

APPENDIX B

SOLICITATION LETTERS
AND RESPONSES

December 1, 2004



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Senator Jim Inhoffe
1924 S. Utica, Ste. 530
Tulsa, OK 74104-6511

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Senator Tom Coburn
P.O. Box 977
Muskogee, OK 74402

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Representative John Sullivan
2424 East 21st Street, Ste. 510
Tulsa, OK 74114

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Representative Dan Boren
P.O. Box 149
Okemah, OK 74859

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Mr. Richard Green
Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Ave., Ste. 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Mr. Mark Coleman
Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1677
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Mr. Don Klima
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
12136 West Bayaud Ave., Ste. 330
Lakewood, CO 80228

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Dr. Robert Brooks
Oklahoma Archeological Survey
111 E. Chesapeake
Norman, OK 73019-0575

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Oklahoma Historical Society
2704 Villa Prom, Shepard Mall
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

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Ms. Kathy Peter
U.S. Geological Survey
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Oklahoma City, OK 73116

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Oklahoma Conservation Commission
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Ste. 160
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Mr. Darrell Dominick
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
100 USDA, Ste. 206
Stillwater, OK 74074-2655

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Mr. Gary McAdams
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma
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Anadarko, OK 73005

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
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Tahlequah, OK 74465

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Ms. Joyce Bear
Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

Dear Ms. Bear,

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Mr. Anthony Whitehorn
Osage Nation of Oklahoma
627 Grandview Ave.
Pawhuska, OK 74056

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Mr. Emman Spain
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Mr. Micky Webb
City of Bixby
P.O. Box 70
Bixby, OK 74008

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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Mr. James Twombly
City of Broken Arrow
200 S. First
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

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Mr. L. Calhoun
City of Sand Springs
P.O. Box 338
Sand Springs, OK 74063

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

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200 Civic Center
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December 15, 2004

C.H. Guernsey & Company
5555 N. Grand Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

RE: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

To Whom It May Concern:

The Osage Tribe of Oklahoma has evaluated the above reference sites, and we have determined that the site could have religious or cultural significance to the Osage Tribe being our former reservation & homeland. However, if construction activities should expose Osage archeological materials, such as bone, pottery, chipped stone, etc., we ask that construction activities cease, and this office be contacted so that an evaluation can be made

Should you have any questions, you can reach me at (918) 287-5446.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Anthony P. Whitehorn
Tribal Enterprise Manager



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Ken Senour
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5555 North Grand Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

RE: Dept. of Army Corps of Engineers Tulsa District proposed preparation of Phase 2 Master Plan for 42 miles of Arkansas River from Keystone Dam to Tulsa/Wagoner County Line; Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Senour:

We have received the referenced project for review, but find that additional information is necessary. We need to know the exact location of the areas involved. We prefer to receive the project location on a USGS 7.5 min. topographic quadrangle map (or Xerox copy).

Note: Please plot project area on USGS topographic maps.

Please contact this office at (405) 325-7211 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Margaret Dew
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United States Department of Agriculture



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December 20, 2004

Ken Senour
C.H. Guernsey & Company
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RE: Prime Farmlands Review for Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

Dear Mr. Senour:

Based on our conversation today by phone that development could occur along a corridor measured approximately ½ mile from the center of the Arkansas River (on each side), we have determined that prime farmland is present in the project area and is therefore subject to the provisions of the Farmland Policy Protection Act. Form AD – 1006 will need to be completed to meet provisions of the Farmland Protection Policy Act. This form can be found on the World Wide Web at:
[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/FPPA/pdf Files/AD1006.PDF](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/FPPA/pdf%20Files/AD1006.PDF).

Prime farmland is a rapidly diminishing, irreplaceable natural resource. All practical alternatives should be evaluated in order to minimize adverse impacts on these lands.

In order to aid in the evaluations of these alternatives, please find enclosed a copy of the Tulsa County Soil Survey Maps covering the proposed project area. A list of prime farmland soils for Tulsa County is also enclosed.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this proposed action early in the planning stage. If you have any questions, I can be contacted by phone at (918) 280-1596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Bishop".

