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## **DATABASE ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROJECTS: COLLECTOR INTERVIEWS IN THE COALFIELDS OF SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA**

With the support of funds from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, archaeologists from the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology conducted two Data Base Enhancement projects within the coalfields of southwestern Indiana. Artifact collectors and amateur archaeologists were identified and interviewed, and site information was gathered. The projects focused upon a sixcounty area within the coalfields consisting of Greene, Daviess, Dubois, Pike, Spencer, and Warrick Counties. Information also was gathered on portions of Knox, Gibson, Martin, Perry, and Vanderburgh Counties. A total of 837 new sites were recorded and more than 1000 total site records were obtained. Approximately one-fifth (20%) of all sites now on record for the six-county target area was recorded during these two projects. This work has proved very productive and successful; further projects such as these could provide much the same results.

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