

**Archaeological Surface Reconnaissance of
Approximately 8 Acres of Floodplain Along the East Fork
White River, South of Columbus,
Bartholomew County, Indiana**

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At the request of Crowder and Darnall, Inc., on behalf of Mr. Richard Gottschalk, the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology (GBL) performed a phase IA cultural resources survey of approximately 8 acres of forested floodplain along the east bank of the East Fork White River, south of Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana. Approximately 8 acres of land were surveyed by means of an intensive visual pedestrian survey.

The purposes of the archaeological reconnaissance were to: 1) identify and document cultural resources in the proposed project area; 2) if cultural materials were discovered, assess their potential for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (IRHSS); and 3) make recommendations pertaining to the significance and future treatment of cultural resources within the project area.

Fieldwork was performed on April 1, 1998 by GBL archaeologist Wendy L. Natt. No cultural materials or features were found during the course of the survey. The GBL concludes that the proposed tree clearing, ford construction and associated drainage bank reinforcement, and sandbar excavation most likely will not impact significant cultural resources. Cultural resource clearance is therefore recommended for the project area.

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