

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration (VA) proposes to implement a Master Plan for the Augusta VA Medical Center, Lenwood Division, Augusta, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council), "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), VA in consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has determined that this undertaking will have an adverse effect on the Augusta VA Medical Center Historic District, a property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470(f)) and the Council's regulations VA has requested the comments of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Council, the VA and the Georgia SHPO have consulted and reviewed the undertaking to consider alternatives to avoid or satisfactorily mitigate the adverse effects;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that the undertaking will be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations to mitigate adverse effects on the above-mentioned property.

Stipulations

VA will insure that the following measures are carried out.

1. Buildings 18, 19, and 20

These structures will continue to be utilized and will be stabilized or rehabilitated in accordance with the recommended approaches in "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" (Standards) applied in consultation with the Georgia SHPO and final review plans and specifications for rehabilitations of these structures will be provided to the Georgia SHPO for review and comment. Comments by the Georgia SHPO will be taken into account by VA.

2. Residential Buildings 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 40, 65, and 66.

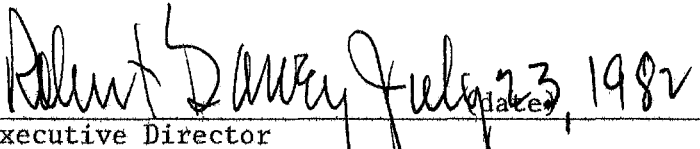
These eight structures, located in the southwest corner of the Medical Center, will continue to be utilized and maintained in accordance with the recommended approaches in the Standards.


3. The Line Ward Buildings

- a. Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be recorded prior to demolition so that there will be a permanent record of their existence. The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) will first be contacted to determine what documentation is required. All documentation must be accepted in writing by HABS and the Council notified of its acceptance prior to demolition. Copies of this documentation will be provided to the Georgia SHPO.
- b. Following completion of demolition, VA, in consultation with the Georgia SHPO, will re-apply the National Register Criteria to the Augusta VA Medical Center - Lenwood Division to determine if sufficient qualities are still present to qualify the Augusta VA Medical Center - Lenwood Division as an historic district or whether modifications are needed in the National Register designation. If VA and/or the Georgia SHPO feel that adjustments to the boundaries are warranted, VA will seek the further opinion of the Keeper of the National Register.
- c. As the result from this re-appraisal warrants, the plans and specifications for new construction in the Augusta VA Medical Center - Lenwood Division will be developed in consultation with the Georgia SHPO. Prior to construction final review plans and specifications will be provided to the Georgia SHPO for review and comment and these comments will be taken into account by VA.

4. Buildings 12, 21, 34, and 76

VA will give strong consideration to the retention, reuse, and rehabilitation of these four structures. Following VA's decision on the Master Plan and selection of the preferred development concept, VA in consultation with the Georgia SHPO will re-assess the effects that implementation of the development concept will have on these four structures. If the proposed treatment for any of these structures is not rehabilitation in accordance with the recommended approaches in the Standards, or if demolition is contemplated, prior to taking any action the Georgia SHPO will be consulted and the further comments of the Council sought in accordance with 36 CFR Sec. 800.6.


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