



April 4, 2022

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Mr. Farris:

We have received your recent letter, dated April 4, 2022, regarding the property at 3321 North Maryland Avenue / 2015-2025 East Newport Avenue, the former Columbia-Saint Mary's Hospital (Building A) in Milwaukee.

Our office has worked with the University of Wisconsin System (UW System) over several years in fulfillment of their statutory responsibilities. The UW System initially notified the SHPO Compliance Section on September 13, 2019 of the proposed demolition of Building A as part of the larger Northwest Quadrant Renovation project. This notification began our official consultations under Wis. Stats. 44.40(1). At the time of review, AHI #106495 was not listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the State Register of Historic Places (SRHP), nor was it a locally designated historic property pursuant to Wis. Stats. 44.45.

SHPO staff ultimately concurred with the UW System's determination that the proposed demolition would result in an adverse effect and entered into mitigation negotiations to offset the loss of Building A with the UW System per Wis. Stats. 44.40(3). The SHPO and the UW System agreed to mitigation measures in 2021. On March 8, 2022, the consultation was officially concluded and the following mitigation measures were stipulated:

1. The UW System will collect digital images of all exterior elevations and character-defining features of the interior.
2. The UW System will compose a summary of Building A to be included in the SHPO's site file for AHI # 106495.
3. The UW System will undertake a historic survey of campuses at UW Green Bay, UW Parkside, and UW Superior.

The City of Milwaukee has been a Certified Local Government (CLG) since 1991. This office initially advised the local government on the development of its local historic preservation ordinance and reviewed the ordinance for compliance with state and federal requirements of the CLG program. Subsequent to initial advice and review, the SHPO does not administer local historic preservation commissions or ordinances, nor does the SHPO advocate on issues being considered by units of government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daina Penkiunas", with a large, elegant loop at the end.

Daina Penkiunas
State Historic Preservation Officer

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