GARY BISHOP
District Conservationist

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PRIME FARMLAND

Survey Area- TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Map Symbol	Prime Farmland Code	Soil Mapunit Name
1	1	APPERSON SILTY CLAY LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
2	1	APPERSON SILTY CLAY LOAM, 3 TO 5 PERCENT SLOPES
3	1	BATES LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
5	1	CATOOSA SILT LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
7	1	CHOSKA VERY FINE SANDY LOAM, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES, RARELY FLOODED
9	1	CLEORA FINE SANDY LOAM, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES, OCCASIONALLY FLOODED
12	1	DENNIS SILT LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
13	1	DENNIS SILT LOAM, 3 TO 5 PERCENT SLOPES
19	1	ERAM SILTY CLAY LOAM, 3 TO 5 PERCENT SLOPES
24	1	KAMIE FINE SANDY LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
29	1	LATANIER CLAY, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES, OCCASIONALLY FLOODED
30	1	LULA SILT LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
31	1	MASON SILT LOAM, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES, RARELY FLOODED
32	1	NEWTONIA SILT LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
33	1	NEWTONIA SILT LOAM, 3 TO 5 PERCENT SLOPES
39	1	OKAY LOAM, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES
40	1	OKAY LOAM, 1 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
41	1	OKAY LOAM, 3 TO 5 PERCENT SLOPES
43	1	OKEMAH SILT LOAM, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES
45	1	OSAGE SILTY CLAY, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES, OCCASIONALLY FLOODED
47	1	RADLEY SILT LOAM, 0 TO 1 PERCENT SLOPES, OCCASIONALLY FLOODED
49	1	SEVERN VERY FINE SANDY LOAM, 0 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES, RARELY FLOODED
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Prime
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Code Description

