

# Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration (VA), has determined that various undertakings will have an effect upon the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Bath, New York (Center), a property eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and has requested the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470), and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800),

NOW, THEREFORE, the VA, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Council agree that the various undertakings shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertakings on the Center.

### Stipulations

1. The VA, in consultation with the New York SHPO, will undertake the following surveys:
  - a. An architectural and historical survey of the buildings and grounds of the Center.
  - b. An archeological survey of the Center in accordance with 36 CFR Part 66.
  - c. A survey of the present condition, use, and future use of the buildings and grounds of the Center.
2. The results of the surveys will be submitted to the New York SHPO and the Council for review and comment. The results of the surveys and any comments of the New York SHPO and the Council, which are submitted to VA within 30 days of receipt of the surveys, will be used to prepare the data base for a preservation Master Plan for the Center.
3. Utilizing the above information VA will prepare a preservation Master Plan for the Center which will include the following:
  - a. Cyclical maintenance procedures for buildings and grounds based on the recommended approaches of the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" (Standards).

- b. A schedule for cyclical maintenance of buildings and grounds at the Center.
  - c. Interium stabilization and rehabilitation measures for buildings and grounds based on the "Standards".
  - d. Guidelines for new construction based on the "Standards" and identification of all available sites for development.
  - e. Treatment plans for all archeological sites that meet National Register eligibility criteria.
  - f. A review of alternatives for any action which would adversely affect the Center.
4. Upon completion the preservation Master Plan will be submitted to the New York SHPO and the Council for review and comment. Upon the agreement of VA, the New York SHPO, and the Council on the preservation Master Plan, it will be adopted by VA within 120 days.
  5. If the agreed upon and adopted preservation Master Plan calls for the demolition or alteration of buildings or grounds at the Center, prior to demolition or alteration, the buildings or grounds will be recorded so that there will be a permanent record of their history and appearance. The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) (National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20243; 202-272-3533) will first be contacted to determine what documentation is required. The documentation must be accepted in writing by HABS prior to demolition or alteration. Copies of this documentation will be provided to the New York SHPO.
  6. All projects carried out in accordance with the agreed upon and adopted preservation Master Plan will not require further review by the New York SHPO or the Council.
  7. Any project that cannot comply with the agreed upon and adopted preservation Master Plan will be submitted to the Council for review and comment in accordance with Council regulations.
  8. Until such time that the preservation Master Plan has been agreed upon and adopted, the VA will submit individual projects at the Center to the Council for review and comment in accordance with Council regulations.
  9. On a periodic basis, or as necessary, the VA, in consultation with the New York SHPO and the Council, will evaluate the adopted preservation Master Plan and, if necessary, modify the plan through the process provided in the Council regulations.

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Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement evidences that the VA has afforded the Council a reasonable opportunity to comment on the undertakings and their effects on the Center and that the VA has taken into account the effects of its undertakings on the Center.

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