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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG
EQUINIX LLC
THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,
AND THE
ILLINOIS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
REGARDING MINOOKA DATA CENTER PROJECT, KENDALL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
(SHPO LOG #007011025)**

WHEREAS, Equinix LLC (Owner) plans to undertake the Minooka Data Center (Project) in Kendall County, Illinois, in a 368-acre area generally bounded by Wildy Road on the north, Ridge Road on the west, Holt Road on the south, and parcel boundaries on the east (Attachment 1 – Project Location Map); and

WHEREAS, the Project requires a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), thereby making the project an Undertaking subject to review under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420) and its implementing rules (17 IAC 4180) (Act); and

WHEREAS, the Owner has consulted with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a Division of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) currently resides within IDNR (Office), and the Director of IDNR is the duly designated State Historic Preservation Officer (Officer); and

WHEREAS, the Officer Determined that thirty-four (34) archaeological sites and isolated finds reported by the Owner in the Phase I Archaeological Survey reports completed for the project and submitted to the SHPO on September 8, 2025, and December 4, 2025, are not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and will not be adversely affected by the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the Officer Determined two additional archaeological sites, 11Ke1434 and 11Ke1435, require additional testing to determine their NRHP eligibility status; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2025, the Officer determined that two properties within the Project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) are eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), including the farmstead at 16929 Ridge Rd., Minooka (Resource 09) and a corn crib at 17045 Ridge Rd., Minooka (Resource 10); and

WHEREAS, the Officer has determined that the Undertaking will have an adverse effect on the farmstead at 16929 Ridge Rd. (Resource 09) that is eligible for the NRHP; and

WHEREAS, the public was notified of the Undertaking and given an opportunity to comment on the adverse effect in notices published in the *Morris Herald-News* on November 19, 2025,

and the *Kendall County Record* and *Joliet Herald-News* on November 20, 2025, with no comments received (Attachment 2); and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission has requested consulting party status and requested funding for a historic resource survey of a Kendall County Township; and

WHEREAS; the Owner agreed to fund a survey of unincorporated Oswego Township (including the rural area of Oswego Township, Boulder Hill, Shore Heights, and Gastville); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Owner, IEPA, and the Officer agree that the Undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in this Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) in order to mitigate the adverse effects of this Undertaking to the NRHP-eligible properties and the potentially NRHP-eligible properties.

STIPULATIONS

- I. ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING AND/OR MITIGATION (11Ke1434 and 11Ke1435)
 - A. As sites 11Ke1434 and 11Ke1435 cannot be avoided by Project activities, the Owner shall retain an archaeological contractor(s) of its choice (Archaeological Contractor) who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Qualifications (36 CFR Part 61, https://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_9.htm) to complete the field testing, NRHP assessments, and data recovery efforts (if required). The Archaeological Contractor shall:
 1. Upon execution of this MOA, the Owner will oversee development of a Research Design outlining the proposed methodology for the field testing activities for sites 11Ke1434 and 11Ke1435. The Research Design shall be approved by the Officer prior to initiation of field studies.
 2. Upon completion of field testing as per the research design stipulations, the Owner will oversee preparation of a report assessing the NRHP eligibility of sites 11Ke1434 and 11Ke1435.
 3. If the Officer determines that either or both 11Ke1434 and 11Ke1435 sites qualify as eligible for NRHP listing, the Owner will complete mitigation activities for the sites in consultation with the Officer and according to an approved Data Recovery Research Design.
 4. Sites 11Ke1434 and 11Ke1435 will be protected and avoided by all project activities until they are determined not eligible for NRHP listing or adverse effects have been successfully mitigated for sites determined NRHP eligible.
- II. ARCHITECTURAL MITIGATION (Preparation of Historic Resource Documentation Report for the NRHP-Eligible Farmstead at 16929 Ridge Road)
 - A. The Owner shall retain a historical contractor(s) of its choice (Historical Contractor) who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Qualifications (36 CFR Part 61, https://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_9.htm) to

complete documentation and associated research efforts. The Historical Contractor shall:

