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TO: REAL ESTATE DIVISION, INDOT
FROM: RON BALES, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY MANAGER, INDOT
PREPARED BY: MEGHAN HINKLE, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER, INDOT
SUBJECT: STATE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPTED PROJECT, LA 2846, PARCEL 46 (EXCESS PARCEL)
DATE: APRIL 8, 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF STATE FUNDED EXEMPTED PROJECTS

Under Indiana code IC 13-12-4-5, the Indiana Department of Transportation has determined certain types of projects to be exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act requirements outlined in 327 IAC 11. As this project has been determined to be excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements outlined in 40 CFR 1502.22 (b) it meets the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act. As long as funding, approval, and permitting requirements remain the same as reported on this form, at letting this project is exempted under 327 IAC 11-1-3, sec. 3. (e) (1). The following table demonstrates the exemptions agreed upon by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Governor of the State of Indiana in accordance with 327 IAC 11, and under the authority of IC 13-12-4 and 13-14-8.

SCOPE OF WORK

INDOT and IDOA recognize that state-owned excess right-of-way exists at various locations throughout the state. This land provides no function to the state highway system in terms of serviceability or maintenance, and prohibits development of the property for productive use for residential, commercial, agricultural, or other private or public use.

Additionally, state-ownership of land may reduce the availability of real estate that is subject to property taxation; revenue which could benefit the community as a whole. Selling such excess parcels of land would benefit the above causes, as well as providing the potential for additional revenue to the state from the proceeds of the sale.

Parcel 46 is located 3.84 miles east of U.S. 41 on the south side of State Road (SR) 26 in Warren County, Indiana. Parcel 46 is approximately 3.308 acres.

Statements of Disclosure:

Rivers and Streams: One (1) UNT to Big Pine Creek is adjacent to the western border of the subject parcel. No impact is expected; however, potential buyers should be informed.

IDEM 303d Listed Streams and Lakes (Impaired): One (1) UNT to Big Pine Creek is adjacent to the western border of the subject parcel and is impaired for E. coli. Anyone who is planning on being in or near water with E. coli should take care to wear appropriate PPE, observe proper hygiene procedures, including regular hand washing, and limit personal exposure. Potential buyers should be informed.

NWI - Wetlands: One (1) wetland is adjacent to the southwestern border of the subject parcel. No impact is expected; however, potential buyers should be informed.

With regard to above-ground resources, no buildings are located on this parcel, which is a grassy area with scrub brush growth. Trees are located along its southern border. The Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register) and National Register of Historic Places (National Register) information for Warren County was checked by an INDOT- Cultural Resources Office (CRO) historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualification Standards per 36 CFR Part 61. No listed properties are recorded on or near this parcel. The State and National Register information and the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) information was referenced through the Indiana State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) and the Indiana Historic Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Mapping (IHBBM). No IHSSI properties are recorded on or near this parcel.

This parcel is surrounded by agricultural fields. A residential property is located approximately 425 ft. to the northeast of the parcel. Based on a review of aerial photography, it was constructed sometime after 1998. It does not appear that the parcel contains any historic sites or structures. No further work is recommended prior to the sale of the parcel.

With regards to archaeological resources, excess parcel 2846-46 was included in an archaeological field reconnaissance conducted for a wetland mitigation site associated with the SR 26 Replacement project (Holycross and Stafford 1999). The parcel was subject to both pedestrian survey and shovel probing during the reconnaissance. No archaeological sites were recorded in the parcel and its archaeological potential was considered low because of its lack of topographical relief. According to SHAARD, no sites have been recorded in or adjacent to the parcel since the 1999 survey. It is therefore recommended that the sale of parcel 2846-46 be allowed to proceed without additional archaeological study.

SHPO concurred on October 11, 2019.

