

**Phase I Archaeological Survey of Proposed Changes to Approximately Nine  
Miles of the Dairyland Power Cooperative Q-1 Transmission Line, Briggs  
Road Substation to North La Crosse Tap, La Crosse County, Wisconsin  
WHS Burial Permit #15-0177/LC**

Report Prepared for:  
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Reports of Investigations No. 1046

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## **ABSTRACT**

In April, May, and June 2015, the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center performed a Phase I archaeological survey of approximately nine miles of a portion of the Dairyland Power Cooperative Q-1 transmission line rebuild, located south of the Briggs Road Substation to the North La Crosse Tap in La Crosse County, Wisconsin. Since the pole locations were staked prior to the survey, pole locations only were surveyed along with any new access roads where ground disturbance is proposed. The project passes through previously recorded sites: BLC142, Woodlawn North Cemetery; 47LC19/BLC1, called the Midway Village Complex; 47LC26, Gensch; 47LC27, A. Pralle; 47LC54, Gates of Heaven; 47LC95/BLC71, Tremaine; 47LC169, B. Pralle II; and one new prehistoric site found by the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse in 2013 that has not yet been recorded. All of these sites are prehistoric sites with the exception of BLC142, Woodlawn North Cemetery, which is an uncatalogued burial site. This is recorded as a historic Euro-American cemetery/burial, however this area is an open field with no grave markers, and according to the landowner, this cemetery has been plotted as a cemetery for tax exempt purposes and no human remains have been interred in this location to date. Based on this, no further work is recommended for this site area. However, MVAC will field check the conditions of this area prior to construction and re-confirm with the landowner that this “cemetery” still has no human remains. If at that time the cemetery has been used to inter remains, then monitoring during construction of the two poles in the site area is recommended along with the placement of mats for heavy equipment to drive on during non-frozen ground conditions (during frozen ground conditions, matting would not be necessary). If prior to construction it is confirmed that no human remains have been interred in this site area, then no monitoring is recommended.

The Midway Village Complex (47LC19/BLC1) and Tremaine site (47LC95/BLC71) are both on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Midway site is an uncatalogued burial site, and the portion of the Tremaine site that the current project crosses is located in the uncatalogued portion of the site. Four pole locations are located within the Tremaine site. MVAC shovel tested at these pole locations and since the shovel tests essentially mitigated the pole locations, the placement of these poles should not have an adverse effect on the site. An original plan for a cut access road and cut pad around one of the poles has been altered due to positive shovel tests in the pad location. Matting will be used for the access road and pad, therefore there will be no adverse effect to the site. One pole location is located in the Midway site and since the shovel test placed at the pole location essentially mitigated the pole location, the placement of this pole should not have an adverse effect on the site. Construction is planned to take place during frozen ground conditions so access to the poles in the Tremaine and Midway sites should not have an adverse effect on the sites. However, if construction plans change and the poles in these NRHP sites need to be accessed during non-frozen conditions, matting will be placed on the ground surface for heavy equipment to drive on. Since the Midway and Tremaine sites are burial sites, due to state statute 157.70, it is recommended that monitoring of the pole placements take place, and use of matting for access roads if construction takes place in non-frozen ground conditions can then be confirmed. A disturbed portion of the Midway site will be used as a base of operations and laydown area for the project. Although no planned ground disturbance will

take place in this area, if inadvertent ground disturbance takes place it will not have an adverse effect on the site, as this area has been completely disturbed and there is no chance that cultural deposits or human remains are present in this area.

Most of the other sites that the project crosses through have been impacted by urban and industrial expansion and road construction. No new sites were identified during the Phase I survey no evidence of the other previously recorded sites in the project area were found except within a pad area near one pole in Tremaine, which will now be avoided. Monitoring of project actions is recommended within the site boundaries of Tremaine (47LC95/BLC71) and Midway (47LC19/BLC1), however, no further work is recommended for the remainder of the project unless human remains have been interred at BLC142 by the time construction takes place.

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December 11, 2014

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**IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO WHS CASE # 14-1157/LC**

Re: Request to Conduct Ground-Disturbing Activity within the Boundaries of Uncatalogued Burial Sites LC-0019, BLC-0141, BLC-0142, and Partially Catalogued and Uncatalogued Site LC-0095

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Based on the information you have provided in your submittal materials dated November 5, 2014 (received in our office on November 11, 2014) regarding the above referenced project, we do hereby authorize the proposed ground disturbing activities within the boundaries of the 3 uncatalogued burial sites, and within the uncatalogued boundaries of LC-0095. From the information you submitted, it is not possible to determine whether your plan literally may include working within the boundary of the catalogued portion of LC-0095. With this Authorization letter, I have included the catalogued location description with a map showing its location. The catalogued location is quite small. I request that you confirm the need to work within that catalogued location.

