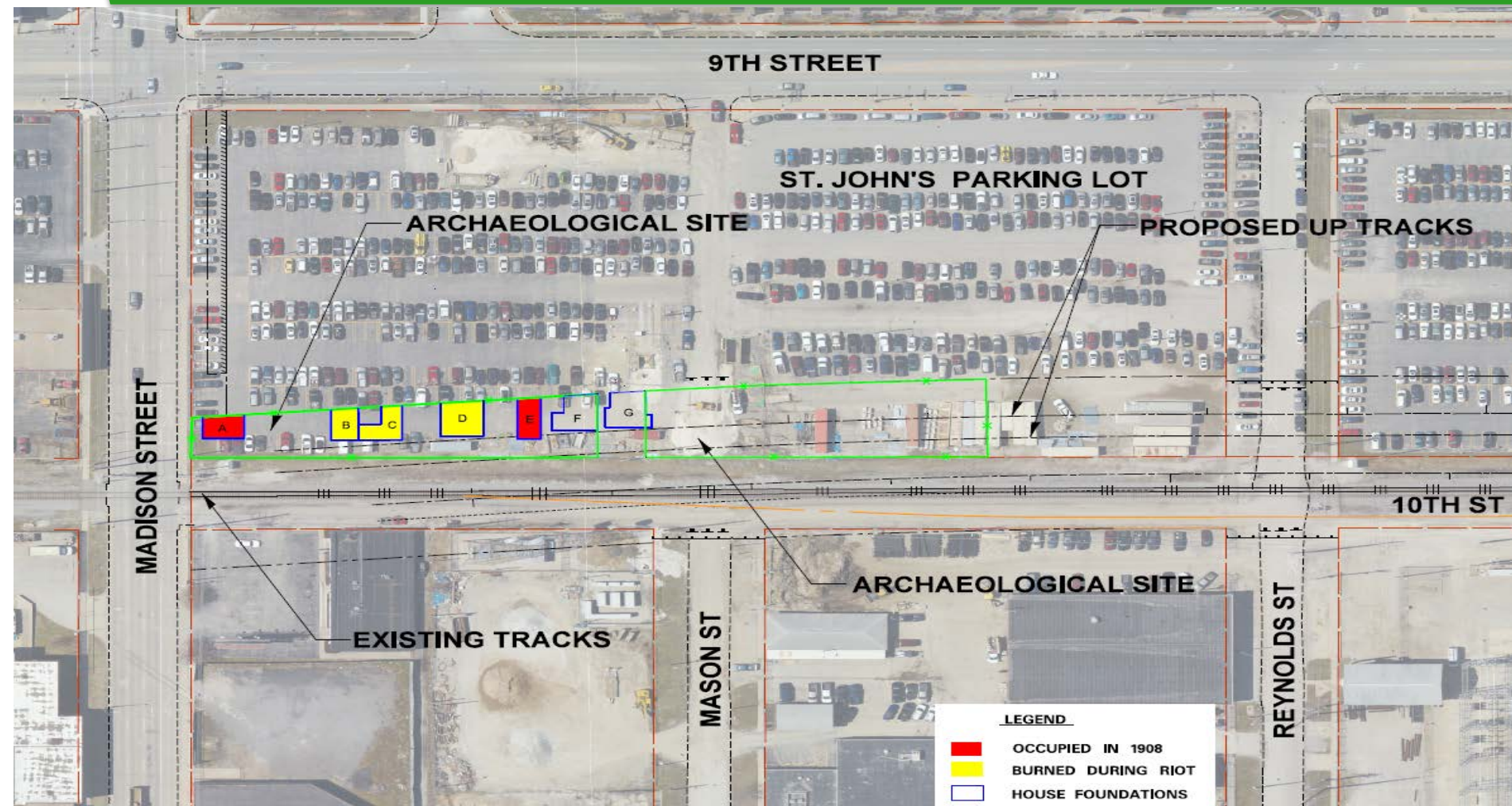


ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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CARPENTER STREET PROJECT AREA



SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE TODAY

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SITE PROTECTION

Why Was The Site Protected:

- Secured against vandalism and trespassing
- Protected from harmful weather conditions and erosion
- Secured until the Section 106 Consultation Process determines appropriate treatment or mitigation for the site
- Secured while the Project team further develops and evaluates engineering alternatives for the rail project

How Was The Site Protected:

- The excavated site features were filled with sand to prevent erosion or degradation of the features
- All features were covered with a geotextile fabric to prevent erosion
- The site is further protected by perimeter fencing and security cameras

THE SITE TODAY



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Anticipated Effects

Design Considerations:

- 1) **Avoid** adverse effects to the resource
- 2) **Minimize** adverse effects to the resource
- 3) **Mitigate** any adverse effects to the resource

Relationship between Adverse Effects and Mitigation:

- Treatment and mitigation options are meant to address any adverse effects.
- Consultation usually results in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which outlines agreed-upon measures that the agency will take to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects.
- In some cases, the consulting parties may agree that no such measures are possible, but that the adverse effects must be accepted in the public interest.

FUTURE OF THE SITE

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SITE OPTIONS

A key focus for the meeting today is to gain insight for possible treatment options and mitigation measures. Ideas collected to-date:

- Preservation in place
- Data recovery (i.e., excavation and curation of cultural material)
 - Educational programming, scholarly research and publication, incorporation into a museum display, site tours, etc.
- Install interpretative signage near the site describing its history and significance
- Commemorative park or building
- **Other ideas? We want to hear from you!**

NEXT STEPS

- Collect comment sheets. (Send to Kristina Miller by **July 30, 2015**.)
- Draft meeting minutes (for your review), summary of comments, and meeting sign-in sheet will be e-mailed to today's participants and organization representatives (by **August 10, 2015**).
- Meeting materials and the Draft Phase II Summary will be posted on the Springfield Rail website (by **August 10, 2015**)
<http://springfielddrailroad.com/newsite/>
- Review Site Treatment Options and Mitigation Measures
- Begin Development of the Draft Memorandum of Agreement

THANK YOU

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