



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
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BJ Dunn  
Independence National Historical Park  
143 South 3rd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE  
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

RE: ER# 11-1151-101-A  
NPS: Rehabilitation of Visitors Facilities at Franklin Court, Independence National  
Historical Park, Philadelphia

Dear Mr. Dunn:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999 and 2004. These regulations require consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

We have reviewed the project and your effect finding. The Museum was identified in the National Register form as noncontributing, the Court as contributing to the Independence National Historical Park. The loss of the awning and supports and the expansion of the Museum appear to be a fairly minimal affect on the Court. However, as you indicate in your letter it will change the spatial relationships within the Court as well as the Court design. Therefore we concur with your determination of adverse effect and your proposed mitigation.

If you need further assistance in this matter, contact Ann Safley at (717) 787-9121.

Sincerely

Douglas C. McLearn, Chief  
Division of Archaeology & Protection

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