Otherwise, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stats. §§ 157.70 (4) and Wis. Admin. Code § HS 2.04 (4), and according to the provisions provided below, I do authorize all ground-disturbing work within the boundaries of the 3 uncatalogued burial sites (LC-0019, BLC-0141, BLC-0142) and within the uncatalogued boundary of site LC-0095.

Your Authorization to conduct this work shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of this letter.

This Authorization applies to the proposed work activity specifically described in your submittal. All ground-disturbing activities that occur within the boundaries of the 3 uncatalogued burial sites (LC-0019, BLC-0141, BLC-0142) and within the uncatalogued boundary of site LC-0095 shall be monitored by a qualified archeologist, as defined at Wis. Stats. § 157.70 (1) (i). You may find a list of such qualified archeologists at the following web site:

[http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/burialsites/about/bs\\_burialexcavation.pdf](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/burialsites/about/bs_burialexcavation.pdf).

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In the event that the proposed area of ground disturbance has been disturbed to a degree greater than that proposed to be disturbed to facilitate your project, or to a degree that would eliminate any possibility of finding intact human burials, please provide corroborating written information describing this finding to justify termination of monitoring activities. Otherwise, again, all areas of ground-disturbing shall be monitored.

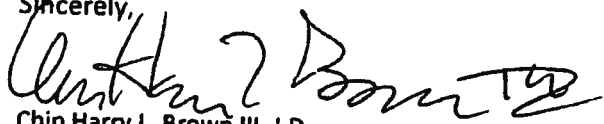
If during the proposed ground disturbing activity you encounter human remains, you must stop work at that location and contact our office immediately for further coordination, and, in the event that human remains must be excavated and analyzed, for negotiation and execution of an appropriate contract.

Any deviation from the plans described in your submittal materials that may occur within the boundaries of the uncatalogued burial site areas that involves ground disturbing activity must be described in writing and said description forwarded to this office for further review and Authorization. Such modified work is not covered or authorized by this letter. And, this letter is not a permit to undertake ground-disturbing activity within the catalogued boundary of the site LC-0095.

If ground-disturbing work may occur literally within the catalogued boundaries of site LC-0095, please provide me with detailed maps (and photos of the site area) demonstrating this aspect of your project. If no catalogued burial disturbance work is necessary, I do not need further confirming information; this letter of Authorization is sufficient to carry out the entirety of you proposed ground-disturbing activity within the uncatalogued boundaries of the 4 identified human burial sites.

With questions, please contact me. We anticipate receipt of your monitoring report, when it becomes available. Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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**Appendix 2: Public Lands Permits for Project Area.**

**WISCONSIN PUBLIC LANDS FIELD ARCHAEOLOGICAL PERMIT, 2015**  
 REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ARCHAEOLOGY ON ALL NON-FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND UNDER WIS. STAT. § 44.47  
 Wisconsin Historical Society

Name/Organization/Contact Vicki Twinde-Javner/MVAC Telephone# 608-785-6475  
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Location: County La Crosse Civil Town Onalaska  
 Town 16N Range 7W Section 4 Quarter Sections \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hwy/Rd  Hwy/Rd: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Type of Project

Project Description: Phase I survey of Q-1 transmission line replacement pole locations and access routes  
 Type of fieldwork: Phase I/Survey  Phase II/Testing  Phase III/Excavation  Monitoring   
 Purpose of the fieldwork: Federal Compliance  State Compliance  Education  Other   
 Site # \_\_\_\_\_ Burial Site# \_\_\_\_\_ Burial Permit Secured? Y  N   
 Dates of field work: Begin date 3/26/2015 End date: 12/31/2015

What institution will curate recovered artifacts, notes, and records? MVAC  
 (Curation agreement must be on file with WHIS; all materials must be curated in an appropriate, stuffed facility.)

Print name Vicki L. Twinde-Javner  see attachments  
 Signature of Archaeologist Vicki L. Twinde-Javner Date 3/26/2015

Maps and/or Letters of explanation can accompany this application

Landowner or custodian name (print) C. JARROD HULTER phone (608) 781-9537  
 Affiliation: City of Onalaska CITY ENGINEER

Signature of Landowner C. J. Hult Date 3-20-15

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 Permit Approved John H. Broihahn Date 30 March 2015

PLP # 15- 025

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Two copies of the final report must be submitted to the Division of Historic Preservation - Public History.