Check all that apply	Exemption number	Project type
	1	Pipe culvert replacement
	2	Bridge painting
	3	Mowing
	4	Installation, modernization or maintenance of signs, traffic signals, pavement markings, highway lighting, and channelization within the existing right-of-way
	5	Patching and crack sealing of roadway surfaces
	6	Resurfacing existing pavement
	7	Guardrail and fence installation or repairs
X	10	Right-of-way abstracting, engineering appraising, property management and administration
	11	Landscaping and erosion control
	12	Safety projects such as pavement grooving, flare screen, safety barriers, and energy attenuators
	13	Addition or reconstruction of railroad crossing protection
	15	Reconstruction or replacement of an existing bridge crossing a stream, railroad, or roadway
	16	Addition of special facilities to an existing highway for the exclusive use of buses
	17	Slide correction measures which are not emergencies but are necessary to preserve the highway facility
	18	Modernization of an existing highway by widening less than a single line (sic.) width, adding shoulders, adding auxiliary lanes for climbing, turning or weaving, and correcting substandard curves and intersections

(Please check all that apply)

This project is to receive no federal funding, permits, approval that would lead to NEPA requirements.

This project does not qualify as a "Major state action as defined under 327 IAC 11-3-4.

Furthermore, this action fails to meet the definition of "Significantly affecting the quality of the human environment" as defined in 327 IAC 11-3-6.

These conclusions were ascertained by a study of the work type (as listed above) and the accompanying documentation.

INDOT approved Red Flag Investigation

Historical/Archeological Survey

Other

As the Responsible Official for INDOT as defined in 327 IAC 11-3-5, I have reviewed the documented information and attest to the validity of this exemption based on current knowledge of the project and the existing known environment.



Ronald Bales
Environmental Policy Manager
Division of Environmental Services
Indiana Department of Transportation

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Appendix A:
Cultural Resources (Section 106)



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October 11, 2019

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State Agencies: Indiana Department of Administration ("IDOA"),
And Indiana Department of Transportation ("INDOT")

Re: Disposal of INDOT Excess Parcel 46, located in Section 10, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, in Pine Township of Warren County (LA Code 2846; DHPA No. 24390), associated with the SR 26 Road Replacement Wetland Mitigation Site (Des. No. 8610865)

Dear Ms. Kumar:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 14-21-1-14, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology ("INDNR-DHPA"), has reviewed INDOT's excess parcel historic sites and structures screening form dated September 16, 2019, with enclosures, which we received on September 17 for the parcel located on the south side of SR 26, about one-third mile east of Hooker Corner.

Based on the information INDOT has provided, it does not appear that Parcel 46 contains any structures that could be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP") or the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures ("IRHSS").

Based on the information submitted and the documentation available to the INDNR-DHPA, we have not identified any currently known archaeological resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP or the IRHSS within the excess parcel.

Accordingly, we do not believe that LA Code 2846, Parcel 46, in Warren County, contains a historic site or a historic structure.

If any archaeological artifacts, features, or human remains are uncovered during construction, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and -29) requires that the discovery be reported to INDNR-DHPA within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact INDNR-DHPA. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Beth K. McCord at (317) 232-3492 or bmccord@dnr.IN.gov. Questions about historic buildings or structures should be directed to John Carr at (317) 233-1949 or jcarr@dnr.IN.gov.

If there is any future correspondence regarding LA Code 2846, Parcel 46, in Warren County, please refer to DHPA No. 24390.

Very truly yours,



Beth K. McCord
Director
Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

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John Carr, INDNR-DHPA

**INDOT Excess Parcel
Historic Sites and Structures Screening Form**

Date: 9/16/19

LA Code/Parcel#: 2846/46

Associated Project Name/Des. #: SR 26 Road Replacement Wetland Mitigation Site/Des. No. 8610865

Legal Description: Section 10, Township 23 North, Range 8 West

Township: Pine Township

City/County: Warren County

Information reviewed (please check all that apply):

USGS map Aerial photograph

SHAARD

Previously completed archaeology reports

Previously completed historic property reports Interim Report

Other (please specify): Streetview imagery, SHAARD; Indiana Historic Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map

Holycross, David N. and C. Russell Stafford

1999 Archaeological Records Review, Reconnaissance, and Recommendation, Project STP-5686(002), Des. 8610865 Wetland Replacement for SR 26 Road Replacement, Warren County, Indiana. Report on file, Indiana Department of Transportation, Cultural Resources Office, Indianapolis, In.

