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**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST. LOUIS DISTRICT**
**1222 SPRUCE STREET**
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103**

August 8, 2024

Engineering and Construction Division
Curation and Archives Analysis Branch (ECZ)

**Subject**: Gilead Slough Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project, Calhoun County, IL

The Honorable Governor John Raymond Johnson
c/o Representative Alicia Miller
Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

Dear Governor Johnson:

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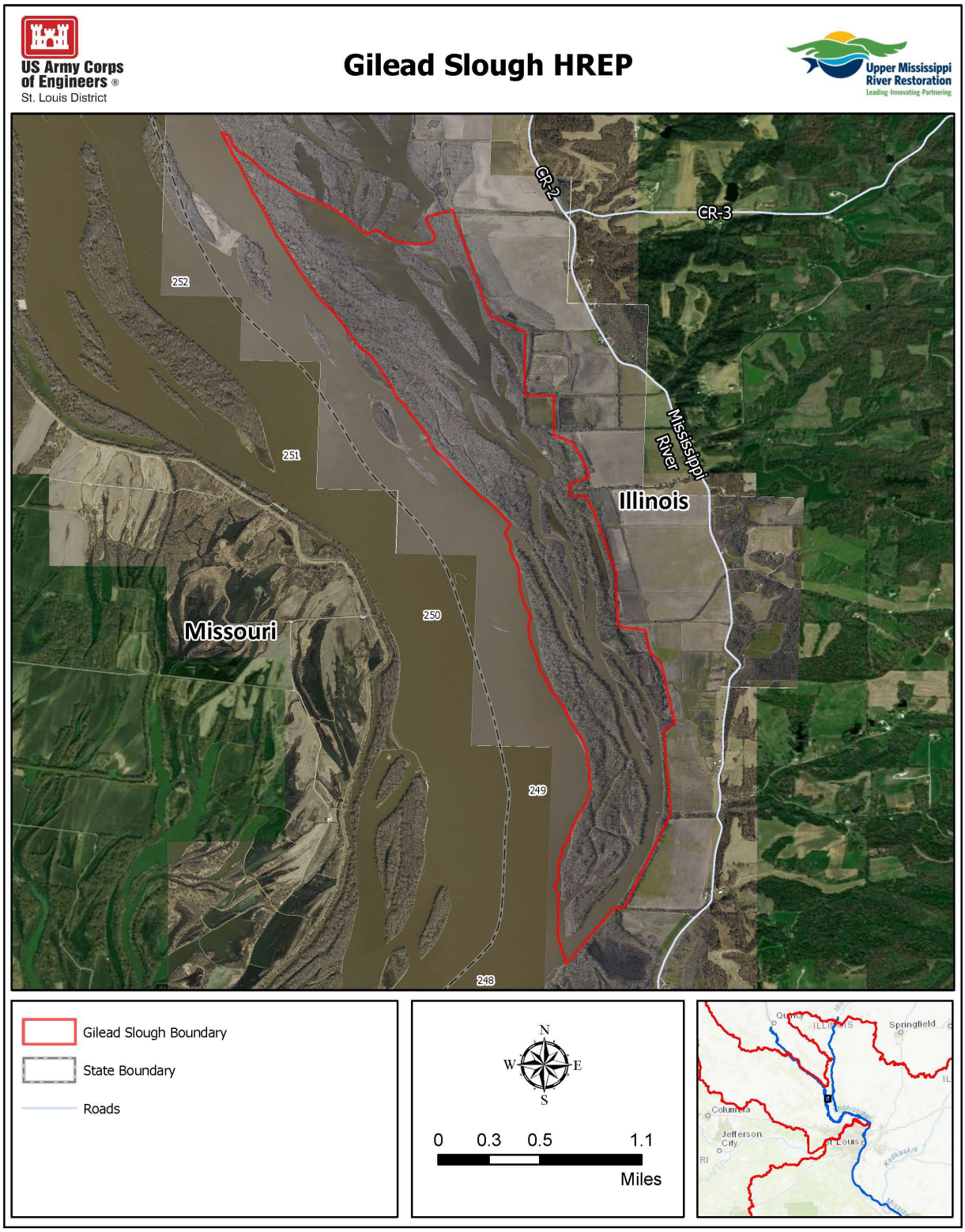