Additional authorization or permitting is necessary to conduct work within the boundaries of uncataloged and cataloged human burial sites under Wis. Stat. § 157.70. For additional information please see: <http://whist.org/10WqFCf>

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Town 17N Range 7W Section 18 Quarter Sections \_\_\_\_\_  
Hwy/Rd  Hwy/Rd: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Type of Project

Project Description: Phase I survey of Q-1 Transmission Line Poles  
Type of fieldwork: Phase I/Survey  Phase II/Testing  Phase III/Excavation  Monitoring   
Purpose of the fieldwork: Federal Compliance  State Compliance  Education  Other   
Site # LC95 Burial Site# BLC71 Burial Permit Secured? Y  N   
Dates of field work: Begin date 3/27/2015 End date: 12/31/2015

What institution will curate recovered artifacts, notes, and records? MVAC  
*(Curation agreement must be on file with WHIS; all materials must be curated in an appropriate, staffed facility.)*

Print name Vicki L. Twinde-Javner  see attachments

Signature of Archaeologist Vicki L. Twinde-Javner Date 3/27/2015

Maps and/or Letters of explanation can accompany this application

Landowner or custodian name (print) DEAN K. OLSON Phone 526-3513

Affiliation: Village of Holmen

Signature of Landowner [Signature] Date 4/6/2015  
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Permit Approved [Signature] Date 6 April 2015

PLP # 15-031

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**WISCONSIN PUBLIC LANDS FIELD ARCHAEOLOGICAL PERMIT, 2015**  
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Hwy/Rd  Hwy/Rd: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Type of Project

Project Description: Phase I survey of Q-1 Transmission Line Poles

Type of fieldwork: Phase I/Survey  Phase II/Testing  Phase III/Excavation  Monitoring

Purpose of the fieldwork: Federal Compliance  State Compliance  Education  Other

Site # \_\_\_\_\_ Burial Site# \_\_\_\_\_ Burial Permit Secured? Y  N

Dates of field work: Begin date 3/27/2015 End date: 12/31/2015

What institution will curate recovered artifacts, notes, and records? MVAC  
(Curation agreement must be on file with WHS; all materials must be curated in an appropriate, staffed facility.)

Print name Vicki L. Twinde-Javner  see attachments

Signature of Archaeologist Vicki L. Twinde-Javner Date 3/26/2015

Maps and/or Letters of explanation can accompany this application

Landowner or custodian name (print) DALE J. HEXON Phone 608-782-7371

Affiliation: City of La Crosse

Signature of Landowner Dale Hexon Date 4-14-15

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Permit Approved John H. Broihahn Date 14 April '15

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Hwy/Rd  Hwy/Rd: WisDOT owned lands throughout Wisconsin Other Type of Project

Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fieldwork: Phase I/Survey  Phase II/Testing  Phase III/Excavation  Monitoring

Purpose of the fieldwork: Federal Compliance  State Compliance  Education  Other

Site # \_\_\_\_\_ Burial Site# \_\_\_\_\_ Burial Permit Secured? Y  N

Dates of field work: Begin date 3/17/2015 End date: 12/31/2015

What institution will curate recovered artifacts, notes, and records? MVAC  
(Curation agreement must be on file with WHS; all materials must be curated in an appropriate, staffed facility.)

Print name Vicki L. Twinde-Javner  see attachments

Signature of Archaeologist Vicki L. Twinde-Javner Date 3/17/2015

Maps and/or Letters of explanation can accompany this application

Landowner or custodian name (print) JAMES J. BECKER III Phone 608-261-0137

Affiliation: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Signature of Landowner James J. Becker III Date 3-17-15

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Permit Approved [Signature] Date 17 March 2015

PLP # 15- 014

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**Appendix 3: Burial permit for work within BLC142, 47LC19/BLC1, and 47LC95/BLC71.**



March 20, 2015

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**IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO WHS CASE # 15-0177/LC**

Re: Request to Conduct Ground-Disturbing Activity within the Boundaries of 3 Uncatalogued Burial Sites: BLC-0001 (Midway Village Complex), BLC-0071 Tremaine Site) and BLC-0142 (Woodlawn North Cemetery)

Dear Ms. Twinde-Javner:

I approve your request to undertake "limited appropriate subsurface exploration" within the boundaries of the uncatalogued human burial sites BLC-0001 (Midway Village Complex), BLC-0071 Tremaine Site) and BLC-0142 (Woodlawn North Cemetery), as described in your submittal dated February 26, 2015 (received in our office March 2, 2015).

