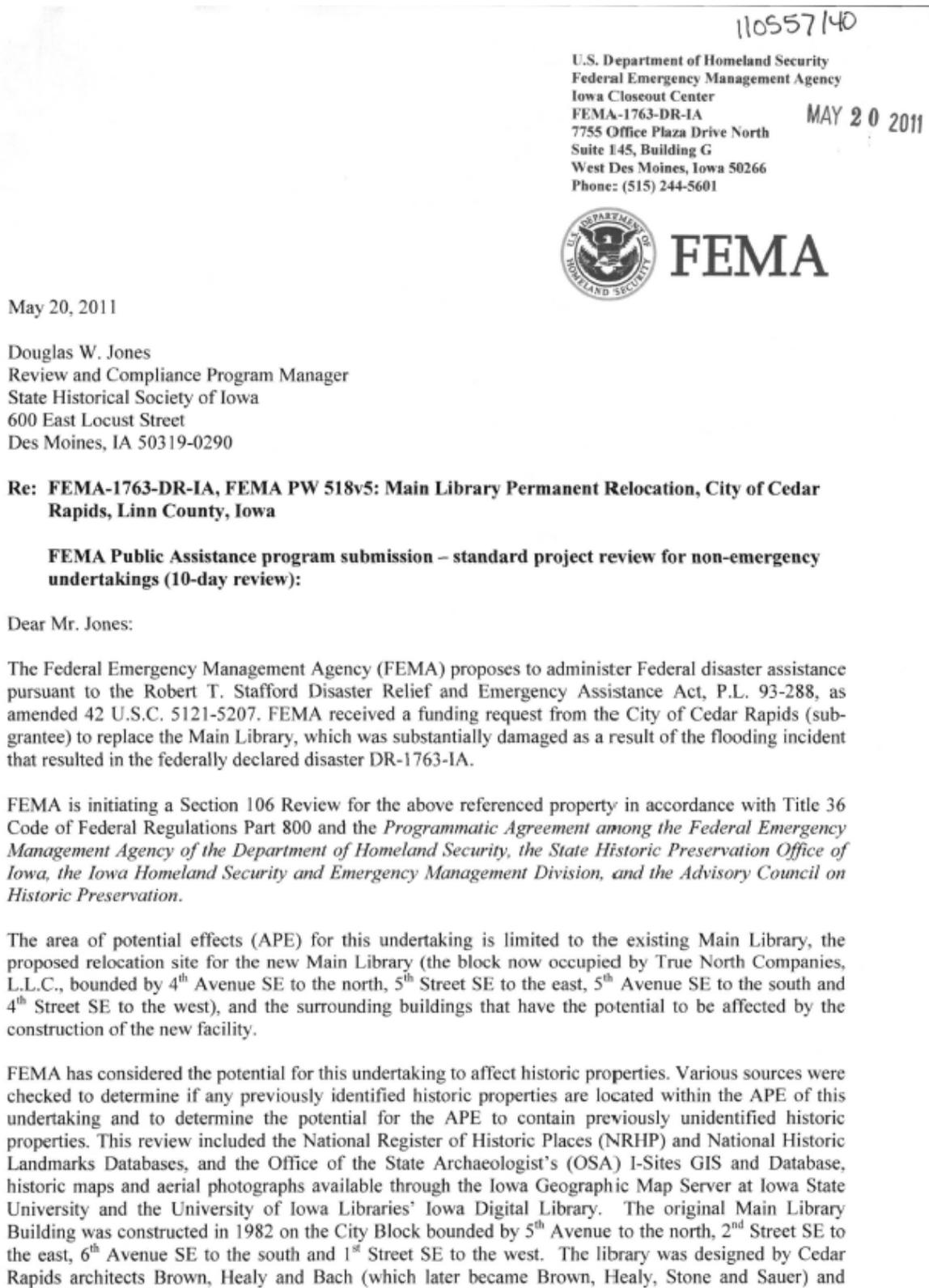


APPENDIX C

FIGURE 1: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Concurrence Letter



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McConnell, Steveley and Anderson, who specialized in Library design. Informal consultation with your office occurred in September 2009 and both FEMA and SHPO agreed that the original Cedar Rapids Main Library did not meet the 50-year criterion required by the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, or the level of exceptional importance required by Criteria Consideration G to be considered eligible for listing in the NRHP. Per FEMA policy, the City has informed FEMA of the intent to sell the Main Library Building to True North, who will repair the facility and occupy it as their headquarters. This sale will occur prior to the completion of the improved Library relocation project. FEMA has determined that this sale and change in use will result in no effect to historic properties.