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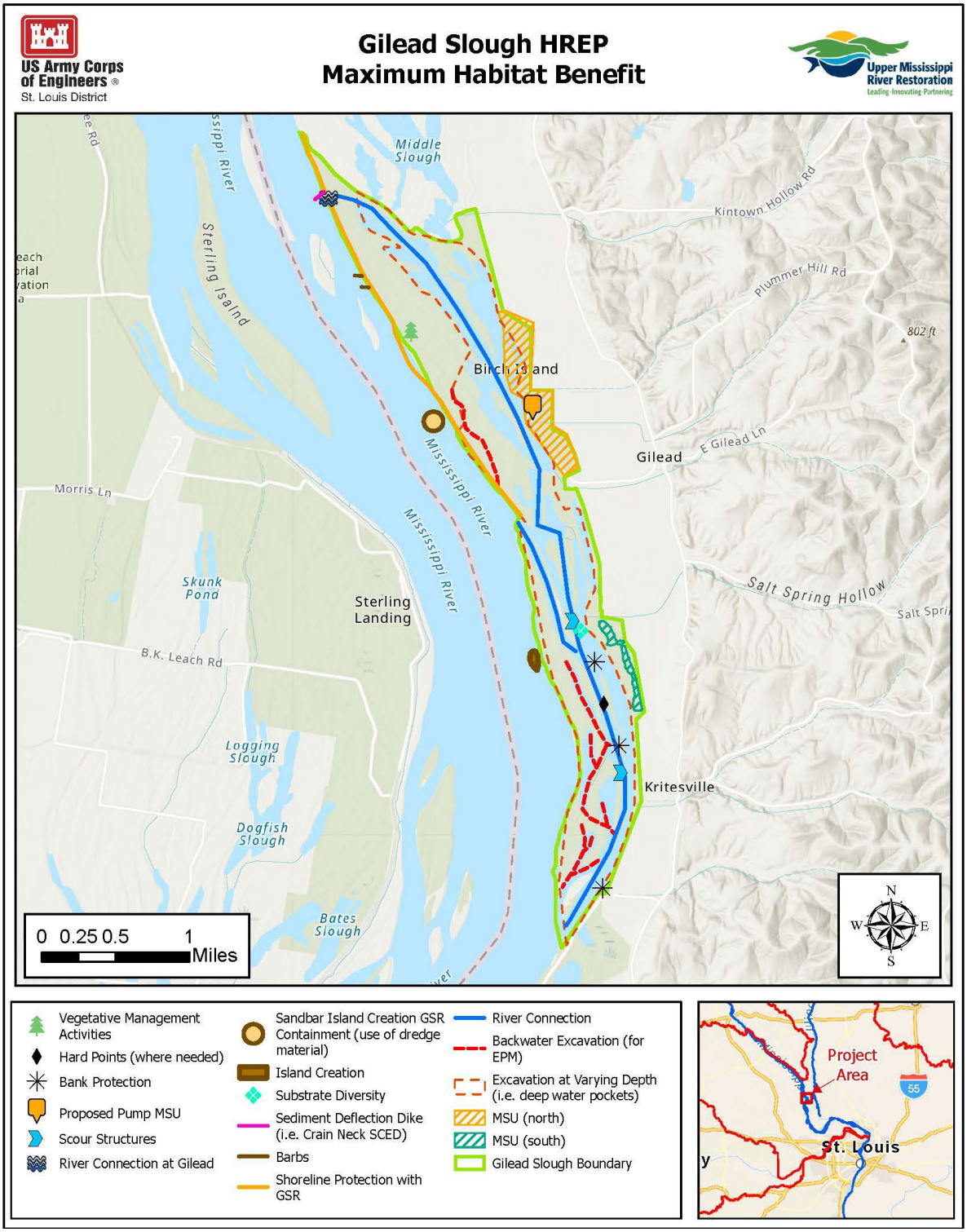


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| Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians | Chairman Bob Peters | 2872 Mission Dr. | Shelbyville | MI | 49344 | Ms. Lakota Hobia |
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| Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Michigan | Ms. Onyleen Zapata | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer | 1485 MNO--Bmadzen Way | Fulton | MI | 49052 | Onyleen.Zapata@nhbp-nsn.gov |

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**From:** Jonathan Rohrer
**To:** Trautt, Meredith M CIV USARMY CEMVS (USA)
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Gilead Slough Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project -
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 4:10:37 PM

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Meredith

Thank you for your request for consultation, received on 08-12-2024. The Caddo Nation appreciates your willingness to conduct proper consultation, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Upon review of the project and location I have determined that it does not affect known cultural, traditional or sacred sites of interest to the Caddo Nation. As such, the Caddo Nation has no objection to the project at this time. However, in the event that an inadvertent discovery of potentially relevant cultural sites, funerary objects, or human remains occurs, we request that the project be immediately halted and the proper authorities be contacted. Additionally, The Caddo Nation would need to be notified of an inadvertent discovery with 24 hours.

