

## CITY OF RICHMOND

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Section 106 Review – Notice of Adverse Effect Demolition of Unsafe Structures Richmond, VA 3301 Williamsburg Avenue 1308 N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street 2310 Fairmount Avenue 1517 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street 1309, 1313 and 1321 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street

You are receiving this Notice of Adverse Effect as an organization or individual with an expressed interest in the preservation of historic buildings and areas in the City of Richmond. Notice of Adverse Effect is give on this date, 9/8/2017, in accordance with Stipulations VI and VIII of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the review of HUD-funded undertakings in the City of Richmond, VA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. In accordance with Stipulation II (F) and VI (A) of the PA a preliminary finding of historic property affected has been made and/or local funding will be used to demolish a property for code violation within an area designated to receive Federal funds. Each undertaking resulted in less than one (1) acre of cumulative ground disturbance.

The City of Richmond would like to offer the following comment(s) for your consideration:

- 3301 Williamsburg Avenue is part of the Fulton Gas Works, a property that has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (127-6255). 1308 N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street (127-0820-0580), and 1309, 1313 and 1321 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street (127-0820-0671/0673/0675) are located in the National Registerlisted Church Hill North Historic District. 2310 Fairmount Avenue (127-0814-0555) is located in the National Register-listed Fairmount Historic District. 1517 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street (127-0821-0981) is located in the National Register-listed Oakwood-Chimborazo Historic District.
- 3301 Williamsburg Avenue, 1308 N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, and 2310 Fairmount Avenue were demolished by the City of Richmond in areas targeted to receive Federal funding and all had been declared hazardous by the Commissioner of Buildings.

 1309, 1313 and 1321 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street and 1517 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street were demolished by Better Housing Coalition and Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanities. These properties had numerous code violations and were considered open and unsafe.

The City has offered the following items as part of a mitigation plan for the project:

- The record in V-CRIS for each property will be updated at the intensive level with all the necessary maps, photographs, and plans prepared to DHR standards.
- The City of Richmond will develop language to be included in the revised Programmatic Agreement to be proactive and monitor demolitions in designated conservation and redevelopment areas.
- The City of Richmond will develop a plan for the preservation of remaining key components of the Fulton Gas Works property.
- The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has reviewed and commented on the planned redevelopment at 1309, 1313 and 1321 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street and 1517 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

If you have any comments pertaining to this adverse effect, please submit them to me in writing <u>no later than 10/10/2017</u>. You can contact me, with your questions or comments, by electronic mail at <u>Kimberly.Chen@richmondgov.com</u> or by phone at 804-646-6364. You can also write or visit me in Richmond City Hall at the address listed below.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Chen, Principal Planner

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