

An Archaeological Reconnaissance of Approximately 48.12 Acres of Proposed Gas Pipeline Corridor, Extra Work Space, and an Access Road Associated with ANR Pipeline Company's East of St. John Loop, Lake County, Indiana

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Abstract (from Introduction)

At the request of Dames and Moore, Inc., the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Indiana University (GBL) conducted an archaeological reconnaissance of approximately 1.3 miles (2.0 km) of proposed gas pipeline corridor and associated work space totaling 35.12 acres (14.05 ha), 18 extra work spaces totaling approximately 5.85 acres (2.34 ha), and one proposed access road (0.83 acres) in Lake County, Indiana. Additionally, approximately 0.52 miles (0.84 km) of previously surveyed proposed pipeline corridor totaling 6.32 acres (2.53 ha) was subjected to further survey to widen the proposed corridor.

Survey of the project areas was conducted by GBL archaeologists Andrew White, Amanda Roth, Lee Fennimore, and Jessica Satkoski on March 4 and 5, 1999. Patrick O'Brien served as project director. The boundaries of the project areas were discussed and demarcated in the field by Mr. Rob Reed of ANR Pipeline Company and Ms. Danika Erickson of Dames and Moore prior to and during the reconnaissance.

The purpose of this reconnaissance was to locate cultural resources within the proposed pipeline corridor and associated extra work spaces and access road, and to assess the potential of those resources for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (IRHSS). This report describes the nature of the project and the project area, the reconnaissance methods, the findings, and the recommendations based upon these findings.

One previously unrecorded archaeological site (12 La 475) was located within the project areas. Site 12 La 475 is probably the remains of a short-term encampment. Surface artifact density was very light. A soil sample showed no evidence of soil discoloration below the plow zone. 12 La 475 is unlikely to contain deposits that have the potential to yield significant information about the area's history. The site is recommended to be non-significant and ineligible for inclusion on the NRHP or the IRHSS. No further investigations are recommended for 12 La 475 or for any of the areas reported herein.

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