Should you have any question or concerns regarding this response please feel free to contact our office.

Best regards,

Jonathan

**Jonathan M. Rohrer**
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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**From:** Alan Kelley
**To:** Trautt, Meredith M CIV USARMY CEMVS (USA)
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: USACE St. Louis District, Gilead Landing, Calhoun County, IL
**Date:** Saturday, August 10, 2024 10:27:46 AM

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I Have No Concerns

On Thu, Aug 8, 2024 at 11:53 AM Trautt, Meredith M CIV USARMY CEMVS (USA) <Meredith.M.Trautt@usace.army.mil> wrote:
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> Dear Mr. Kelley,
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> Please see the attached letter for a proposed action at Gilead Landing, Calhoun County, IL.
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> Sincerely,
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> Meredith Hawkins Trautt, M.S., RPA
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> Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison
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September 30, 2024

Jennifer Riordan
Chief, Curation and Archives, Analysis Branch
USACE St. Louis District
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103

Re: Gilead Slough Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project

Dear Ms. Riordan,

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians' Tribal Historic Preservation Office has received the Section 106 consultation request for comments regarding proposed alternatives to restore and improve the quality and diversity of backwater, side channel, sandbar, island, wetland, and floodplain forest resources within Gilead Slough, Calhoun County, IL. At present, we are not providing any additional comments. We have not identified any information concerning the presence of any cultural resources significant to the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). This is not to say that such a site may not exist, just that this office does not have any available information for the area(s).

This office will be available to assist you in the future or during this project if there is an unanticipated encounter with human remains, funerary objects, and artifacts. The subsequent identification of additional historic properties affected by the undertaking will require reinitiating Section 106 consultation related to all ongoing and proposed project work and the handling of "discoveries" per the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, and, as applicable, the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and its implementing regulations, 43 CFR Part 10. In the event of an encounter with unanticipated human remains, funerary objects, and artifacts we request to be notified within 72 hours. At that time, the Tribe will determine if further consultation is necessary.

Please contact our office with any further questions or requests at 269-397-1780 or Section106@glt-nsn.gov. Also, keep in mind that there may be other Tribal Nations that may have an interest or knowledge of cultural resources within the APE that we may not know about. We thank you for including the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians in your consultation efforts and planning processes.

Sincerely,

Lakota Hobia

Lakota Hobia
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Lakota.Hobia@glt-nsn.gov
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CC: Meredith Hawkins Trautt, Meredith.M.Trautt@usace.army.mil

# Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

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Via email: meredith.m.trautt@usace.army.mil

August 14, 2024

Meredith Hawkins Trautt
Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison
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Re: USACE St. Louis District, Gilead Landing, Calhoun County, IL – Comments of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

Dear Ms. Trautt:

Aya, kweehsitoolaanki – I show you respect. The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, a federally recognized Indian tribe with a Constitution ratified in 1939 under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936, respectfully submits the following comments regarding USACE St. Louis District, Gilead Landing, Calhoun County, IL.

The Miami Tribe offers no objection to the above-referenced project at this time, as we are not currently aware of existing documentation directly linking a specific Miami cultural or historic site to the project site. However, given the Miami Tribe's deep and enduring relationship to its historic lands and cultural property within present-day Illinois, if any human remains or Native American cultural items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) or archaeological evidence is discovered during any phase of this project, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of discovery. In such a case please contact me at 918-541-7885 or by email at THPO@miamination.com to initiate consultation.

The Miami Tribe requests to serve as a consulting party to the proposed project. In my capacity as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, I am the point of contact for all Section 106 consultation.

Respectfully,

*Logan York*

Logan York
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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PEORIA TRIBE
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Via email: Meredith.M.Trautt@usace.army.mil

August 29, 2024

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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RE: Gilead Slough Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project, Calhoun County, IL

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The Peoria Tribe accepts this request to serve as a consulting party.

