

# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

## SURVEY REQUEST

JB Pritzker, Governor  
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McLean County  
Bellflower area

PLEASE REFER TO:

SHPO LOG #001022521

Architectural Resources #1 – St. John the Evangelist Church at 332 S. Macon St., #2 – Exchange Bank and Lodge Building at the SW Corner Melvin St. and Latcha St., #3 – Commercial Building at 109 Latcha St., #4 – Bellflower Railroad Depot at the SW Corner Klenbeck St. and Latcha St., #5 – House at 39033 E. 400 North Road, #6 – House at 37857 E. 100 North Road, #7 – House at 40828 E. 100 North Road, Bellflower, #8 – House at 33357 E. 700 North Road, Arrowsmith, #9 – House and Carriage House at 2808 N. 3450 East Road, & #10 – Weedman United Methodist Church at 28518 Old Principal Road, Farmer City  
Archaeology Sites: 11ML22, 68, 94, 96, 1139-1159, 11ML5

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New construction, Sapphire Sky Wind Farm

April 21, 2021

Kevin P. McGowan, Ph.D.

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Dear Dr. McGowan:

The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office is required by the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420, as amended, 17 IAC 4180) to review all state funded, permitted or licensed undertakings for their effect on cultural resources. We have received information indicating that the referenced project will, under the state law cited above, require comments from our office and our comments follow. Should you have any contrary information, please contact our office at the number below.

Our staff has reviewed the archaeological Phase I reconnaissance report and the architectural report performed for the above referenced project. The Phase I survey and assessment of the archaeological and architectural resources appears to be adequate. Archaeological sites 11ML1139-1141, 1143-1146, 1148, 1150-1157, 1159 are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. No further archaeological investigation is necessary at these sites. In our opinion, the project as proposed will have no adverse effect on any of the architectural sites which may be potentially listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5 (b).

Archaeological sites 11ML1142, 1147, 1149, 1158 are potentially significant and, consequently, may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion "d". If your project will not affect the sites, then we can make a determination of "no adverse effect" for this project provided that the following conditions are met: 1) a deed covenant is placed on the parcel of property that contain the sites to ensure that no construction activity will occur and 2) The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office shall be provided with a copy of the executed covenant with evidence of its recordation at the appropriate county office. Please call if you wish a copy of a sample covenant to review.

If your project can not avoid the potentially eligible sites, then Phase II archaeological investigations to evaluate the significance of these sites will be necessary prior to construction. If the sites are determined not to be eligible for the National Register after the Phase II work, then no further investigation will be required. If the sites are determined to have met National Register eligibility criteria after the Phase II work, then either preservation (as described above and also possibly through a Memorandum of Agreement) will be required, OR a Phase III excavation based on an approved Data Recovery Plan with analysis of the site and a written report and artifact curation will be required to mitigate the impact of the project upon the sites).

Archaeology site 11ML22 has not been evaluated and will need to be monitored during construction activities, along with the NW quarter of Section 5. Sites 11ML94 & 96 have also not been evaluated, however this project will have no adverse effect on these sites. A monitoring plan must be submitted before any construction activities commence. Archaeology site 11ML5 is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and must be avoided.

A COPY OF THIS LETTER INCLUDING THE IHPA LOG NUMBER SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR WHOSE SERVICES ARE OBTAINED TO CONDUCT THE PHASE II INVESTIGATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR REPORT IS CONNECTED WITH YOUR PROJECT PAPERWORK.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Kruchten, Chief Archaeologist at 217/785-1279 or Jeffery.kruchten@illinois.gov

Sincerely,

Robert F. Appleman  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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18 February 2021

Mr. Jeffery Kruchten, Chief Archaeologist  
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Dear Mr. Kruchten and Ms. Wallace:

We have been asked by Inverenergy Wind Development LLC through Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to submit two reports we prepared in 2020 for the proposed Sapphire Sky Wind Farm Project. The reports are attached. Please note that Inverenergy Wind Development LLC purchased these reports from National Grid (formerly Geronimo Energy) and they are the current proposed developer. Our contacts for this work are Ms. Stacey Parks of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc, 2300 Swan Lake Boulevard, Suite 202, Independence, Iowa 50644-9708, (319) 327-0457 and Mr. Greg Vander Kamp, Inverenergy LLC, One South Wacker Drive, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 582-1097.

The attached reports entitled *Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance for the Sapphire Sky Wind Farm Project in McLean County, Illinois* and *Architectural Review for the proposed Sapphire Sky Wind Farm Project in McLean County, Illinois* detail the results of our investigations and recommend the avoidance of 11ML5 and cultural resource clearance. One copy of each has been submitted electronically and one hard copy will arrive in the mail. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your time and effort to review these findings. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about our investigations. I can be reached at (847) 287-9045.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin McGowan

- a: Research Report 198, Research Report 199, ASSR document, and digital report files on CDs.
- c: Ms. Stacey Parks, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- c: Mr. Greg Vander Kamp, Inverenergy, LLC..