1 All areas are prime farmland.



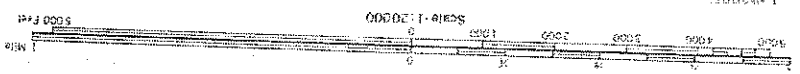
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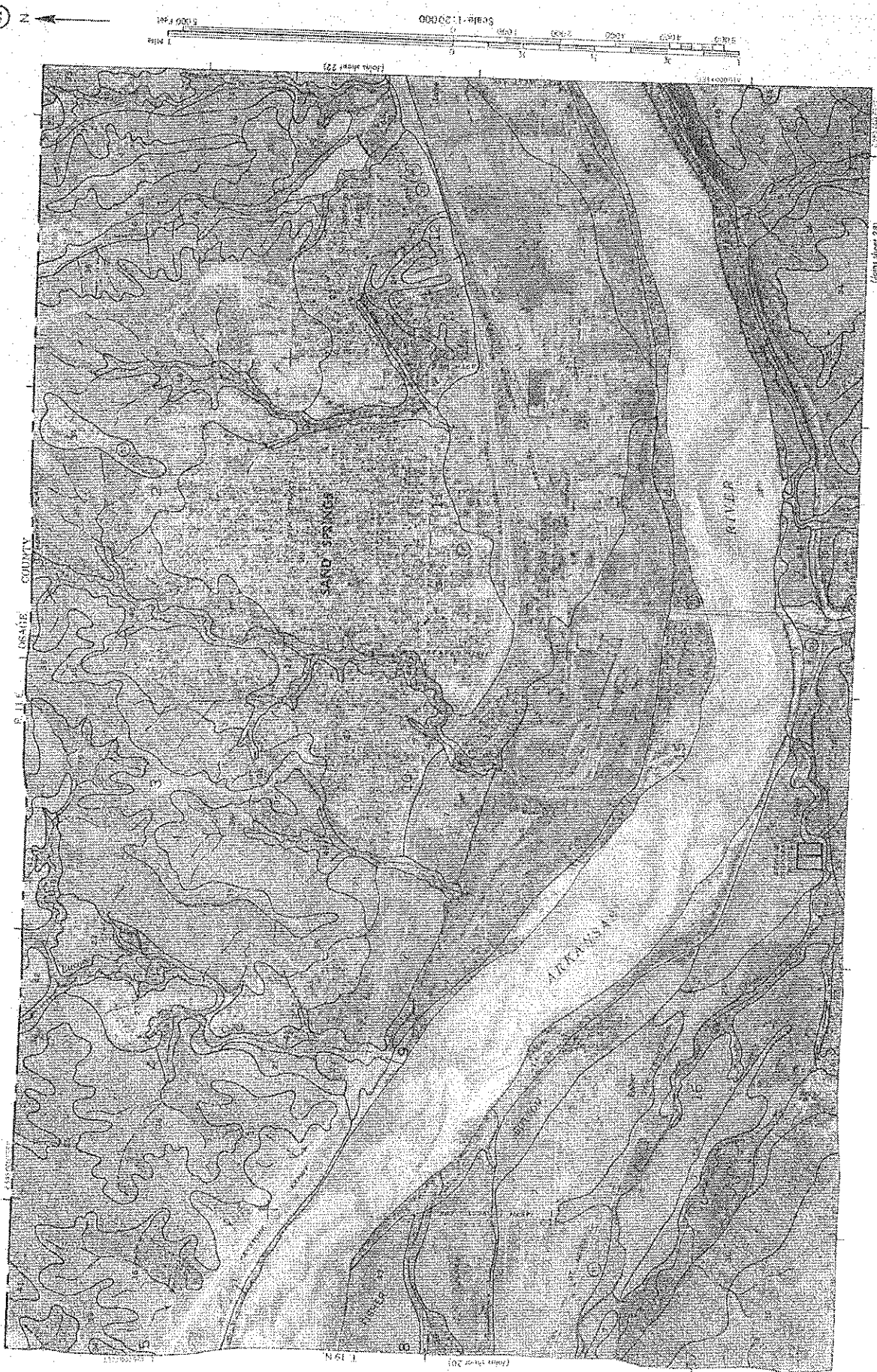