List of Attachments:

Portion of USGS 7.5' series Pine, In topographic quadrangle showing the location of the parcel and nearby archaeology sites

2005 aerial image showing the location and nearby archaeological sites

Pertinent pages of the 1999 archaeology report

Portion of USGS 7.5' series Pine, In topographic quadrangle showing the location of the parcel and nearby IHSSI sites

1998 aerial image showing the location of the parcel and nearby IHSSI sites

2018 aerial image showing the location of the parcel and nearby IHSSI sites

Above-Ground Summary:

With regard to above-ground resources, no buildings are located on this parcel, which is a grassy area with scrub brush growth. Trees are located along its southern border. The Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register) and National Register of Historic Places (National Register) information for Warren County was checked by an INDOT- Cultural Resources Office (CRO) historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards per 36 CFR Part 61. No listed properties are recorded on or near this parcel. The State and National Register information and the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) information was

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Archaeology Summary:

With regards to archaeological resources, excess parcel 2846-46 was included in an archaeological field reconnaissance conducted for a wetland mitigation site associated with the SR 26 Replacement project (Holycross and Stafford 1999). The parcel was subject to both pedestrian survey and shovel probing during the reconnaissance. No archaeological sites were recorded in the parcel and its archaeological potential was considered low because of its lack of topographical relief. According to SHAARD, no sites have been recorded in or adjacent to the parcel since the 1999 survey. It is therefore recommended that the sale of parcel 2846-46 be allowed to proceed without additional archaeological study.

INDOT Cultural Resources staff reviewer(s): Shaun Miller and Mary Kennedy

***Pursuant to Indiana Code 14-21-1-14, the Indiana Department of Transportation on behalf of the Indiana Department of Administration is hereby notifying the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology of its intent to offer for sale or transfer the property listed above and described in the attached document. We request that the division inspect the property and notify the Indiana Department of Transportation of the location of each historic site or historic property within 30 days of receipt.

Reconnaissance covered excess parcel
2846-46

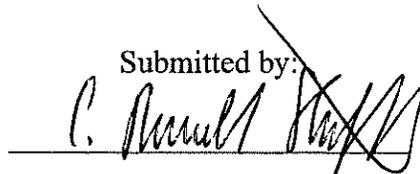
**Archaeological Records Review, Reconnaissance, and Recommendation,
Project STP-5686(002), Des. 8610865,
Wetland Replacement for SR 26 Road Replacement, Warren County, Indiana**

David N. Holycross

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Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Russell Stafford", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

C. Russell Stafford, Ph.D.
Director
Anthropology Laboratory
Indiana State University
Terre Haute, Indiana 47809

February 18, 1999

**Indiana State University Anthropology Laboratory
Cultural Resource Management Report 99-6**

The majority of the project area was occupied by a harvested bean with a surface visibility that varied from near zero to approximately 50%. During the examination, pedestrian visual transects were placed on a 5-6 m grid across the field. When visibility dropped below 20%, 1 m² areas were raked clear of vegetation prior to examination. Approximately 13-14 transects were walked across the field and an estimated 30-40 (1 m²) areas raked clear and examined.

The final phase of the examination consisted of shovel probing along both banks of the two small streams which roughly form the borders of the project area. Portions of the southern segment of the project site were excluded from shovel-probing, this was due to paludal environmental conditions within an area occupying a swale between a north-south ridge system. During this phase of the reconnaissance approximately 26-30 shovel probes were excavated to conclude the survey.

Reconnaissance Results and Recommendation

No new archaeological sites were discovered during this field reconnaissance. While there is a moderate expression of relief within the project area, the likelihood of archaeological deposits would certainly be more likely immediately outside of the project, where more significant topographical relief was observed. Therefore, the area is viewed as having relatively low archaeological potential and no further investigations of the project area are recommended. However, if any archaeological deposits are encountered in this course of this project, all activity in the local area should immediately cease. An INDOT archaeologist should then be notified for an on-site assessment. Such deposits may take the form of, but are not limited to, artifact concentrations, middens, pits or other types of features, human burials, or stratified/buried deposits in alluvial/colluvial matrices.

