

To: BEP Recipients (All Divisions)
From: Asset Preservation Department
Date: April 11, 2017
Re: Blight Elimination Program – Indiana Landmarks Review Policy & Appeals

Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority engaged Indiana Landmarks to complete an eligibility review of all Blight Elimination Program (“BEP”) properties. The review focuses on addressing three issues:

- 1) Is the property individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the State register;
- 2) Is the property located in a historic district; and
- 3) Is the property architecturally significant?

Properties that are individually listed on the National Register or State Register are not eligible for the BEP. Recipients may not request an appeal for individually listed properties and will be advised to remove these properties from their BEP project.

Properties that are located in an historic district or designated as architecturally significant may be removed from the BEP. Those properties that are flagged as being located in an historic district (but are not individually listed) or flagged as being architecturally significant will be treated in the following manner:

- 1) The property will be flagged as being located in an historic district and/or having architectural significance and reported to IHCD.
- 2) IHCD will advise the Recipient of the findings and allow ten (10) business days to submit its request for an appeal of Indiana Landmarks’ decision.
 - a. The Recipient may provide any additional documentation it believes to be relevant to the review of the property.
 - b. The Recipient may request that IHCD conduct an on-site inspection of the property as part of the request for an appeal. A representative of the Recipient must be present at the time of inspection to allow IHCD access.
- 3) The Recipient’s request for an appeal and any findings from an on-site inspection (if requested) will be forwarded to Indiana Landmarks.
- 4) Indiana Landmarks will issue a final opinion concerning the property.
- 5) IHCD will review Indiana Landmarks’ final opinion and make a determination whether a property will be removed from the BEP.
- 6) IHCD will advise the Recipient of its decision regarding the property.

All final determinations concerning the status of a property will be made by IHCD. All properties that have been flagged by Indiana Landmarks as being individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Indiana State Register of Historic Places will be removed from the BEP.

