

## **B.13 Tribal Coordination and Responses**

## **Tribal Consultation/Project Coordination for: BUT-North Hamilton Crossing (PID 115755)**

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**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 2:58:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [115755 Section 106 Effect Determination.pdf](#)  
[115755 Phase I Archaeology Report.pdf](#)  
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Hello Marcella!

Not sure about yours, but our weather is an interesting mess. Freezing fog last week, then mild with rain, which turned to snow over the weekend, but barely enough to whiten the ground. What fun.

Here is a project our office processed recently, and one we've discussed at TNC the last two years: a new connector road across the City of Hamilton in southwest Ohio.

Below is a longer-than-normal project summary and attached are the Section 106 Effect Determination and the Phase I archaeological survey report prepared for this project.

Let me know if you need anything else for your review or if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, Marcella!

Jason

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BUT-North Hamilton Crossing New Roadway Project (PID 115755)

- New four-lane boulevard-style roadway connecting US Route 127 with State Route 129 through the City of Hamilton, Butler County, southwest Ohio.
- The new roadway project will travel across the City of Hamilton in a northwest to southeast direction and will improve connectivity between the two major routes.
- The project also includes a shared use path on one side of the new roadway and a sidewalk on the other.
- Background research and literature reviews helped determine the preferred alignment. A relatively intact precontact village (33BU2 – Campbell Island Village) is located north of the project and near one of the early alternatives considered. Because of this sensitive site, consideration of the alignment that traveled closest to the site was discontinued.
- Two recorded sites are either in or reported in the project area. Site 33BU6, Hamilton Mound, was recorded at the western end of the project. Several accounts state that this mound was destroyed in the late 1800s during street and roadway grading work. The location of the mound on the Ohio SHPO's database is only an approximation based on several sources. The other site, 33BU631 (a precontact lithic scatter and a 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> century refuse scatter) was identified in 1998 by Algonquin Archaeological Consultants, Inc. during a survey

for a borrow area. Subsequent assessment level studies on this site determined that it was not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

- An archaeological survey and disturbance assessment was conducted across the entire project corridor by a prequalified archaeological consultant. The majority of the area has been extensively modified by multiple waves of commercial, industrial and residential development dating to at least the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.
- This is the case in the reported location of Hamilton Mound, where no evidence of vestiges of the mound exists today. No archaeological testing was feasible at the potential mound locations due to standing structures. Both commercial and industrial vacant lots were covered by parking lots, while vacant residential lots exhibited surface remains associated with demolished buildings.
- Elsewhere in the project area, one relatively undisturbed area was subject to subsurface archaeological testing – a 1000 foot long and 100 foot wide corridor at the project’s eastern end.
- Test units encountered both disturbed and natural soils across the area. However, no archaeological resource was identified in any of the test units, indicating no southern extension of the previously inventoried multicomponent site 33BU631.
- Based on this information, no potential for significant archaeological sites occurs within the BUT-North Hamilton Crossing project area and the Ohio DOT determined that a “no adverse effect” Section 106 effect determination was appropriate for the project.

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Well Rusty at least you saw snow. We have had such a tiny amount of moisture here. Had a little bit of rain last weekend but not what we need.  
So I read the project and have no issues with it. Shame about the mound. Progress marches on.  
Also I have turned in my plans to retire at the end of September 2026.

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Here is a project our office processed recently, and one we've discussed at TNC the last two years: a new connector road across the City of Hamilton in southwest Ohio.

Below is a longer-than-normal project summary and attached to this email are multiple documents to help your review: the Section 106 Effect Determination, location mapping, the Ohio Archaeological Inventory forms for sites 33BU2, 33BU6, and 33BU631, and the Phase I archaeological survey report prepared for this project.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Rusty Barometer

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This email is in response to PID 115755.

The Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Department has the following response to this project:

The Shawnee Tribal Historic Preservation Department concurs that no known historic properties eligible for the National Registry will be negatively impacted by this project according to the provided documentation. However, there is still potential for the discovery of unknown resources. Please continue with the project as planned, but in the event of an inadvertent discovery of archaeological materials or human remains during construction, use, or maintenance of this location, please re-notify us at that time as we would like to resume immediate consultation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me via email at [Section106@shawnee-tribe.com](mailto:Section106@shawnee-tribe.com)

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project



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