



PURPLE LINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS

WHAT ONCE WAS — MAY 1910

- Interurban railway from Indianapolis to Marion, Indiana, with a loop and station at Fort Harrison (now La Hacienda restaurant on 56th Street). Operated by the Union Traction Company.
- St. Andrews neighborhood was built around the station, with newspaper clippings advertising access to the interurban as a feature for new suburban homes in the 1910. Line closed in 1941.
- Followed E. 38th Street from Sutherland Avenue to Sheridan Avenue before following main line railroad (today CSX, then New York Central).

Independence, Health and Happiness Will Be Your Reward in St. Andrews Addition.

The joy of life is living in fresh air and sunshine. This addition is ideally located for a suburban home. Just 20 minutes' ride from the postoffice--far enough away from the city to be free from all its noise, smoke and grime.

Its future attractiveness as a fine residence section is assured by building line restrictions which together with the exceptionally large lots make the lawns spacious and delightful. An 80-foot boulevard runs the entire length of this addition, with 6-foot cement walks and 12-foot lawns.

The addition is located in a large wooded park on the Ft. Harrison traction line (with hourly service from 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.) from 38th street to 42d.



Source: Indianapolis Star, May 1910

WHAT WE FOUND AND DID

- Small station house foundation located at 38th & Arthington, remnants of the railbed, and pieces of a stone and concrete bridge that once carried the tracks.
- Detailed archaeological investigation conducted to mitigate the impacts of the BRT line and multi-use path.
- Developed a computer generated image (CGI) of what the station looked like, based on historical records and research.



Above: archeological findings.

Below: historic station computer-generated rendering.



WHAT COMES NEXT

- Questions regarding the archaeological site are being taken at IndyGo public meetings and on IndyGo's website (www.indygo.net/contact-us/) as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Rapid transit returns to St. Andrews neighborhood, with a new BRT station at 38th & Arthington.
- Revenue service in 2023, 82 years after train service was discontinued.