



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

2. **Project Description:**

Project Name: Remove Thompson Farm Hog Barn/Corn Crib (HS-86)

Prepared by: Cary Wiesner **Date Prepared:** 02/16/2014 **Telephone:** 319-643-2541

PEPC Project Number: 51301

Locations:

Describe project:

The Donald Thompson Hog Barn/Corn Crib is in an advanced state of deterioration and unfortunately needs to be removed. The structure is badly deteriorated, especially the hog barn section which has partially collapsed, and is a hazard. The structure was built probably before 1938 and was originally acquired by the park in 1974 under a life estate agreement. It came under full NPS control upon Mr. Thompson's death in 2008. As part of the life estate agreement Mr. Thompson was supposed to keep the buildings in good repair, but he failed to do so. In a 2008 discussion with Iowa SHPO representatives Doug Jones and Ralph Christian, it was agreed that the Hog Barn/Corn Crib (HS-86) was beyond repair, and that it could be removed, with salvaged lumber used to repair other Thompson Farm structures where feasible. This is what the park would like to do now with this building. Where feasible, lumber salvaged from this structure will be used as part of repairs planned in PEPC 40045, Stabilize Thompson Farm Structures. Future plans call for the Thompson Farm to be converted into the park's maintenance facility. As part of those plans HEHO will explore putting a similar-looking structure at the HS-86 site. The current structure's concrete pad will be retained, with the possibility that it will be reutilized when site is re-developed.

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

3. **Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?**

☐ No

☒ Yes

Source or reference:

4. **Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

Archeological Resources Notes: Geophysical investigations done at the Thompson Farm in 2008 did not include the hog barn/corn crib area (DeVore, Trip Report 2008). There should be no significant ground disturbance associated with this project. Concrete pad will be retained, possibly to be reutilized when farm is redeveloped as maintenance facility.

Historical Structures/Resources Notes: Project affects the Thompson Hog Barn/Corn Crib (HS-86, LCS #070103). This structure, which was probably built before 1938, was declared NR eligible in 1994, and was included as a contributing structure in the park's revised National Register nomination in 2012 (p. 11). It is currently classified Management Category B, "Should be Preserved and Maintained" in the park's List of Classified Structures (LCS). Structure has partly collapsed and is unsafe. In a 2008 discussion with Iowa SHPO representatives Doug Jones and Ralph Christian, it was agreed that the Hog Barn/Corn Crib was beyond repair, and that it could be removed, with salvaged lumber used to repair other Thompson Farm structures where feasible. This is what the park would like to do now with this building. Future plans call for the Thompson Farm to be converted into the park's mainenance facility. As part of those plans HEHO will explore putting a similar-looking structure at the HS-86 site in order to restore cluster arrangement and spatial organization of the farm site..

Cultural Landscapes Notes: Absence of structure will change historic landscape. It will affect the integrity of the Thompson Farm building cluster (CLI, 2010, p. 4).

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

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| <u>Yes</u> | Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure |
| <u>No</u> | Replace historic features/elements in kind |
| <u>No</u> | Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure |
| <u>No</u> | Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain) |
| <u>No</u> | Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape |
| <u>No</u> | Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible |
| <u>No</u> | Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible |
| <u>No</u> | Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources |
| <u>No</u> | Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources |
| <u>No</u> | Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures) |
| | Other (please specify): _____ |

6. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

[X] Archeologist

Name: Dawn Bringelson

Date: 02/21/2014

Comments: Area has not been inventoried for archeological resources. I assume that project will not result in ground disturbance, but am not sure. UPDATE 3/26/14: No ground disturbance is anticipated for this project. Concrete pad will be left in place, so this project should have no adverse effect on archeological resources.

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Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties

Affected ☒ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Historian

Name: Ron Cockrell

Date: 02/21/2014

Comments: The park has met with the SHPO and discussed the fate of this historic structure. Both parties agreed to removal. Recommend moving forward with Adverse Effect determination and ask SHPO if present documentation is adequate or if additional mitigation is required (through a Memorandum of Agreement).

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties

Affected ☐ No Adverse Effect ☒ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Historical Architect

Name: Al O'Bright

Date: 02/19/2014

Comments: The subject building was documented through measured drawings 2013 (NPS dwg. no. 432/117539). Condition survey report dated 4/13/13 also recommends demolition of the building.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties

Affected ☐ No Adverse Effect ☒ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Marla McEnaney

Date: 02/21/2014

Comments: Removal of structure that contributes to a NRHP eligible farm complex.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance ☐

Assessment of Effect: ☐ No Potential to Cause Effect ☐ No Historic Properties

Affected ☐ No Adverse Effect ☒ Adverse Effect ☐ Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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No Reviews From: Curator, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist

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C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

☐ No Potential to Cause Effects
☐ No Historic Properties Affected
☐ No Adverse Effect
☒ Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

☒ **A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION**

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

☐ **B. STREAMLINED REVIEW UNDER THE 2008 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)**

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

APPLICABLE STREAMLINED REVIEW Criteria
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

☐ **C. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING**

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 Servicewide PA and 36 CFR Part 800.
Specify plan/EA/EIS:

☐ **D. UNDERTAKING RELATED TO ANOTHER AGREEMENT**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or counterpart regulations.

Explanation: None

☐ **E. COMBINED NEPA/NHPA Document**

Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

☐ **G. Memo to SHPO/THPO**

☐ **H. Memo to ACHP**

3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:

Additional Consulting Parties: No

4. Stipulations and Conditions:

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:

Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties:
(Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Compliance Specialist:

NHPA Specialist

Cary Wiesner _____ **Date:** _____

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Signature

Superintendent: _____ **Date:** _____