Appendix B:
Red Flag Investigation

From: [Mathas, Marlene](#)
To: [Hinkle, Meghan](#)
Cc: [Bales, Ronald](#)
Subject: RE: LA Code 2846, Parcel 46 Environmental Request: Excess Parcel, SR 26, Warren County, Indiana
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 10:58:31 AM
Attachments: [LA 2846-46 Site.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[LA 2846-46 Water.pdf](#)

Meghan –

LA Code 2846 Parcel 46 is located 3.84 miles east of US 41 on the south side of SR 26 in Warren County. The 3.308 acre parcel was originally scheduled to become a mitigation area; however, INDOT has since decided that this surplus land will not be needed for right-of-way or other transportation purposes in the foreseeable future. A review of a 0.5 mile radius for Infrastructure, Water Resources, Mining/Mineral Exploration, Hazardous Material Concerns, and Ecological (to include endangered bat species) GIS layers did not indicate any impacts associated with the subject parcel except for the following.

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Site location and Water Resources maps are attached.

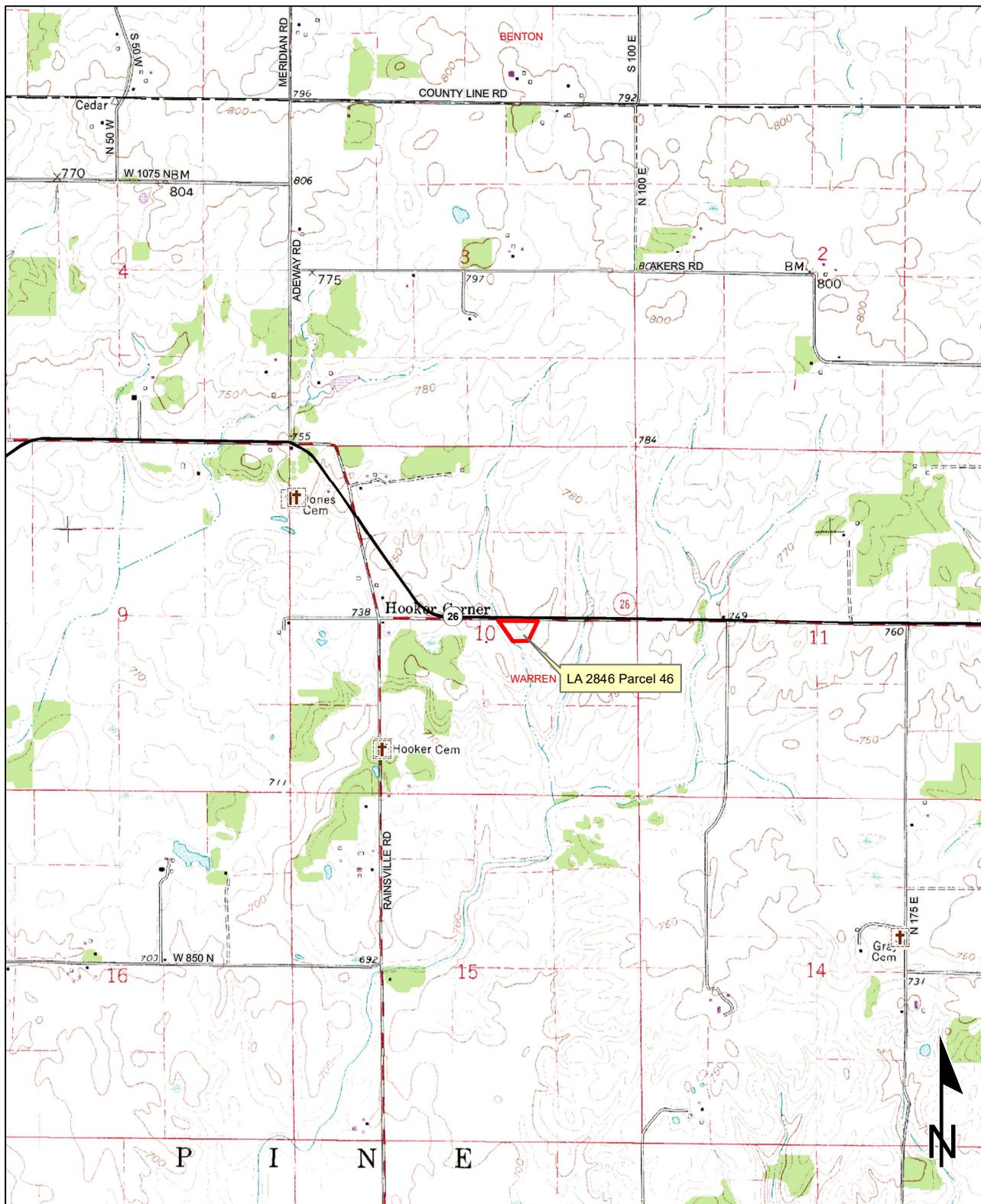
I will put this e-mail in ProjectWise to document the desktop review.

