



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Trunkline Archaeological Study

Explanation: The Phase 2B project has previously been submitted for permitting to the governing agencies. Upon review, both the Army Corp of Engineers and IDNR had approved the permit and had expressed this to the City and Strand. Between the time the Army Corp had mailed the letter and the time we received the letter, complaints from a property owner were received by the permitting agencies. Conversations with the agencies revealed that they were not accustomed to direct complaints and truly didn't know how to respond. The Army Corp, which had previously explained that this project fell under the Statewide Permit, said that they would now need to look further into the project and rescinded their clearance. For most projects, the Illinois State Historical Office performs the archaeological sign-off as was initially done for this project. Due to the complaint(s), the Army Corp is requiring a full-blown archaeological study of the corridor.

The corridor appears to largely have been disturbed in the past due to the location adjacent to the railroad.

Fiscal Impact: Staff has requested that Strand acquire new Archaeological Study proposals. Strand had requested proposals in July of 2021 which carried a \$10,288.80 price tag.

Recommendation Summary: Staff recommends moving forward with the archaeological study.