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Lake County  
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Completion of Trail Loop, Consolidation of Interpretative Exhibits and Landscaping Improvements  
Area Bounded by Leonard Wood Drive North, South, East and West  
IHPA Log #010061915

October 22, 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 additional material provided by the Lake County Forest Preserve (LCFP), and staff members have visited the site. We are still of the opinion that the proposed project for the parade grounds does not meet The Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings," (Standards) and that the proposed undertaking would constitute an adverse effect as defined in 36 CFR 800.5 (iv).

We do, however, believe that it is appropriate to remove golf course topography and the rows of trees that had been added to the golf course. It also is appropriate to replace dead and dying trees in kind and to remove self-seeded invasive species from the parade ground. The LCFP should not add a greater number of trees than were present historically and the mowed turf grass must remain. Adding new "savanna/woodland" areas of native shrubs, grasses, and forbs, and adding new native trees in greater numbers does not meet the Standards.

If you have questions please contact me at 217-785-5031, or [Rachel.Leibowitz@Illinois.gov](mailto:Rachel.Leibowitz@Illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

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