Marlene Mathas, CHMM
Site Assessment & Management (SAM) Team Lead
Environmental Policy Office
INDOT Environmental Services Division
PHONE # (317) 694-8284
Office Hours: 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

The Site Assessment and Management (SAM) Manual can be found at
<https://www.in.gov/indot/4170.htm>

Be sure to refer to the updated information in the SAM Manual for document preparation and

Red Flag Investigation - Site Location
 SR 26, 3.84 Miles East of US 41
 LA 2846 Parcel 46, Excess Parcel
 Warren County, Indiana



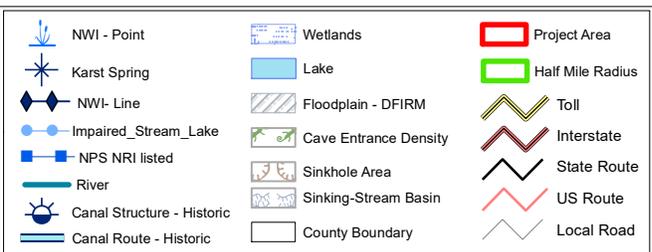
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 This map is intended to serve as an aid in graphic representation only. This information is not warranted for accuracy or other purposes.

PINE VILLAGE QUADRANGLE
 INDIANA
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES
 (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Red Flag Investigation - Water Resources
 SR 26, 3.84 Miles East of US 41
 LA 2846 Parcel 46, Excess Parcel
 Warren County, Indiana



Sources: 0.15 0.075 0 0.15 Miles
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Appendix C:
Parcel Documentation

EXHIBIT "A"

Project: ST-5686(D)

Sheet 1 of 1

Code: 2846

Parcel: 46 Fee

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 23 North, Range 8 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Warren County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin in concrete marking the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said section; thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 37 seconds West 1514.74 feet along the north line of said quarter section; thence South 1 degree 13 minutes 23 seconds East 60.00 feet to a 3/4" X 30" rebar with plastic cap stamped "BLA FIRM 0030" (hereinafter referred to as a "BLA rebar") on the south boundary of State Road 26 as described in a certain warranty deed from the Estate of Marilyn Jo Dillman to the State of Indiana, dated December 6, 1995 and recorded February 23, 1996 in Deed Record 121, pages 559-560 in the Office of the Recorder of said county, and the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description: thence South 24 degrees 53 minutes 42 seconds West 370.90 feet to a BLA rebar; thence South 55 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds West 175.00 feet to a BLA rebar; thence North 37 degrees 07 minutes 52 seconds West 501.46 feet to a BLA rebar on the southern boundary of said State Road 26; thence North 85 degrees 47 minutes 01 second East 453.83 feet along the boundary of said State Road 26; thence North 88 degrees 46 minutes 37 seconds East 149.93 feet along said boundary to the point of beginning and containing 3.308 acres, more or less.

This description was prepared for the Indiana Department of Transportation by Perry E. Jones, Indiana Registered Land Surveyor, License Number 9600016, on the sixteenth day of November, 1998.

Perry E. Jones



