

APPENDIX C - Correspondence

FIGURE 1: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Demolition Letter

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September 30, 2010

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Re: FEMA-1763-DR-IA; Project Worksheet #3039: Demolition of the Iowa City Animal Shelter, Johnson County, Iowa

FEMA Public Assistance Program Submission, Standard Project Review for Non-Emergency Undertakings (10-day review)

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to administer Federal disaster assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended. FEMA has received a funding request from the City of Iowa City to demolish their animal shelter facility located at 111 Kirkwood Avenue, which was damaged as a result of the severe thunderstorms and flooding incident that resulted in the federally declared disaster DR-1763-IA.

FEMA is initiating a Section 106 review for the above referenced project in accordance with Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 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*.

The undertaking will consist of the funding of the demolition of the Iowa City Animal Shelter, a single story L-shaped building constructed in 1968. Demolition will also include the removal of all concrete pavement and curbing within the parcel.

FEMA has determined the area of potential effects (APE) for this undertaking to correspond to the existing lot of the Iowa City Animal Shelter, including its parking, curbing, and sidewalk (see attached site plan).

FEMA has evaluated the potential for the presence of significant archaeological deposits at the proposed site. According to the master inventory of archaeological sites in Iowa, there are several known

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archaeological sites within one mile of the APE; however, the ground disturbing activities will be limited to the pre-disturbed ground and will not disturb ground any deeper than necessary for the removal of the paved parking area and the foundation of the building. LANDMASS potential for the area to contain prehistoric sites is low. Furthermore, the ground disturbance related to the construction of the animal shelter and the surrounding paved area has likely profoundly disturbed the parcel; therefore the potential to adversely affect any intact significant sites is low.

In accordance with 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 has determined that the undertaking will result in no historic properties affected.

FEMA respectfully requests an expedited review of this documentation and your concurrence with this finding as soon as possible. If you have any questions or comments, contact Ann Schmid (540-270-0970 or ann.schmid@dhs.gov) or Jeff Carr (540-597-4669 or jeff.carr@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Jeff Carr
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Enclosures: Figures

I concur that the proposed undertaking to fund the demolition of the Iowa City Animal Shelter will result in no historic properties affected.

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



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Date



FIGURE 2: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Concurrence Letter for Relocation

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**Re: FEMA-1763-DR-IA, R&C 100952206, FEMA PW 3039: Iowa City Animal Shelter
Permanent Relocation, City of Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa**

FEMA Public Assistance program submission – standard project review for non-emergency undertakings (10-day review):

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to administer Federal disaster assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207. FEMA received a funding request from the City of Iowa City (sub-grantee) to replace the Animal Shelter, which was substantially damaged as a result of the flooding incident that resulted in the federally declared disaster DR-1763-IA.

FEMA is continuing a Section 106 Review for the above referenced project in accordance with Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 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.*

The area of potential effects (APE) for this undertaking is limited to the existing Iowa City Animal Shelter and the relocation site for the new Animal Shelter, proposed to be located in a park within the City of Iowa City, Johnson County.

FEMA consulted with your office regarding the demolition of the original facility in September 2010. This demolition was originally addressed under 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*, Allowance XI. B. regarding the demolition of buildings less than 50 years old. The demolition of the original facility was limited to the low-impact demolition procedures outlined in the Archaeological Evaluation

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Administrative Agreement Protocol and Procedures (developed among FEMA, SHPO, OSA and IHSEMD), which requires the minimization of disturbance of the ground adjacent to the demolished buildings, the restriction of ground disturbance to no more than two feet beyond the existing foundation of the demolished building. FEMA was informed that the City would like to demolish the entire parcel including paved parking, curbing and sidewalks, therefore FEMA opened consultation with your office. Your office concurred with FEMA's determination that the undertaking for the demolition of the original facility would result in no historic properties affected (see attached letter dated September 30, 2010).

FEMA has considered the potential of the construction of the new facility to affect cultural resources. FEMA searched the University of Iowa-Office of the Archaeologist's I-Sites GIS and database, the Landscape Model for Archaeological Site Suitability (LANDMASS) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey to determine if archaeological sites have been identified within the vicinity of the APE. According to the master inventory of archaeological sites in Iowa, the proposed relocation site is located in an area of high potential for archaeological material and cultural deposits. There are several known sites identified within one mile of the APE of the proposed relocation, and one known site within the APE. In addition, multiple archeological surveys have been completed within and around the APE. A FEMA archaeologist utilized the hard-copy surveys in your collection to accurately map the survey boundaries of surrounding surveys in comparison to the proposed construction site. One survey, R&C19971052500 appears to be mapped incorrectly on I-Sites (see attached i-sites print compared to Figure 5 in the *Phase I Intensive Archaeological Investigation for the Proposed Animal Shelter Project, Section 22, T79N-R6W, Johnson County, Iowa*). As the majority of the APE had not been previously surveyed and based on the high level of sensitivity for archaeological sites, FEMA required the sub-grantee have a Phase I Intensive Archaeological Investigation completed for the site. This survey was completed in April 2011 by the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA), the results of which are documented in the enclosed Archaeological Survey Report. FEMA has reviewed the report and agrees with the findings that no archaeological resources are located within the APE, that the portion of site 13JH744 within the APE does not contain sufficient historic or pre-historic deposits to be considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Place, and that no further archaeological work is recommended for the proposed construction of the new Iowa City Animal Shelter.

FEMA has further considered the potential of the construction of the new facility to affect historic standing structures. The parcel of land for the proposed facility was previously a residential district containing houses over 50 years old. Prior to the 2008 disaster, the City of Iowa City identified the area as the site of a new City park, and began acquiring and demolishing these residential structures. The site was cleared of all standing structures prior to the selection for the location of the Animal Shelter, therefore there are no extant historic standing structures located within the APE. Additionally, several public works facilities have been constructed adjacent to the new park area.

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 to relocate the Iowa City Animal Shelter will result in no effects to historic properties.

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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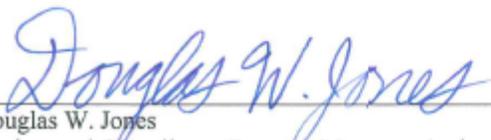
Enclosure: Phase I Survey Report



I concur that the undertaking to relocate the Iowa City Animal Shelter will result in no effect to historic properties 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
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Date

