

RAMSEY HOMES SECTION 106 REVIEW

- HUD has determined that this project is an undertaking and has delegated its Section 106 authority and responsibilities to the City Housing Office.
- Historic Properties have been identified:

ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES

The Ramsey Homes include four buildings with 15 units, built in by the federal government in 1942 as housing for African American defense workers. The four Ramsey Homes buildings were previously recorded as seven resources in 2006 in anticipation of nominating the "Uptown/Parker-Gray Historic District" (DHR No. 100-0133) to the VLR and NRHP. Each resource contributes to the VLR district listed in 2008 and the NRHP district listed in 2010. Historic American Building Survey documentation for the Ramsey Homes (HABS VA-1511) was completed in December 2015 as part of this project.

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

One previously recorded archeological site has been recorded on the property; site 44AX0160 represents a probable Civil War-era military barracks site that was investigated by Alexandria Archaeology in 1991. According to the DHR site record, the resource has not been evaluated for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. Thunderbird Archeology is currently completing an *Archaeological Evaluation* (Phase I/II investigations) of the site.

SECTION 106 INITIATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONSULTING PARTIES

- On behalf of the City of Alexandria Office of Housing, Thunderbird Archeology formally initiated Section 106 coordination by contacting the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VA SHPO) and the project owner (ARHA) on February 9, 2016. On this same date, Thunderbird invited fourteen (14) local, state, and national governmental agencies and non-governmental groups to participate in the Section 106 process as consulting parties.
- On March 1, 2016, the DHR (VA SHPO) requested additional information and completion of a project review form for the project, including contacts and general project information, HUD involvement, project description, current and past land use, proposed redevelopment plans, proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE), previously identified cultural resources, and methods for identifying consulting parties and seeking public involvement. Thunderbird completed the review form, which was accepted by the VA SHPO on March 18, 2016. On April 18, 2016, DHR responded requesting additional materials to make an informed decision about the undertaking.
- As requested by ARHA, the VA SHPO, the City of Alexandria Office of Housing, and other consulting parties, between March 18 and May 3, 2016, Thunderbird invited additional entities and individuals to consult on the project including: The Mataponi Indian Tribe, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, National Public Housing Museum, the Parker-Gray District Board of Architectural Review, fifteen (15) residents of the Ramsey Homes, various local civic organizations, and the owners of fifty-six (56) properties located in the close vicinity of the project site. Thunderbird has also sent follow-up letters to all of the agencies and groups that failed to respond to the initial invitation letters.

RAMSEY HOMES SECTION 106 TIMELINE

COMPLETED ITEMS

Feb. 9, 2016	Section 106 coordination initiated.
Feb. 9, 2016	Potential consulting parties contacted.
Mar. 18, 2016	DHR Project Review Form completed.
Mar. 18-May 3, 2016	Additional potential consulting parties contacted
Apr. 5, 2016	Draft Documentary Study and Archaeological Resource Assessment submitted to Alexandria Archaeology.
June 6, 2016	First Ramsey Homes Section 106 Consulting Party meeting held.
June 21, 2016	Alexandria Archaeology provided comments on Documentary Study and Archaeological Resource Assessment.
July 7-29, 2016	Archaeological Evaluation (Phase I/II) field investigations conducted.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

Sept. 22, 2016	Response to DHR comments on Project Review Form, Final Documentary Study and Archeological Resource Assessment submitted to DHR, consulting parties, and Alexandria Archaeology.
Sept. 23, 2016	Phase I/II Archeological report submitted to DHR, consulting parties, and Alexandria Archaeology.
Oct. 19, 2016	Alexandria Archaeology, DHR, and consulting parties comment on all submissions.
Late Oct. 2016 (TBD)	Potential Third Ramsey Homes Section 106 Consulting Party meeting held.
Early Nov. 2016	Mitigation Plan and draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) prepared.
Late January, 2017	MOA executed.