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Re: Summary of Archaeological Investigations at Beecher Terrace Project, Louisville, KY

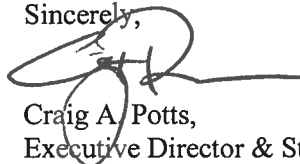
Dear Ms. Bader:

Thank you for your October 30, 2017 letter summarizing the Phase I and Phase II archaeological investigations associated with the Beecher Terrace project in Louisville, KY. Two sites were found during these investigations. The first is a cemetery, possibly the first public burial ground in Louisville, designated 15Jf924. Preliminary work documented 25 grave shafts which appear to be undisturbed. There is no evidence of the cemetery that is visible above ground in what is currently Baxter Square Park. We agree that the cemetery is well bound by the existing streets surrounding Baxter Square Park as this is also supported by archival and map evidence. The second site, designated 15Jf923, is a high density of cultural features related to the nineteenth century occupation of the 16 blocks that compose the Beecher Terrace Project area. The work completed by Corn Island has confirmed the presence of intact deposits within the areas that were sampled during this preliminary archaeological work.

Based on the work completed to date the consultant recommends that both 15Jf923 and 15Jf924 are eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) due to significant data potential within these sites. We concur that both sites are NRHP eligible. We understand that the report detailing these investigations is currently being completed and will be submitted to our office for review once it is finished.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, Louisville Metro Government, HUD, and the ACHP in the development of a Programmatic Agreement that addresses the variety of adverse effects the proposed project will have on these two archaeological sites and several above ground historic resources discussed in an earlier letter from our office. We understand the consulting parties process is ongoing with the first consulting party meeting scheduled to take place in December of 2017. We look forward to hearing their input regarding concerns to impacts to historic resources associated with this project. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Nick Laracuente of my staff at nicolas.laracuente@ky.gov.

Sincerely,



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