

**Archaeological Phase Ic Testing for the Proposed Daviess County Bridge No. 183
(Portersville Bridge), Des. No. 0088430, Project No. BR-9914().**

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Portersville Bridge, Daviess County Bridge No. 183
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Abstract from Introduction and Management Summary

This report presents background, methods, and results of Phase Ic subsurface reconnaissance performed on the floodplain on the south side of the East Fork of the White River for the proposed Daviess County Bridge No. 183 (Portersville Bridge), Des. No. 0088430, Project No. BR-9914(). This investigation was conducted by the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Office of Cultural Resource Management (OCRM), at the request of Crossroad Engineers, PC pursuant to environmental review compliance (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.; 36 CRF Part 800; 48 FR 44716; IC 14-21-1; 310 IAC 19; 310 IAC 20, and especially IC 14-21-1-31 (b) (3)), and authorized and approved by the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. The investigations were undertaken in accordance with the Department of Historic Preservation and Archaeology's *Guidebook for Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory—Archaeological Sites*. The results of these investigations apply only to the project limits as set forth below in section I.1.

The Phase Ic investigation was conducted under the supervision of Melody Pope, Principal Investigator with the assistance of George Mankowski, senior project archaeologist. Fieldwork was conducted between July 31 and August 2, 2002. The figures that accompany this report are the work of Bryan Will and George Mankowski. Suzanne Justice and Holly Hilton performed administrative duties for the project.

A total of six trenches were excavated resulting in coverage of approximately 3% of the floodplain within the project area limits, estimated at 3,252 m². No in-situ buried surfaces with associated cultural materials were documented by the subsurface testing. It is the opinion of the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Office of Cultural Resource Management that the proposed project area development will most likely not impact cultural resources eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places or the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures. Thus, cultural resource clearance is recommended providing all earth-moving activities are restricted to the currently delineated project area boundaries.