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Lake County

Ft. Sheridan

Completion of Trail Loop, Consolidation of Interpretative Exhibits and Landscaping Improvements

Area Bounded by Leonard Wood Drive North, South, East and West, Ft. Sheridan,

USDA

IHPA Log #010061915

August 6, 2015

James Anderson

Lake County Forest Preserves

1899 W. Winchester Road

Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for requesting comments from our office concerning the possible effects of the project referenced above on cultural resources. Our comments are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470), as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties".

We have reviewed the referenced project. This property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 20, 1984. In our opinion, the project does not meet The Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings". The proposed undertaking would constitute an adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR 800.5 (iv).

The planned modifications to the Parade Ground can, however, be altered to meet the Standards. To achieve this we recommend the retention of a landscape historian or landscape architect with the demonstrated ability to delineate and survey historic landscapes. The selected individual needs to survey the O.C. Simons landscape within the former Parade Grounds and recommend a treatment plan that adheres to Simons' design principles. A list of consultants has been enclosed for your convenience.

It should be noted that a number of neighbors of the Parade Ground have contacted our agency concerning this undertaking. The loss of historic views and the introduction of tall grasses appear to be the main concern of these constituents. If you have questions please contact me at 217-785-5031.

Sincerely,

Rachel Leibowitz, Ph.D.

Deputy State Historic

Preservation Officer

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Enclosure: Historic and Cultural Landscape Consultants list.

c: Lisa DiChiera, Landmarks Illinois