1. Conduct field documentation including high resolution digital photography of the farmstead and grounds including the exterior of the house and outbuildings as well as interior of the barn and the contributing garage and shed. Map each historic component on the property and provide a detailed site plan and interior sketch plans of the outbuildings.
 2. Conduct archival research focused on the history of the property and its occupants to establish a narrative history of the resource. The resulting narrative will establish ownership history as well as the historical building chronology, including its initial design and construction of the dwelling and barn and subsequent additions to each.
 3. Prepare a Historic Illinois Building Survey (HIBS) report and geospatial deliverable summarizing the results. The report will include a physical description of the property, a narrative history, photographs, and an architectural chronology and analysis of the farmstead.
 4. Upon Officer confirmation in writing that all of the final HIBS photographs to complete HIBS recordation has been collected, the demolition of the buildings may commence.
 5. The Contractor shall prepare and email a 95% draft of the HIBS recordation in .pdf format to the Officer for review and comment.
 6. When the Officer accepts the 95% draft submission, in writing, the Contractor shall incorporate into the recordation any comments that the Officer provides and complete the final documentation.
 7. Upon completion of the final documentation, the Agency and/or Contractor shall submit the following to the Officer:
 - a. One archival clamshell of sufficient size to encapsulate the HIBS recordation.
 - b. One copy of the HIBS recordation, on archival materials, according to HIBS specifications for deposit in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.
 - c. One digital record (download, link, flash drive, CD, or DVD) with the complete HIBS recordation for posting on the SHPO website.
 - d. One digital record (download, link, flash drive, CD, or DVD) with the complete HIBS recordation shall be provided to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission.
- B. The Owner or Owner's representative shall provide a one-time monetary donation in the amount of \$62,000 to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission to support historic preservation activities.

1. The contribution shall be used exclusively for completion of a survey of unincorporated Oswego Township (including the rural area of Oswego Township, Boulder Hill, Shore Heights, and Gastville) by a consultant who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (36 CFR Part 61) in a manner consistent with previous township surveys conducted within the county.
2. The Owner shall remit the contribution to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission prior to the demolition of contributing buildings on the NRHP-Eligible Farmstead at 16929 Ridge Road.
3. The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission shall administer the funds in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and shall ensure that the funds are used in a manner consistent with this stipulation.
4. The Owner shall provide the SHPO with written confirmation of payment, including proof of remittance, within 5 business days of payment. This stipulation shall be considered fulfilled upon confirmation that the monetary contribution has been made.

III. DURATION

This Agreement shall be effective until such time as all of its terms are satisfied or it is amended or terminated and replaced. Prior to such time, the Owner may consult with the other signatories to reconsider the terms of the Agreement and amend it in accordance with Stipulation VI AMENDMENTS below. The Owner shall notify the signatories as to the course of action it will pursue.

IV. POST-REVIEW ENCOUNTERS

If previously unidentified historic (NRHP-listed or eligible) properties are encountered or if unanticipated effects to historic properties or archaeological sites are identified, the Owner shall consult with the Officer immediately and make reasonable efforts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to such properties. In the event of an unanticipated encounter of human remains or burials, the Owner understands and agrees that it must immediately stop work within the area of encounter, consult with the Officer, and comply with the Human Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440) and its implementing rules (17 IAC 4170) as administered by IDNR, which provides that no human remains shall be disturbed without a permit issued by IDNR. An Unanticipated Discovery Plan for the project is included as Attachment 2.

V. MONITORING AND REPORTING

Each year following the execution of this Agreement until it expires or is terminated, Owner shall provide all parties to this Agreement a summary report detailing work undertaken pursuant to its terms. Such report shall include any scheduling changes proposed, any problems encountered, and any disputes and objections received in

Owner's efforts to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

VI. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Should any signatory to this Agreement object at any time to any actions proposed or the manner in which the terms of this Agreement are implemented, the Owner shall consult with the signatories to resolve the objection. If the signatories cannot agree regarding a dispute, the signatories shall utilize the procedures provided in 20 ILCS 3420/4e.

