

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SECTION 106

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at St. Cloud, Minnesota (VA), upon consultation with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (MnSHPO), in accordance with 36 CFR 800, has determined that the replacement of the original windows on Building 50 will have an effect upon the St. Cloud Veterans Affairs Medical Center, a property eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement windows do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, but the VA has concluded that there is no affordable alternative which would meet both the energy conservation needs and the Rehabilitation Standards; and

WHEREAS, a similar window replacement project for Building 51 in 2001 resulted in a Section 106 memorandum of agreement which stipulated mitigation measures, including documentation of the historical evolution of the campus as well as a historic planning document to guide future campus development; and

WHEREAS, initial work on the first mitigation measure from the 2001 memorandum of agreement has documented the evolution of campus buildings, and will next incorporate information on campus landscape elements; and


WHEREAS, the campus planning document will follow the completion of the first mitigation measure, and

WHEREAS, these mitigation measures are sufficiently comprehensive to address the adverse effect of the proposed Building 50 window replacement project as well as the previous Building 51 window replacement project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the VA and MnSHPO agree that the Building 50 window replacement project will proceed in accordance with the stipulations included in the 2001 memorandum of agreement for the Building 51 window replacement project, and that no additional mitigation measures are needed to address the effects of the Building 50 window replacement project.


Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the VA and the MnSHPO evidence that VA has taken into account the effect of the Building 50 window replacement project on historic properties.

VA MEDICAL CENTER, ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

BY: 
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Date: May 5, 2002

MINNESOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

BY: 

Date: 5/13/02