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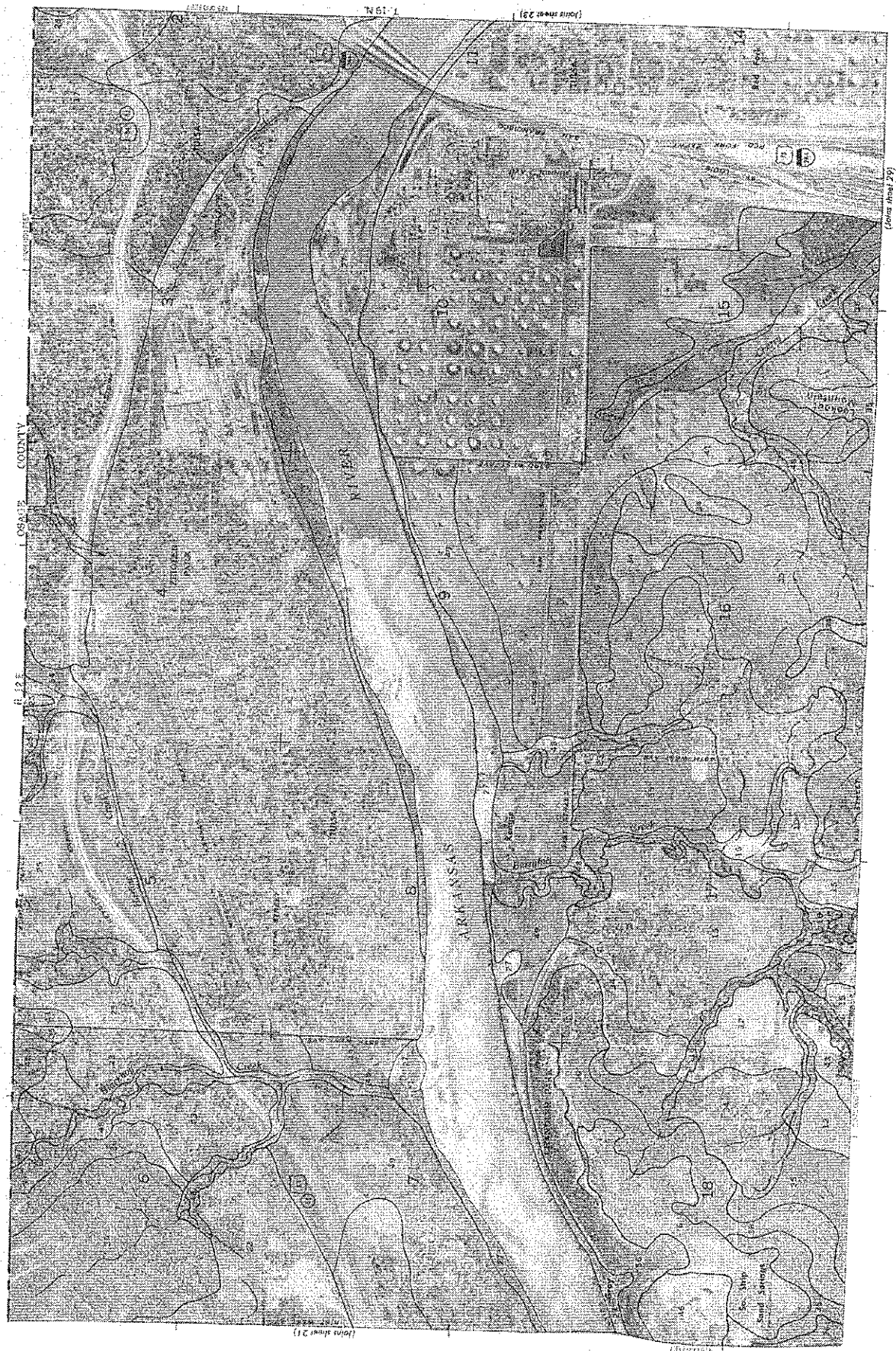
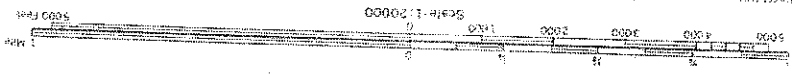
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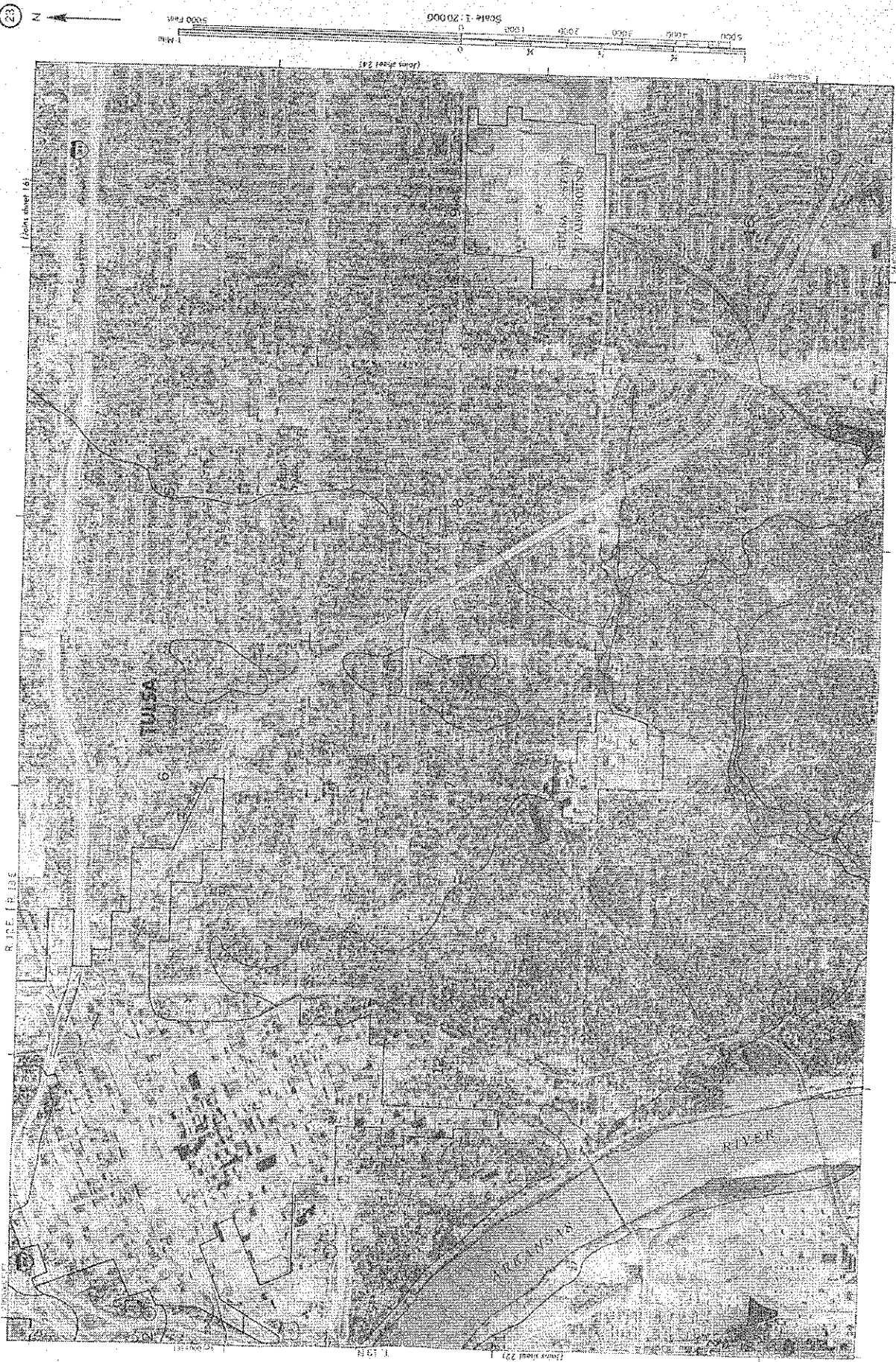