Respectfully,

*Burgundy Fletcher*

Burgundy Fletcher
Historic Preservation Specialist

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| **Cc:** | Raphael Wahwassuck |
| **Subject:** | [Non-DoD Source] Gilead Slough Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project, Calhoun County IL |
| **Date:** | Monday, September 9, 2024 12:12:52 PM |
| **Attachments:** | Gilead Slough Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project - Calhoun County IL.pdf |

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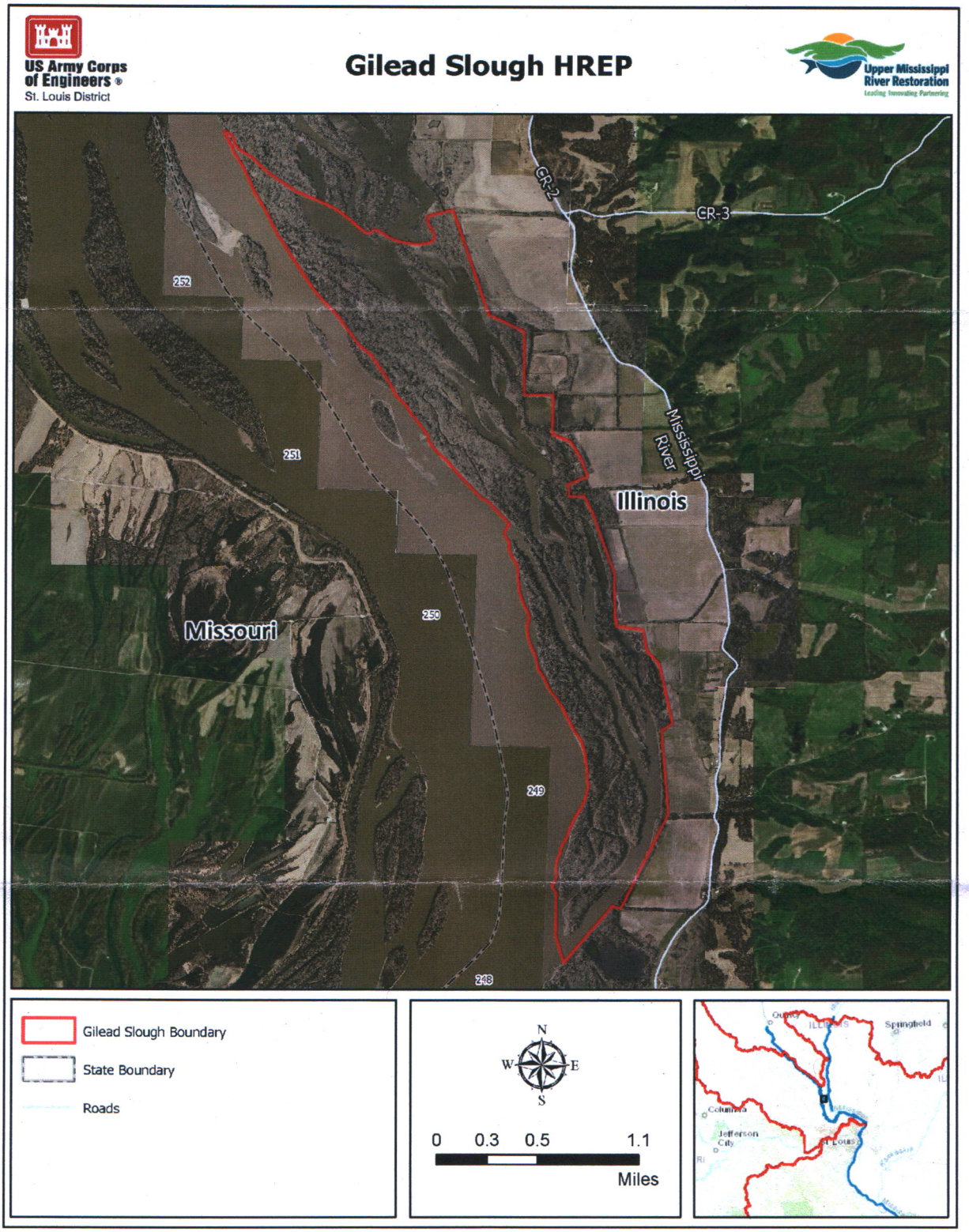


