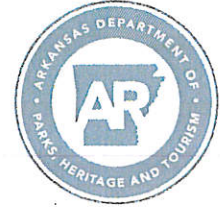




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February 21, 2020

Ms. Caran Curry
Grants Manager
City of Little Rock
500 West Markham
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Pulaski County – Little Rock
Section 106 Review – NPS
Technical Assistance – Historic Property Identification, Legacy Grant for Western
Hills Development
AHPP Tracking Number 105449

Dear Ms. Curry:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) reviewed the records for significant archaeological, architectural, and historic resources proximal to the study area in Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

A review of the records indicates there are two documented archeological sites within the study area: 3PU0735 and 3PU0838. Site 3PU0735 is a cemetery located approximately 100 meters southeast of the intersection of Western Hills Boulevard and Standish Road. According to the site form, the date range for the cemetery may span 1889 to 1972. There is no map or information regarding the number of burials or the configuration. The recorded dimensions are 328 feet by 602 feet, totaling approximately 4.5 acres. Site 3PU0838 is documented as a single headstone at the base of a large oak tree cluster within the boundary of the former Western Hills Golf Course.

Additional resources include the Western Hills United Methodist Church (PU10550), determined not eligible for the National Register on July 19, 2018, and the Western Hills Country Clubhouse (also recorded as PU9765/Concordia Country Club). Resource PU9765 is eligible for the Arkansas Register, but is not determined eligible for the National Register and therefore does not meet the definition of a historic property in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.16(l)(1).

There are two previous cultural resources investigations within or proximal to the study area. In 1980, the Arkansas Archeological Survey investigated a corridor for the proposed Fourche Sewage Facilities Project (AMASDA 750). The survey traversed the southeastern margin of the study area. The project included testing and monitoring. In 1985, an

Archeological Assessments, Inc. investigation titled the Fourche Creek Flood Control project surveyed a corridor approximately 200 meters north by northeast of the study area.

The study area lies approximately a quarter mile from a Trail of Tears corridor. Considering this fact, the confirmed presence of burials, and the lack of a comprehensive cultural resources investigation for the study area, the AHPP may recommend a cultural resources survey in advance of any federal undertaking. The AHPP looks forward to further consultation with the lead federal agency and the City of Little Rock when additional information is available.

Tribes that have expressed an interest in the area include the Caddo Nation (Ms. Tamara Francis), the Cherokee Nation (Ms. Elizabeth Toombs), the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (Ms. Madison Currie), the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians (Ms. Alina J. Shively), the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Ms. Corain Lowe-Zepeda), the Osage Nation (Dr. Andrea Hunter), the Quapaw Nation (Mr. Everett Bandy), and the Shawnee Tribe (Ms. Tonya Tipton). Consultation on federal undertakings is required in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2).

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Mills of my staff at (501) 324-9784 or eric.mills@arkansas.gov. Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number above in any correspondence.

Sincerely,



Scott Kaufman
Director, AHPP

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Dr. Ann Early, Arkansas Archeological Survey