Please note: limited appropriate subsurface exploration will not obviate the need for monitoring any additional ground-disturbing activities undertaken through the burial sites, unless such testing reveals that the entire proposed ground-disturbing location has been disturbed previously to a degree greater than the degree of disturbance proposed for this undertaking. Please provide corroborating written information describing this finding to justify a finding that no additional monitoring of ground-disturbing activity is necessary. In the event that the area is not disturbed, as just described, monitoring of the additional ground-disturbing activity is required for this project.

If during the proposed testing activity you encounter human remains, you must stop work at that location and contact our office immediately for further coordination, and, in the event that human remains must be excavated and analyzed, for negotiation and execution of an appropriate contract.

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MEMO

Date: June 8, 2015

To: Vicki L. Twinde-Javner

From: Chip Brown

Re: Request to Disturb Three Human Burial Sites: BLC-0071, BLC-0001, and BLC-0142  
WHS Case # 15-0177/LC

We have received and reviewed your proposed amendment of May 11, 2015 to the proposal you provided us February 26, 2015 and for which we issued an Authorization on March 20, 2015. At this time, I agree that your proposed amendment is appropriate and may be covered by the existing and currently valid Authorization for ground-disturbing activity within the uncatalogued boundaries of LC-0019, the Midway Village site.

First, we understand that there now will be no access road construction within the LC-0019 site.

Second, we agree that no installation of protective matting or monitoring of staging area preparation or use is necessary, the area having been extensively disturbed in the past. There is no likelihood for disturbing any intact human remains at that location.

Based on your amendment submittal, we have updated our file accordingly. Please forward any additional proposed project modifications for review and authorization, as any additional such modifications are not covered by this amended Authorization.

This amended Authorization remains the same in all particulars but those described above, and shall remain in effect for one year from the date of this amendment Authorization.

With questions, please contact me by email at [chip.brown@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:chip.brown@wisconsinhistory.org) or by telephone at (608-264-6508). Thank you very much for your continued attention to this matter.

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Any deviation from the plans described in your submittal materials that may occur within the boundaries of the uncatalogued burial sites that involves ground disturbing activity must be described in writing and said description forwarded to this office for further review and Authorization. Such modified work is not covered or authorized by this letter.

With questions, please contact me. We anticipate receipt of your testing report, when it becomes available. Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chip Harry L. Brown III".

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# ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORTS INVENTORY FORM

WHS PROJECT #

COUNTY La Crosse

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REPORT TITLE: Phase I Archaeological Survey of Proposed Changes to Approximately Nine Miles of the Dairyland Power Cooperative Q-1 Transmission Line, Briggs Road Substation to North La Crosse Tap, La Crosse County, WI  
DATE OF REPORT (MONTH AND YEAR): June 2015

SERIES/NUMBER: ROI 1046

PLACE OF PUBLICATION: Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at UW-La Crosse

LOCATIONAL INFORMATION [LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY AREA (T-R-S)]

T.16N, R.7W, S. 3, 4, 10, 14, 15, & 23; T.17N, R.7W, S. 18, 19, 29, 30, 32, & 33; T.17N, R.8W, S.13

U.S.G.S. QUAD MAP(S): Holmen, Onalaska, and La Crosse, Wisconsin 7.5' Quads

SITE(S) INVESTIGATED: BLC142;LC19/BLC1;LC26;LC27;LC46;LC54;LC95/BLC71;LC169;LC171

ACRES INVESTIGATED: ~10

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INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES COMPLETED (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Avocational Survey             | <input type="checkbox"/> Chance Encounter                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Research  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faunal Analysis                | <input type="checkbox"/> Floral Analysis                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Interview/Informant  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature Background Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Excavation/Phase III        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Stripping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Osteological Analysis             | <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphology        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Records/Background             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Survey         | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Core            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remote Sensing                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shovel Testing/Probing |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Test Excavation/Phase II       | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Knowledge             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwater                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk Over/Visual Inspection       |   |

ABSTRACT:  Included in report  Written in space below

In May-June 2015, MVAC performed a Phase I archaeological survey for approximately 9 miles of a portion the Q-1 transmission line in La Crosse County, WI. Pole locations were surveyed, along with some access roads proposed to be cut. The project passed through several previously recorded sites, many of which have been affected by urban and industrial expansion and roadwork. No new sites were discovered. Four poles will be located in the Tremaine site (47LC95) and one pole in the Midway site (47LC19), both sites on the NRHP. The Midway site has been heavily impacted by current sand mine operations. No new sites were found. No artifacts were found at the pole in the Midway site and no artifacts were found at the poles in the Tremaine site.

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