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November 7, 2013

Ms. Anne Haaker
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
1 Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507

RE: Section 106 Project Information Request
Port of East St. Louis—North Cahokia Tract
St. Clair County, Illinois
SCI No. 2013-3194.40

Dear Ms. Haaker:

Please find enclosed a USGS topographic map (Figure 1) and an aerial photograph (Figure 2), showing the location of the proposed project in Sections 23 of Township 2N, Range 10W in St. Clair, County. The project area extends along the Metro-East Sanitary District levee from the railroad line onto the MacArthur Bridge (closed) and extends just south of Monsanto Avenue in Sauget, St. Clair County, Illinois (Figure 3). The current request for comment is part of the due diligence process prior to the proposed construction of an access road to serve the future Port of East St. Louis.

No known archeological sites exist within the project area. However, the project area has been subjected to several previous cultural resource surveys (Figure 4). Beginning in 1994 the Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program investigated the levee portion of the current project area for the Metro East Levee Trail Project (Witty 1997, IHPA Doc. 8469). Then in 2004, Markman & Associates conducted a Phase One Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) of a tract that encompasses all but the northern end of the subject tract (Markman 2004, IHPA Doc #13591). More recently, in 2012, SCI Engineering, Inc, conducted a CRS of a tract that encompasses all but the southern end of the current project area (Booth 2012, IHPA Doc. #19660). No cultural resources were identified in any of these surveys. Rather, they all demonstrated that the areas investigated, including the current area of interest, represented areas that had once been part of the river channel that had historically been filled-in and reclaimed. For example, in SCI's 2012 investigations, an exploratory trench near the current project area revealed a thick A-horizon (50 cm thick) over loose yellowish brown sand (Photo 1). The sand continued to 1.5 meters below the surface where the excavation was halted. Based on the findings of SCI's 2012 investigations, an IHPA "no historic properties are affected" memo was issued on August 11, 2012 (Appendix A).

A check of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's HAARGIS database indicated that there are no National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed properties within one mile of the project area in Illinois. Two structures, both bridges, have been determined eligible for the NRHP. In addition, there are nine identified structures that may be eligible for listing on the NRHP, but have yet to be assessed. None of these structures will be adversely affected by the proposed project.

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As this project will likely involve Army Corps of Engineers permitting, we are requesting your comments pertaining to Section 106. Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me at (618) 206-3034.

Respectfully,

SCI ENGINEERING, INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Booth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" and last name "Booth" clearly distinguishable.