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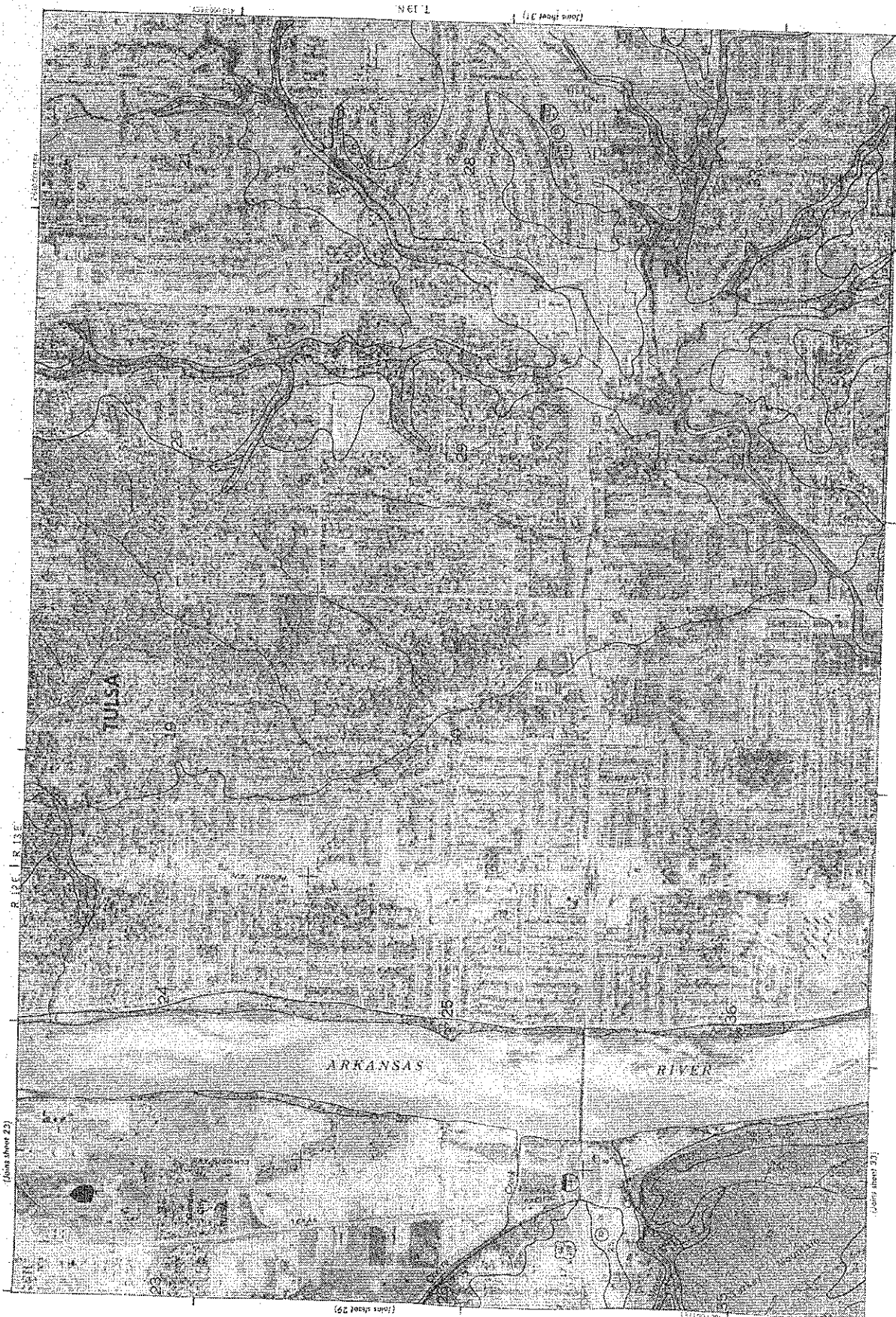
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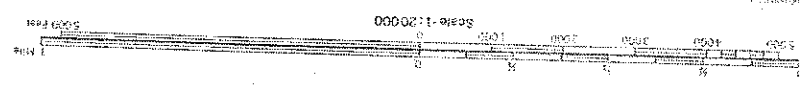


