



December 6, 2016

Consulting Parties

Re: Section 106 Consulting Party Meetings
National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Consultation - Mitigation
Ramsey Homes - City of Alexandria, Virginia
DHR Project No. 2015-0558/WSSI#: 22682.03

On behalf of the City of Alexandria Office of Housing and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), we are contacting you because you previously accepted an invitation to act as a Consulting Party during the Section 106 review for the proposed redevelopment of the ±0.7 acre Ramsey Homes site, located on North Patrick Street between Pendleton and Wythe Streets in the City of Alexandria, Virginia (the "Project").

A meeting for Consulting Parties was held on Tuesday November 29, 2016. Mr. Roger Kirchen, a representative of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) attended. The focus of this meeting was discussion of appropriate mitigation for the Project's adverse effects on historic archeological and architectural resources. At this time, formal DHR comments and concurrence with the historic consultant's recommendations regarding the identification and significance evaluation of archeological and architectural resources have not been received; however, given the schedule for the Project funding, and in order to proceed with consultation on mitigation measures, we are assuming that the Project could result in direct adverse effects on archeological site 44AX0160 and the Ramsey Homes architectural resources (100-0133-1328, 100-0133-0754, 100-0133-0751, 100-0133-0747, 100-0133-0749, 100-0133-0745, and 100-0133-0948). We will notify you when DHR comments are available. Additionally, Project information and updates are being archived to the Virginia Housing Development LLC (VHD LLC) website at the Ramsey Homes pull-down or <http://www.vhdllc.us/ramsey-homes.html>.

As discussed at the November 29 meeting, we are seeking your specific comments regarding appropriate mitigation of potential adverse effects to the archeological and architectural resources on the site. Please submit suggested mitigation measures and any other comments by Friday, January 6, 2017 to the contacts listed below:

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All information submitted by consulting parties will be compiled, evaluated, and considered during preparation of the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this project; the draft MOA framework along with a list of all mitigation ideas submitted will be forwarded to all consulting parties for comment and discussion at the next consulting parties meeting, tentatively scheduled for mid to late -January 2017. Once this meeting date is set, all consulting parties will be notified. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact: Boyd Sipe, M.A., RPA (WSSI) at 703.679.5623 or bsipe@wetlands.com.

Sincerely,

WETLAND STUDIES AND SOLUTIONS, INC.



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