- A. The Owner's responsibility to carry out all other actions subject to the terms of this Agreement that are not the subject of the dispute remain unchanged.

VII. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended when such an amendment is agreed to in writing by all signatories. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy is signed by all of the signatories.

VIII. TERMINATION

If any signatory to this Agreement determines that its terms become impossible to carry out, that party shall immediately consult with the other signatories to attempt to develop an amendment per Stipulations V and VI above. If within thirty (30) days an amendment cannot be reached, any signatory may terminate the Agreement upon written notification to the other signatories.

IX. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE OR .PDF SIGNATURES

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original and together shall be one and the same Agreement. A facsimile or .pdf copy of this Agreement and any signatures thereon will be considered for all purposes as an original.

EXECUTION of this Agreement by signatories, and the implementation of its terms evidence that the signatories have afforded the Officer an opportunity to comment on the effects of the Undertaking in compliance with the Act. Project construction may commence upon execution of this document.

[Signature Pages to follow]

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SIGNATORY



EQUINIX LLC

By:  Date: 03/16/2026
Alex Miller
Director, Design Delivery
EQUINIX, LLC

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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ILLINOIS DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (OFFICER)

By: Carey L. Mayer Date: 3/17/2026
Carey L. Mayer, AIA
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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CONCURRING PARTY

KENDALL COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

By: _____

Matt Kellogg
Chairman
Kendall County Board

Date: _____

4/21/26

ATTACHMENT 1 – Project Location Map

ATTACHMENT 2 – Public Outreach



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES ADVERSE EFFECT

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In accordance with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420) and its implementing rules (17 IAC 4180) (Act), the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office determined the Project will have an adverse effect on one (1) historic-age property that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- 16929 Ridge Road, Minooka, IL (Resource 09)

In order to resolve these adverse effects pursuant to the Act, Equinix, LLC is seeking public input as potential mitigation options are developed to offset adverse effects to the resource. Any person or group wishing to submit comments regarding the adverse effects to the historic property may do so in writing by December 8, 2025. Comments should be directed to Christine Leggio, Senior Cultural Resource Specialist, at cnleggio@burnsmcd.com or (484) 772-4378.

Public Outreach Summary

In order to resolve these adverse effects pursuant to the Act, Burns & McDonnell, on behalf of Equinix, sought public input as potential mitigation options are developed to offset adverse effects to these resources. A Public Notification explaining the anticipated adverse visual effects to the historic properties as a result of the Project was sent to the below-summarized newspapers and organizations within and around the Project area (Table 1: Summary of Outreach Efforts). The notification sought input from individual community members in addition to historical organizations, local governments, and other representatives of locally affected communities.

Table 1: Summary of Outreach Efforts

Newspaper	Contact Summary	Date Ad Posted	Response Due	Notes/Comments
The Morris Herald	Contacted paper on 11/18/2025 at 9:45am and left voicemail looking to confirm public notification contact email. Contacted the email on Shaw Media Morris Herald Information Page asking to confirm the contact point before sending notice.	11/19/2025	12/3/2025	Print only.
Joliet Herald	Initially contacted on 11/18/2025. Payment sent and notification posted on 11/20/2025.	11/20/2025	12/4/2025	Print only.
Shaw Local (Kendall County Now News)	Initially contacted on 11/6/2025. Payment sent and notification posted on 11/20/2025.	11/20/2025	12/04/2025	Print only
City/Village	Contact Summary	Date Contacted	Response Due	Notes/Comments
Village of Minooka	Notice and Project Study Area sent on 11/18/2025.	11/18/2025	12/8/2025	No response received
Village of Channahon	Notice and Project Study Area sent on 11/18/2025.	11/18/2025	12/8/2025	No response received
Village of Joliet	Notice and Project Study Area sent on 11/18/2025.	11/18/2025	12/8/2025	No response received
Historical Societies/ Preservation Groups	Contact Summary	Date Contacted	Response Due	Notes/Comments
Kendall County Historical Commission	Notice emailed to masselmeier@kendallcountyl.gov on 11/18/2025.	10/24/2025	12/8/2025	Response stated Kendall County would like to participate in the consultation process.
Joliet Area Historical Museum	Notice emailed to masselmeier@kendallcountyl.gov on 11/18/2025.	11/18/2025	12/8/2025	No response received

