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History Center issues public notice for storage project at Agricultural and Industrial Museum

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities' Section 106 Review of York County History Center A-Wing Collections Storage Project

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has offered York County Heritage Trust in York, PA, Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections grant (PF- 287860 to develop design and construction documents for climate-controlled collections storage in the History Center's Agricultural and Industrial Museum's A Wing.

NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. This public notice is issued as part of NEH's responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. 306108. NEH, a funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. **If any proposed action will have an adverse effect on historic resources, NEH works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require NEH to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.**

The Agricultural and Industrial Museum is located at 217 W. Princess St., York, PA 17401. The property is a contributing resource to the York Historic District, on the National Register of Historic Places. (#79002371). The district reflects an industrial town whose architecture is predominantly from the Victorian period. The site was previously the George F. Motter and Sons Building and Annex, a manufacturer until the early 20th century. The company was founded in 1838 and specialized in boilers, radiators, and various types of other machinery and equipment. The site is comprised of four separate buildings: the George F. Motter & Sons 1880 building, the 1928 Motter & Sons annex, a second Motter & Sons 1928 Annex at the rear, and the Westinghouse Electric Light Company 1895 Annex, also at the rear. The whole structure remains divided by these original sections. This project is concerned only with the A-Wing section, a 6,255 square-foot-space located closest to West Princess Street and the railroad track.

The project will utilize a portion of the rear roof where the A-Wing meets the rear Annex. The roofline sits below the brick walls, which provides some cover for any mechanical equipment that will need to be installed. It is not possible to see the roof of the A-Wing from the street level, therefore anything placed on the roof will not be seen by the public. A portion of a mechanical system may be seen, depending on the

height of the unit(s), but there are other objects in place already on the roof, including a ladder that travels from the roof of A-Wing to the annex.

On November 17, 2022, Emma Diehl, Environmental Review Division Manager, with the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, provided a finding of No Adverse Effect. After reviewing the Section 106 documentation and SHPO finding, NEH issues a determination of No Adverse Effect.

As required by Section 106, NEH is providing the public with information about this project, as well as an opportunity to comment on any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area, and issues relating to the project's potential effects on historic properties. Comments may be submitted to the NEH by e-mail to FPO@neh.gov.

The deadline for submitting comments is seven days from today, June 30, 2023.

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