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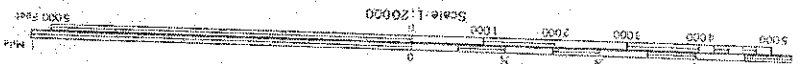
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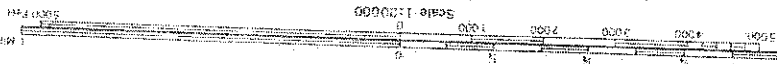
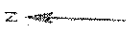
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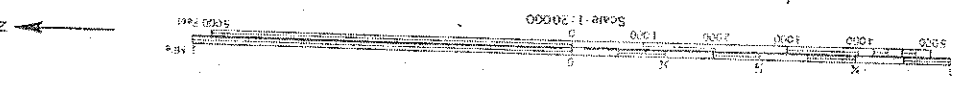
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December 23, 2004

Mr. Ken Senour
Guernsey & Company
5555 North Grand Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

RE: File #0353-05; Arkansas River Master Plan, Tulsa County

Dear Mr. Senour:

Your request does not provide us with enough information to determine what effects, if any, the project will have on eligible properties.

We have concerns about the plan and how it might impact National Register of Historic Places eligible properties in Tulsa County. These include three bridges: two that cross the Arkansas River below Keystone Dam in Sections 11 and 13, T19N, R12E, and one just east of the Arkansas River over Joe Creek in Section 17, T18N, R13E.

Also of concern is how the project may impact eligible properties to either side of the river that have not been assessed for the National Register. Possible impacts on archeological sites is another concern. We will defer to the State Archeologist, Dr. Robert Brooks in this matter.

Our files are available for your staff for review. This might help evaluate if the project will impact known properties. However, as much of the State has not undergone a comprehensive overview for eligible properties, field reviews may also be necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call Charles Wallis, Historical Archeologist, at 405/521-6381. Please reference the above underlined file number when responding. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melvena Heisch
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

MH:pm

City of Broken Arrow

P. O. BOX 610
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74013



Phone: (918) 259-8414
FAX. (918) 259-8453

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER

December 28, 2004

Mr. Ken Senour
C.H. GUERNSEY & COMPANY
5555 North Grand Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Re: Phase 2 Master Plan, Arkansas River, Tulsa, OK

Dear Mr. Senour:

In reply to your letter of December 1, 2004, to Mr. James Twombly, I am attaching the following information from our files.