Burns & McDonnell received no expressions of interest in participating in consultation regarding the affected historic resources from the contacted local governments and the Joliet Area Historical Museum. Kendall County Historical Commission requested to participate in the consultation process (Table 2: Summary of Participating Agencies). The original correspondence is included in its entirety in Attachment B.

After the close of the public comment period on December 4, 2025, Burns & McDonnell received no public comments regarding the affected historic resources.

Table 2: Summary of Participating Agencies

Name	Contact Info.	Response Date	Response Summary
Kendall County Historical Commission	masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov	29-Oct; 24-Nov	Email – 10/29/2025: Matt Asselmeier on behalf of Kendall County Historical Commission stated Kendall County would like to participate in the consultation process. Email – 11/24/2025: Matt Asselmeier on behalf of Kendall County Historical Commission asked whether the project proponent be willing to finance an historical structure survey in one of Kendall County’s townships?



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Kendall County

Minooka

Equinix Minooka Data Center Project

Ridge Road between I-80 and Wildy Road, Section:25-Township:35N-Range:8E, Section:36-Township:35N-Range:8E

NPDES, SHPO Log #007011025

October 1, 2025

Derek Martin

Burns & McDonnell

1431 Opus Place, Suite 400

Downers Grove, IL 60515

Thank you for your submission of the requested Architectural Resource Survey and Archaeology Survey for the Equinix Minooka Data Center Project to be constructed in Kendall County, which we received on 9/8/25 (SHPO Log# 007011025). Because this project requires a permit from the IL Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), our comments are required by the [Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act](#) (20 ILCS 3420) and [its implementing rules](#) (17 IAC 4180) (Act).

The Archaeology Survey is currently under review. We concur that the following architectural resources are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- Farmstead at 16929 Ridge Rd., Minooka (Resource 09) Criterion A, agriculture
- Corn Crib at 17045 Ridge Rd., Minooka (Resource 10) Criterion C, architecture

Since this project will be directly behind and/or adjacent to the NRHP eligible Farmstead at 16929 Ridge Rd., please provide a project site plan (including any proposed vegetative screening plans) for review and comment.

Please submit the requested information to AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov for review and comment, referencing SHPO Log# 007011025. Failure to submit project changes for review and comment may result in an adverse effect determination pursuant to the Act.

Sincerely,

Carey L. Mayer, AIA

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

From: [Bartlett, Courtney](#)
To: ["cityclerk@joliet.gov"](mailto:cityclerk@joliet.gov)
Cc: [Leggio, Christine N \(Chrissy\)](#)
Bcc: [Harris, Brandy M](#)
Subject: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES ADVERSE EFFECT
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 3:29:00 PM
Attachments: [Project Study Area.pdf](#)

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
ADVERSE EFFECT**

One Historic-Age Property
located in the Village of
Minooka, Kendall County,
Illinois

Equinix, LLC is developing a data center campus in the Village of Minooka, Kendall County, Illinois. The project site encompasses approximately 368 acres (including a 68-acre land-bank) with seven buildings totaling roughly 1,099,000 square feet of data-center space. The development plan incorporates landscape screening including dense, native plantings designed to create natural buffers, meadows, and areas of diverse habitat. A multi-use path is proposed along Ridge Road to support community access and connectivity. In addition, Equinix will preserve a historic barn located near Ridge Road to recognize and maintain the area's cultural heritage. At full capacity, the campus is expected to utilize up to 345 kV from ComEd's local transmission substation.