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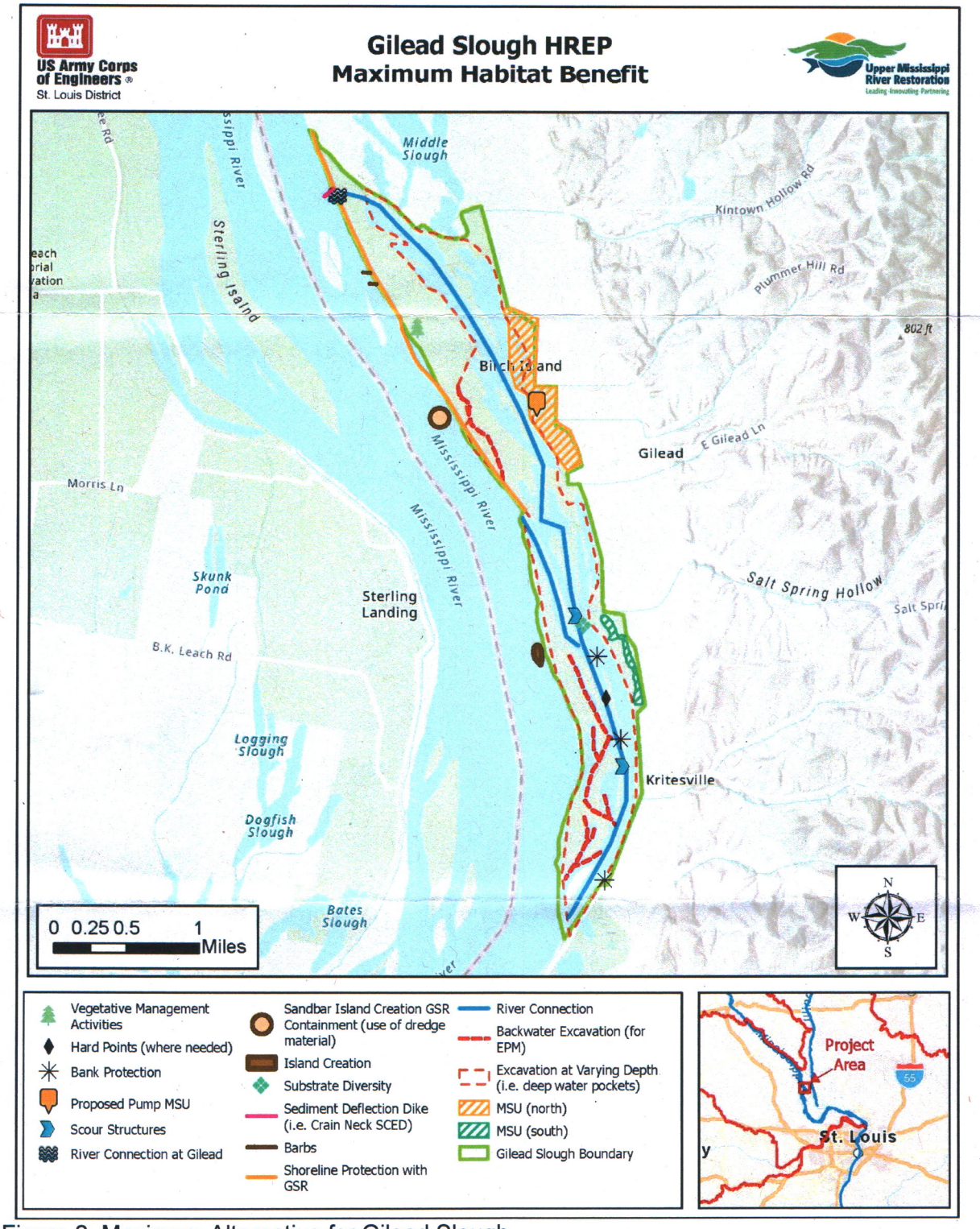


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**Cc:** Raphael Wahwassuck
**Subject:** RE: Gilead Slough Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project, Calhoun County IL
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2024 9:54:00 AM

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Good morning, Ms. Mitchell,
I apologize for my delayed response to this email. I am currently out of town for work and my access to email is limited.

Presently, the District has no information on archaeological sites within the Gilead Sough project area, however a cultural resource survey will be conducted prior to construction to identify and avoid any adverse effects to historic properties. We recognize the concern for looting and welcome any suggested protective measures you can recommend for us to implement if historic properties are encountered. We would like to continue this dialog as the project progresses to elevate any concerns you may have.

If you would like to have further conversations about this, I am back in town in October and can set up a meeting at that time.

Thank you,

*Meredith Hawkins Trautt, M.S., RPA*
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