



January 29, 2018

**NOTICE OF ENTRY FOR SURVEY**

RE: Environmental Survey  
The City of Noblesville  
Pleasant Street Corridor

Dear Property Owner:

Our information indicates that you own property near the above referenced transportation project, which will evaluate a number of alternatives to improve the Pleasant Street corridor. At this time, project details are only conceptual and will be refined as the environmental process advances.

The intent of this letter is merely to inform you that representatives of the City of Noblesville will be conducting environmental surveys of the project area between February 5 and May 30, 2018. It may be necessary for them to enter onto your property to inspect the property from the outside. The environmental survey will not require entry into any structures such as homes or garages. This is permitted under Indiana Code (IC) § 8-23-7-26. Anyone performing this type of work has been instructed to identify him or herself to you, if you are available, before they enter your property. If you no longer own this property or it is currently occupied by someone else, please let us know the name of the new owner or occupant so that we can contact them about the survey.

Individuals charged with the responsibility of completing field work required for this project will carry proper identification as employees of CHA Consulting, Weintraut & Associates, or American Structurepoint under contract with the City of Noblesville. No personnel or representative from any other company or agency has authorization under this request to contact you or enter into your residence. You are under no obligation to allow any representative without proper identification to enter your property. If any questions occur please contact the appropriate personnel identified in this notice immediately. No personnel should require immediate access without first being properly verified and identified.

**Please read the attached notice to inform you of what the “Notice of Entry for Survey” means.** The survey work may include the identification and mapping of wetlands, archaeological investigations (which may involve the survey, testing, or excavation of identified archaeological sites), historical surveys, noise studies and various other environmental evaluations. The information we obtain from such studies is necessary for the proper planning and design of this transportation project. It is our sincerest desire to cause you as little inconvenience as possible during this survey.

If any problems do occur please contact John Beery, City Engineer, at 317-776-6330 or by email at [JBeery@noblesville.in.us](mailto:JBeery@noblesville.in.us). You may also contact Jayme Thompson, Engineering Department Office Manager, at 317-776-6330 or by email at [jgthompson@noblesville.in.us](mailto:jgthompson@noblesville.in.us).

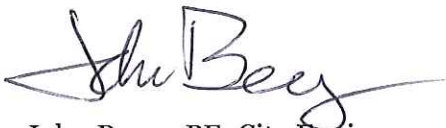
Please be aware that IC 8-23-7-27 and 28 provides that you may seek compensation from the City of Noblesville for damages occurring to your property (land or water) that result from the City's entry for the purposes mentioned above in IC 8-23-7-26. In this case, a basic procedure that may be followed is for you and/or a City employee or representative to present an account of the damages to me. I will check the information and forward it to the appropriate person who will contact you to discuss the situation and compensation.

If you are not satisfied with the compensation that the City determines is owed to you, IC 8-23-7-8 provides the following:

The amount of damages shall be assessed by the county agricultural extension educator of the county in which the land or water is located and two (2) disinterested residents of the county, one (1) appointed by the aggrieved party and one (1) appointed by the department. A written report of the assessment of damages shall be mailed to the aggrieved party and the department by first class United States mail. If either the department or the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the assessment of damages, either or both may file a petition, not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the report, in the circuit or superior court of the county in which the land or water is located.

It is our sincere desire to cause as little inconvenience as possible during our work, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Beery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

John Beery, PE, City Engineer  
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CC:



## Notice of Entry for Survey

If you have received a “Notice of Entry for Survey” from the City of Noblesville or a City representative, you may be wondering what it means. In the early stages of a project’s development, as much information as possible must be collected to ensure that sound decisions are made in designing the proposed project. Before entering onto private property to collect that data, the City is required to notify landowners that personnel will be in the area and may need to enter onto their property. Indiana Code, Title 8, Article 23, Chapter 7, Section 26 deals with the department’s authority to enter onto any property within Indiana.

Receipt of a Notice of Entry for Survey does not necessarily mean that the City will be buying property from you. It doesn’t even necessarily mean that the project will involve your property at all. Since the Notice of Entry for Survey is sent out in the very early stages and since we want to collect data within AND surrounding the limits of the project more landowners are contacted than will actually fall within the eventual project limits. It may also be that your property falls within the project limits but we will not need to purchase property from you to make improvements to the roadway. Another thing to keep in mind is that when you receive a Notice of Entry for Survey, very few specifics have been worked out and actual construction of the project may be several years in the future.

During the development of a transportation project which may require the purchasing of certain individual properties from landowners, an opportunity for a public hearing is typically offered. If you were on the list of people who received a Notice of Entry for Survey, you should also receive a notice informing you of your opportunity to request a public hearing. These notices will also be published in your local newspaper so interested individuals who are not adjacent to the project will also have the opportunity to request a public hearing. If a public hearing is to be held, the City will publicize the date, location, and time. The City will present detailed project information at the public hearing, comments will be taken from the public in spoken and written form, and question and answer sessions will be offered. Based on the feedback the City receives from the public, a project can be modified and improved to better serve the public.

So, if you have received a “Notice of Entry for Survey or Investigation”, remember:

1. You do not need to take any action at this time. It is merely letting you know that people in orange/lime vests are going to be in your neighborhood.
2. The project is still in its very early planning stages.
3. You will be notified of your opportunity to comment on the project at a later date.