In accordance with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420) and its implementing rules (17 IAC 4180) (Act), the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office determined the Project will have an adverse effect on one (1) historic-age property that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

• 16929 Ridge Road,
Minooka, IL (Resource 09)

In order to resolve these adverse effects pursuant to the Act, Equinix, LLC is seeking public input as potential mitigation options are developed to offset adverse effects to the resource. Any person or group wishing to submit comments regarding the adverse effects to the historic property may do so in writing by December 4, 2025. Comments should be directed to Christine Leggio, Senior Cultural Resource Specialist, at cnleggio@bumsmc.com or (484) 772-4378.

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From: [Jack Guldenbecker](#)
To: [Bartlett, Courtney](#)
Cc: [Harris, Brandy M](#); [Leggio, Christine N \(Chrissy\)](#)
Subject: RE: Publishing a Public Notice Inquiry
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:04:42 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

We do not publish notice for anything other than our own public meetings. The Morris Herald, Joliet Herald, and Kendall County Record are who we file notice with when we have the need to do so.

Take care,

Jack Guldenbecker
Community Development Officer
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From: Bartlett, Courtney <cbartlett@burnsmcd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:45 AM
To: Jack Guldenbecker <jack.guldenbecker@minooka.com>
Cc: Harris, Brandy M <bmharris@burnsmcd.com>; Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy) <cnleggio@burnsmcd.com>
Subject: Publishing a Public Notice Inquiry

Good morning,

I would like to confirm that this is the correct email to send a request for publishing a public notice to. I understand y'all's paper is selective in its publishing and am happy to send over our public notice for DRAFT review. Once approved for publication and a date is set for publication, I will be able to send over a FINAL document (with only a minor change in date).

Please let me know if there is any additional information needed outside of the DRAFT notice, and I look forward to working with you.

Thank you,

Courtney Bartlett \ Burns & McDonnell

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From: [Matt Asselmeier](#)
To: [Harris, Brandy M](#); [Leggio, Christine N \(Chrissy\)](#)
Cc: [Jeff Wehrli](#); [Christina Burns](#); [Ide, Ken](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 11:22:37 AM

Brandy:

We would like to survey unincorporated Oswego Township (including the rural area of Oswego Township, Boulder Hill, Shore Heights, and Gastville) at a cost of \$62,000.

As mentioned in my previous email, we would like Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to conduct the survey.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

If you believe a phone call is necessary, please let me know and we will arrange a call.

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
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Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 9:56 AM
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Cc: Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>; Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Hi Matt!

We have discussed your request with the project proponent and the SHPO and would like to offer survey of one township as supplemental mitigation to the archival documentation of the farmstead proposed for demolition. Would you be able to provide an updated cost and identify one township for documentation? I'd be happy to jump on a call to discuss.

Thanks,
Brandy

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Cc: Harris, Brandy M <bmharris@burnsmcd.com>; Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>; Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Christine:

We would like to request \$116,000 to conduct structure surveys of unincorporated Big Grove, Lisbon (including Plattville), and Oswego Townships (including Boulder Hill, Shore Heights, and Gastville).

The County previously conducted historic structure surveys in unincorporated Bristol and Kendall Townships, that survey can be viewed here,
<https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/28117/638321853483400000>

We would prefer to use Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to do the structure surveys. They did the surveys in Bristol and Kendall Townships and are one of the few firms in the State that has experience in doing historic structure surveys in rural areas.

The County's overall objective is to conduct these structure surveys and, once each of the nine townships is complete, to prepare an historic preservation plan.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director

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From: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy) <cnleggio@burnsmcd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 9:55 AM
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Cc: Harris, Brandy M <bmharris@burnsmcd.com>; Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>;
Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Hi Matt –

Happy New Year! I just wanted to follow up on this request.