CD:

1. 1999 aerial photos with topo overlays for Sections 9, 10, and 11, T17N, R14E.
2. 2003 aerial photos for Sections 9, 10, and 11, T17N, R14E.
3. Water and Sewer Atlas sheets for Sections 9, 10, and 11, T17N, R14E.
4. Indian Springs Sports Complex Expansion drawings (Section 9, T17N, R14E).

Paper Copies:

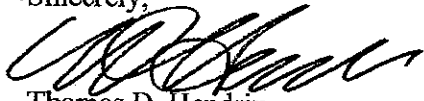
1. Regulatory Flood Plain map for the City of Broken Arrow, showing 100-year floodplain elevations.
2. The Comprehensive Plan for Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, 2003 Update.
3. Preliminary Elm Creek Drainage Study and Master Drainage Plan, August 2004.
4. Draft Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document, Lynn Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, May 2003.

I hope this information is of some help in accurately depicting the physical, natural, and social conditions in the Broken Arrow segment of the Arkansas River corridor. We believe that our Indian Springs Sports Complex and a proposed pier development at the southern end of Aspen Street (145th E. Ave.) would make an excellent eastern anchor for the corridor development. We are anxiously anticipating the draft Phase 2 plan.

Mr. Ken Senour
December 28, 2004
Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions, contact me by phone at 918.259.8414 or by e-mail at thendrix@brokenarrowok.gov.

Sincerely,



Thomas D. Hendrix
Director of Engineering

Attachments
As Stated



Creek Nation of Oklahoma

Cultural and Historic Preservation

January 4, 2005

Mr. Ken Senour
C. H. Guernsey & Company
5555 North Grand Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

Dear Sir,

Thank you for contacting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

I am sure you are aware that the proposed project is located within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

After our conversation by phone I pulled the Hasting's Platt book to see about the original allotments of the Creek Nation. The allotments were on both sides of the Arkansas River.

From what I understand, from a historian, Robert DeMoss, there were Civil War battles and also troop crossings of the Arkansas at Tulsa and at Red Fork and all the way to Keystone.

Mr. DeMoss claims that the Battle of Round Mountain was near Keystone and not near Yale, Oklahoma as the Oklahoma Historical Society claims. The battle was between the Confederate Army and the Loyal Creeks led by Opothla Yahola. I agree with Mr. DeMoss about the location of the Battle of Round Mountain mainly because of family oral history. My GGGrandmother was killed during that battle.

Mr. Robert DeMoss has written two books on the subject, Exodus to Glory and Oklahoma History's Grand Hoax of the Civil War. We have them in our Tribal Library if you

On the early allotments, there was 160 acres issued to the Creek people. Of the allotment there was 40 acres designated as homestead. On the 40 acres, on some allotments there was anywhere from 1-5 acres set aside for cemetery. So with that in mind, there is a strong probability that abandoned graves sites could be encountered along the river.

There is I believe a Mississippian site on the north side of the river north of Bixby near where the paper plant is located. The Muscogee Nation was not privy to the information gathered when the paper plant was established but the Army Corp should have the surveys.

There may be some evidence still left of a ferry near Bixby bridge going across the Arkansas River on South Memorial or the old 64 Highway. Also there was another ferry across the Arkansas River at Section 10 Township 17 North and Range 14 East. That ferry belonged to my Grandfather Childers at one time. This same ferry may have also been named the Robert Fry Ferry. There was also another ferry near Leonard, OK called the Mingo Ferry.

There is a cemetery very near the Arkansas River near the little town of Leonard, OK. Don't know just how close. It is in Section 21, Township 17 North and Range 1 East. I believe that it may be located on Pleasant Porter's allotment. Pleasant Porter was the Principal Chief of the Creek Nation during the allotment period. Porter, OK is named after him, and there is an elementary school in Tulsa named after him.

I hope this is the kind of information you are requesting. If you have further questions, I can be reached by phone at (918) 732-7731.

Sincerely,



Joyce A. Bear
Historic Preservation Officer
Muscogee (Creek) Nation