

**Archaeological Survey For The Proposed Project STP-030-1, Wetland Mitigation Site -
U.S. 150 over Beaver Creek at Shoals, Des. No. 9611880, Martin County, Indiana**

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Abstract from Introduction and Management Summary

At the request of the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Indiana University (GBL) conducted a Phase Ia archaeological survey for the proposed Project STP-030-1, Wetland Mitigation Site - U.S. 150 over Beaver Creek at Shoals in Martin County, Indiana (Des. No. 9611880). The project area consists of a 1.05 hectare (2.6 acre) parcel of land and a 100 meter (328 foot) long access road 0.09 hectare (0.22 acre) in area. Approximately 1.14 hectares (2.82 acres) were surveyed.

The purposes of survey were 1) to identify and document all of the cultural resources in the project area, 2) to evaluate any sites found with regard to their eligibility for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (IRHSS), and 3) to make recommendations for the protection of significant and potentially significant sites.

Fieldwork was conducted November 14, 2001 by GBL archaeologists Devin Fishel, Sean Person, Krista Jordan, and Nicole Palmer. One previously unrecorded site, 12 Mn 642, was discovered during survey. Site 12 Mn 642 is an isolated find consisting of two chert flakes recovered from a single shovel probe. No evidence of buried A horizons were evident in soil profile (Table 2). Given the small size of site 12 Mn 642, and the lack of evidence for buried soils, it does not appear likely to contain intact buried cultural deposits with the potential to contribute information significant to Indiana prehistory. Cultural resource clearance is therefore recommended for the proposed wetland replacement project provided that all earth-moving activities are restricted to the currently defined impact area boundaries.

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