Don L. Booth, MA
Chief Archaeologist

DLB/lf

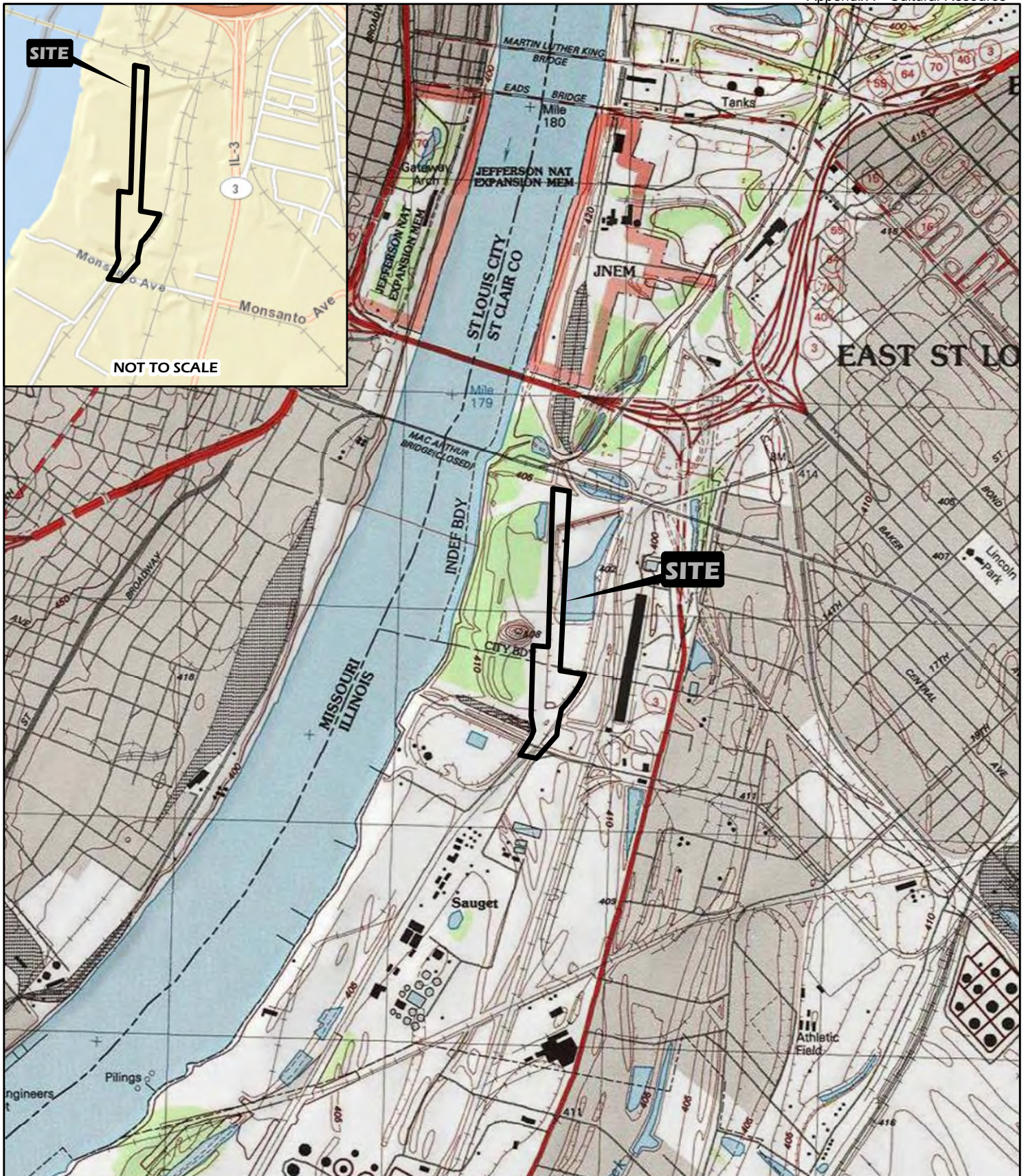
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Appendix A – IHPA correspondence