FEMA has also considered the potential for the site preparation and construction of the new facility to affect cultural resources. According to the Cedar Rapids Assessor, the True North building currently occupying the lot was originally constructed in 1971. The building originally featured a bowling alley and in the 1990s was converted into office space. The existing building has had several modifications and changes in use. FEMA has determined that this building does not meet the 50-year criterion required by the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, or the level of exceptional importance required by Criteria Consideration G to be considered eligible for listing in the NRHP. The proposed new design for the replacement facility will consist of a T-shaped two and three story structure (see attached rendering). The building will feature set backs on the north and south sides with open green space, and a green roof. The scale and footprint of are compatible with other structures within the APE. FEMA has evaluated the potential for this proposed design to effect historic properties. FEMA has referenced the *Historical and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey for the Downtown and Industrial Corridors in Cedar Rapids, IA* conducted by Marlys Svendsen in 1997. FEMA has identified all properties currently listed or previously recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP on adjacent blocks and those blocks surrounding Green Square Park, which would be within the view shed of the proposed library (see attached map). At this time, no historic district has been identified within the APE, and should any such district exist, the current True North building would not be considered a contributing structure and any new construction on this site would likely not detract from a potential district. FEMA has determined that the construction of the proposed Main Library as designed will result in no adverse effect to historic properties within the vicinity of the undertaking.

FEMA has considered the potential for the construction of the new Main Library to affect archaeological resources. FEMA searched the University of Iowa-Office of the State Archeologist (OSA) I-Sites GIS and database, the Landscape Model for Archaeological Site Suitability (LANDMASS) for Linn County, historic maps and aerial photographs available through the Iowa Geographic Map Server at Iowa State University and the University of Iowa Libraries' Iowa Digital Library, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey (see attached figures). According to the master inventory of archaeological sites in Iowa, no previously recorded archaeological sites are located within the APE; however, seven (7) previously identified sites are located within one mile of the APE. In 1998 a Cultural Resources Survey was conducted for the Cedar Valley and Hoover Rails Connector (R&C 19980757002) along the rail road line, which runs north-south along 4th Street SE, the eastern edge of the block for the proposed project. According to the Web Soil Survey, the soil data for this parcel has not been compiled. The site is located in a developed urban environment. The site is located just south of Green Square Park. According to the available Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, the True North block originally housed Washington High School, first erected on that site in 1855. The second Washington High School was constructed on the same block just south of the 1855 school building and was completed in 1892. This Richardsonian Romanesque structure was a prominent building in the developing city. The Washington High School was demolished in 1946, and a new structure was built outside of the downtown to replace it. After the high school relocated, the block was used primarily for parking until the site was developed in 1971. The site is considered moderately sensitive for the presence of pre-historic (Native American) archaeological deposits, however, demolition of the extant building and site improvements will not notably disturb more ground than was disturbed by its original construction, and previous construction on the site. The site is largely covered by concrete and asphaltic parking surfaces. The proposed demolition of the extant building and site preparation plans include removal of the building and all surface paving

within the city block (see attached demolition site plan and excavation site plan). Therefore, FEMA does not recommend a Phase 1 Archaeological Survey in advance of the proposed demolition/construction or monitoring by an archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards during the demolition of the building or removal of the site improvements.

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800 and the *Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa, the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation*, FEMA finds that the proposed project will result in no effects to historic properties at the site of construction and no adverse effect to historic properties within the view shed of the replacement facility.

FEMA respectfully requests your concurrence with this finding within the 10-day agreed upon timeframe. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ann Schmid, Historic Preservation Specialist at (540) 270-0970 or by email at ann.schmid@DHS.gov.

Sincerely,



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FEMA/DHS
Iowa Closeout Center

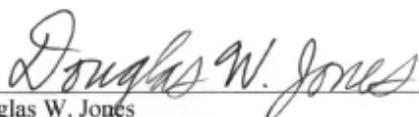
Enclosure: Figures
Site Plans and Rendering



I concur that the undertaking to relocate the Cedar Rapids Main Library, including the demolition of True North on the relocation site will result in no effect to historic properties. I further concur that the construction of the new Library, as designed, will result in no adverse effect to historic properties within the APE of the undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800 and the *Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa, the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation*.



I do not concur with your findings for the following reason:



Douglas W. Jones
Review and Compliance Program Manager, Archaeologist

Date 5/24/2011