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Subject: Re: Aurora Rail Abandonment 2018POR39336
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Jenny,

Thank you very much for the information and I will reach out to Danielle as well in this email with my information.

FYI, I will also be looking into applying to register my home and checking with the neighbors to see if they wish to attempt the same. Reason being is not much research has been documented on the homes and there seems to be a lot more historic value in this community than what is currently known. My neighbors and I feel the exempted railway length should include at least 2500 feet further east from the current proposal to encompass the old stone boulder railroad river overpass and the homes that were directly in line with the railroad.

My house has some Civil War beams and log floor joists and posts, parts of a cooking stove from what I was told, in the basement according to the previous owners. I believe my neighbor's home might have boarded persons during the railroad days. My basement has revealed some items without me digging or anything, such as ink wells, rail spikes, small hand tools, railroad serving spoon as well as railroad items. There is my and my neighbor's home which narrowly survived the flood that destroyed the historic cheese house across the street from us and the scarring on the hills of our back yards can be seen. Another example, my house property levels off even with the tracks and gives rise to if it was involved in the railroad since there are some items like spoons and misc items in the yard and basement that constantly pop up. The property contains significant small items including a large amount of train coal, rail spikes, rail plates, coach padlocks from unknown dates, and other items some buried and some exposed throughout my yard. I also heard that decades ago Kent State University used my and the neighbors woods for a study of some of the oldest trees in the community or something like this, but again this is not confirmed yet.

I will have to research the significance of these little circumstantial items but it has never been done fully according to the local historical society and I think there is a lot more there.

Respectfully

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On Fri, Jun 8, 2018 at 12:30 PM, Jenny Bellville-Marrion
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Hello Scott,

Thank you for reaching out to our office regarding the Aurora Rail Abandonment project. I have attached a few things regarding our role in the Section 106 review process. In order to be consulting party, please send your comments to Danielle Gosselin. Her contact information is in the Consultation Letter. I will forward this email to her. If you know anyone else who would like to comment on mitigation or potential effects to historic properties, please feel free to give them a copy of this information. Or forward my contact information.

We look forward to hearing your comments and working through this consultation process. If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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