Thanks,

Chrissy Leggio \ Burns & McDonnell
Senior Cultural Resources Specialist, Environmental Services
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From: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy)
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 10:42 AM
To: 'Matt Asselmeier' <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Cc: Harris, Brandy M <bmharris@burnsmcd.com>; Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>;
Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Hi Matt –

Thanks for the update. Could you please clarify whether you are seeking funding to be used for a survey of a Kendall County Township or requesting that the project proponent fund and hire a SOI qualified consultant to complete the survey? In the case of the former, please provide a dollar amount, and in the case of the latter, please provide the proposed survey township and scope for the survey (typically we would expect that to involve reconnaissance-level photography and documentation of historic resources constructed prior to a specific year).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Chrissy Leggio \ Burns & McDonnell

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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 9:19 AM

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Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Chrissy:

We are working to get a price estimate information.

Thank you for your patience while we research this information.

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM

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From: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy) <cnleggio@burnsmcd.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:19 AM

To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>

Cc: Harris, Brandy M <bmharris@burnsmcd.com>; Jeff Wehrli <jeffw.ent.2022@gmail.com>;
Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Hi Matt –

We are currently discussing your request with the project proponent. Do you have a

specific township in mind? If you have an example of a previous survey with a similar scope, that would be helpful in gauging level of effort and feasibility.

Thank you,

Chrissy Leggio \ Burns & McDonnell

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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:46 AM

To: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy) <cnleggio@burnsmcd.com>

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Subject: Re: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Chrissy:

In addition to those items, would the project proponent be willing to finance an historic structure survey in one of Kendall County's townships?

Thanks,

From: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy) <cnleggio@burnsmcd.com>

Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 10:42 AM

To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>

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Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Hi Matthew,

Thank you for your response. The project proponent has proposed the intensive documentation and archival research of the affected NRHP-eligible properties as mitigation for the project. The mitigation would include preparation of Historic Resource Documentation of the NRHP-Eligible farmstead located at 16929 Ridge Road, Minooka, IL (Resource 09), including interior and exterior photographs of the dwelling and barn, exterior photographs of other associated outbuildings and landscape, and an accompanying report including a formal architectural description and analysis and a detailed historical narrative

providing the history of the farmstead and its original owners and occupants.

We are soliciting public comments and participation from other local agencies but wanted to see if you had any feedback regarding the proposed mitigation. If you would like to set up a call to discuss the project and proposed mitigation further, please let me know. We would be happy to schedule a call the week of December 1.

Thank you,

Chrissy Leggio \ Burns & McDonnell

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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:11 AM

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Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Chrstine:

Kendall County would like to participate in the consultation process.

If you need anything additional from us, please let me know.

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM

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Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:23 AM

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Good morning –

The Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has determined that one National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible property within the physical area of potential effects (APE) for the Minooka Data Center Project (Project) would be subject to adverse effects under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420) and its implementing rules (17 IAC 4180) (see site plan in attached PDF). At a meeting with the agency on October 17, 2025 (see minutes in attached PDF), the SHPO requested that the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission be invited to participate in consultation for resolving the adverse effect. The Project will adversely affect the historic property located at 16929 Ridge Road, Minooka, IL (Resource 09) by demolishing the contributing dwelling, garage, and shed (see photos, attached). A historic-age barn will be retained and incorporated into the project landscape.

In line with nationally recognized preservation practice, historic resource mitigation should be meaningful within the local context and should be vetted with local interested parties and preservation groups to ensure a positive outcome. With these parameters in mind, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (Burns & McDonnell) has developed the following mitigation strategy for your consideration:

Intensive documentation and archival research of the NRHP-eligible properties

The mitigation would include preparation of Historic Resource Documentation of the NRHP-Eligible farmstead located at 16929 Ridge Road, Minooka, IL (Resource 09), including interior and exterior photographs of the dwelling and barn, exterior photographs of other associated outbuildings and landscape, and an accompanying report including a formal architectural description and analysis and a detailed historical narrative providing the history of the farmstead and its original owners and occupants.