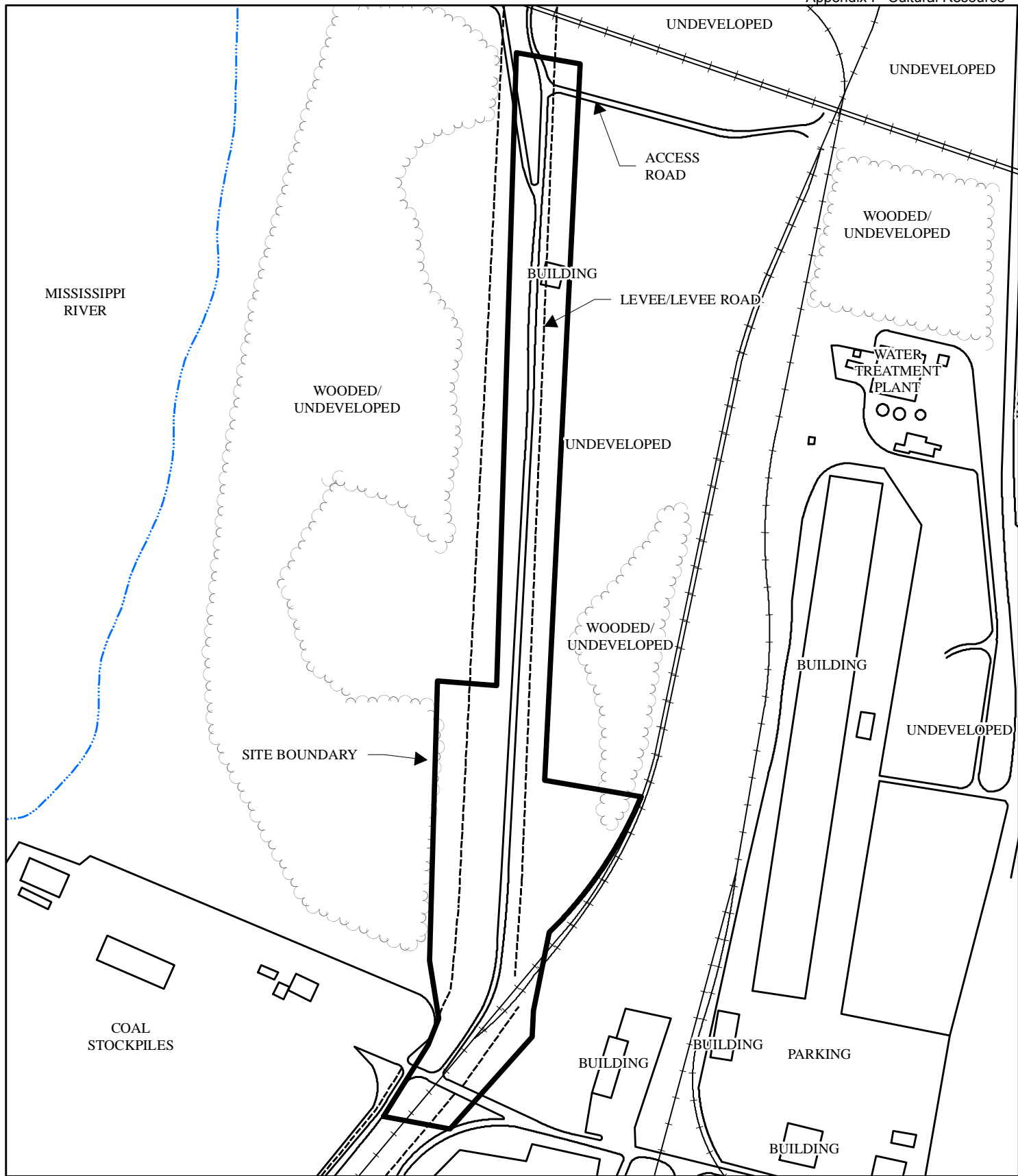
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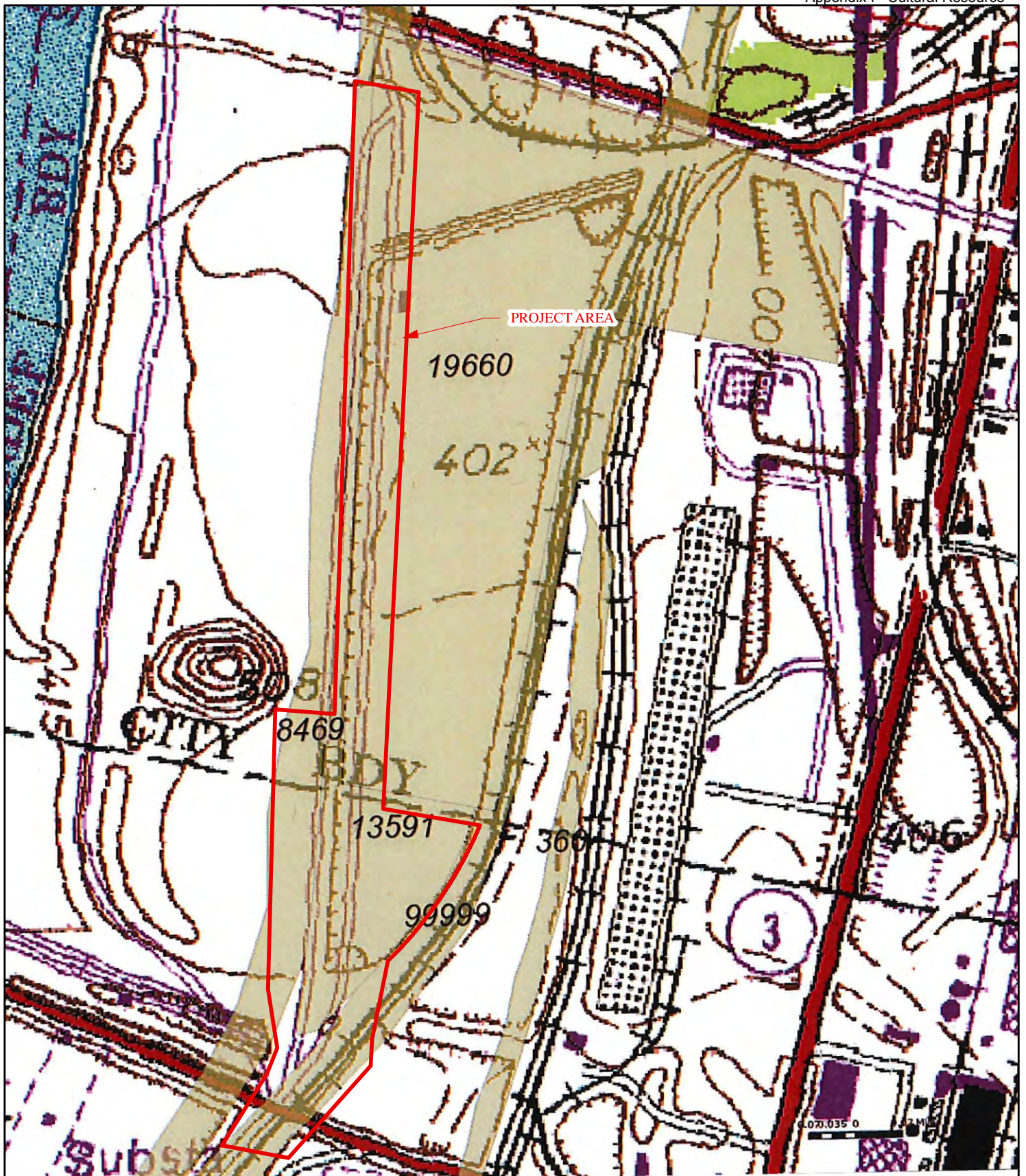
	PROJECT NAME PORT OF EAST SAINT LOUIS EAST SAINT LOUIS, ILLINOIS			GENERAL NOTES/LEGEND USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS QUADRANGLE DATED 1998 10' CONTOURS			
	VICINITY AND TOPOGRAPHIC MAP						
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	PROJECT NAME PORT OF EAST SAINT LOUIS EAST SAINT LOUIS, ILLINOIS			GENERAL NOTES/LEGEND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED FROM ARCGIS ONLINE - WORLD IMAGERY, DATED 12/2012.	 SCALE 1" = 500' FIGURE 2
	AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH				
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	PROJECT NAME PORT OF EAST SAINT LOUIS - NORTH CAHOKIA TRACT SAUGET, ILLINOIS			GENERAL NOTES/LEGEND  INDICATES APPROXIMATE RAILROAD LOCATION.
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	PROJECT NAME			GENERAL NOTES/LEGEND SURVEY DATA OBTAINED FROM IHPA ONLINE DATABASE, 11/6/2013. USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS QUADRANGLE - 7.5' SERIES DATED 1998 5' CONTOURS	 SCALE 1" = 500' FIGURE 4
	PORT OF EAST SAINT LOUIS EAST SAINT LOUIS, ILLINOIS				
	PREVIOUS SURVEYS MAP				
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Photo 1. SCI's 2012 Trench 4 profile. View to south.

APPENDIX A



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St. Clair County
East St. Louis
Mississippi River, south of I-70
Section:23-Township:2N-Range:10W
COESTL, SCI-2011-3213.40
Port of East St. Louis

PLEASE REFER TO: IHPA LOG #003030612

August 31, 2012

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Lynn Baker
City of East St. Louis
Office of the City Manager
301 River Park Dr.
East St. Louis, IL 62201-3022

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have reviewed the documentation submitted for the referenced project(s) in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. Based upon the information provided, no historic properties are affected. We, therefore, have no objection to the undertaking proceeding as planned.

Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This clearance remains in effect for two (2) years from date of issuance. It does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).

If you are an applicant, please submit a copy of this letter to the state or federal agency from which you obtain any permit, license, grant, or other assistance.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

c: Don L. Booth, SCI Engineering, Inc.
Edie Koch, DCEO