Field Documentation

Burns & McDonnell architectural historians will conduct field documentation of Resource 09. Field documentation will include high resolution digital photographic documentation of the farmstead and grounds including the interior and exterior of the house and barn and the exterior of the contributing garage and shed. Burns and McDonnell architectural historians will also map each historic component on the property and provide a detailed site plan and interior sketch plans of the barn and dwelling.

Archival Research

Architectural historians will initiate archival research focused on the history of the property and its occupants to establish a narrative history of the resource. The resulting narrative will establish ownership history as well as the historical building chronology, including its initial design and construction of the dwelling and barn and subsequent additions to each. Initial research will include accessing online sources (historic maps, newspapers, journals, previous survey reports, etc.) and a review of online catalogs for local repositories. Anticipated local repositories will include the county register of deeds, as well as local libraries and county historical societies with relevant records.

Reporting

Upon completion of the research and field documentation efforts, Burns & McDonnell will prepare a final report and geospatial deliverable summarizing the results. The report will include a physical description of the property, a narrative history, and an architectural chronology and analysis of the farmstead.

We look forward to discussing these or other options with your team and assisting with the coordination and development of the agreement document. If you are interested in participating in consultation for resolving the adverse effect, please provide us with an expression of your interest by October 31, 2025.

Thank you,

Chrissy Leggio \ Burns & McDonnell

Senior Cultural Resources Specialist, Environmental Services

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Meeting Notes



Meeting Subject: Equinix Minooka Project - Adverse Effect
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Time: 9:39 AM CST
Location: Virtual (Teams)

Project Name: Equinix Minooka
Project No.: 177199

<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Alex Miller	Equinix
Eugene Berman	Equinix
Jeff Krutchen	IL SHPO
Anna-Margaret Barris	IL SHPO
CJ Wallace	IL SHPO
Brandy Harris	Burns & McDonnell

Meeting Summary:

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Discuss Kendall County CLG request for \$116,000 to fund historic resources survey of three townships
- Discuss route to finalize MOA

1. Kendall County CLG Supplemental Mitigation Request

- a. Burns & McDonnell facilitated introductions and provided a summary of consultation regarding the project since October 2025.
- b. Burns & McDonnell initiated outreach with the Kendall County CLG on October 24, 2025.
- c. Kendall County CLG (Matt Asselmeier) responded on January 8, 2026. In addition to the proposed intensive documentation of the property proposed for demolition (farm complex at 16929 Ridge Road, Minooka, IL [Resource 09]), they requested \$116,000 000 to conduct structure surveys of unincorporated Big Grove, Lisbon (including Platteville), and Oswego Townships (including Boulder Hill, Shore Heights, and Gastville).
- d. Kendall County CLG wants to employ their own contractor to conduct the survey work.
- e. Burns & McDonnell/Equinix asked if this additional mitigation request was necessary and commiserate with the nature of the adverse effect.

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- f. IL SHPO concurred that three townships was a large request. Suggested selecting survey of one township and reducing the level of documentation required for the farm complex at 16929 Ridge Road.
 - g. Instead of full archival documentation, Burns & McDonnell would compile existing photographs and property research a summary report for submittal to SHPO, Kendall County CLG, and State Library
- 2. MOA Finalization
 - a. Negotiations with the Kendall County CLG represents the last piece needed to finalize the MOA stipulations.
 - b. MOA will include commitment to do Phase II testing and Phase III data recovery (if required) at sites 11Ke1434 and 11ke1435.
- 3. Action Items
 - a. Burns & McDonnell to contact Kendall County CLG with counterproposal to fund survey of one township (Burns & McDonnell completed 1/28 – CLG requested \$62,000 to complete a survey of unincorporated Oswego Township (including the rural area of Oswego Township, Boulder Hill, Shore Heights, and Gastville).
 - b. Burns & McDonnell to submit revised mitigation stipulations for SHPO review.
 - c. IL SHPO to issue permission for site work upon concurrence with stipulations.