



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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## Cook County Chicago

**Exterior and Interior Rehabilitation, New Construction of Archives Building, National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture**  
3015 W. Division St.  
IDNR-2103692  
SHPO Log #007092320

November 17, 2022

**Dawn Cobb**  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way  
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Dear Ms. Cobb:

Thank you for the plans for the new archive building that we received on October 31, 2022. The plans are of a different design than that which was submitted in 2020 and require a new review by our office.

The undertaking is proposed to occur within Humboldt Park, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on February 20, 1992.

The proposed new building will be located southwest of the historic Receptory, which is a contributing building within the Humboldt Park historic district. The location at 3015 West Division Street is about 300 feet west of Humboldt Drive and about 200 feet south of West Division Street, behind the Receptory and nearest its least-visible facades (West and South). Because the proposed location is set back from West Division and Humboldt Drive and is surrounded to the west and south by existing, non-historic playing fields, we find that the location does not adversely affect historic Humboldt Park.

We find the proposed exterior design to be compatible with the historic character of the Receptory and with Humboldt Park. The new building is intended to look like a barn or agricultural outbuilding. Its design is deferential to the Receptory, while its proposed colors evoke those of the historic building. The proposed change to painted or colored HardiePlank board and batten that we learned about during our October 31, 2022 meeting is approved, as HardiePlank in new construction is a compatible material. However, we feel that the faux windows make the building look residential in character, as agricultural outbuildings did not have windows. Therefore, we have one condition that will allow the building to come into conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and avoid an adverse effect to the Receptory and the historic district:

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**1. The Faux windows must be eliminated from the north elevation.**

**If the project's scope of work changes from that which has been submitted to and approved by this office, you must email those changes to [SHPO.Review@Illinois.gov](mailto:SHPO.Review@Illinois.gov) and to Anthony Rubano ([Anthony.Rubano@Illinois.gov](mailto:Anthony.Rubano@Illinois.gov)) for review and comment. Failure to submit project changes for review and comment may result in an adverse effect determination pursuant to the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act.**

**If you have any further questions, please contact Rita Baker, Cultural Resources Manager, at 217/785-4998 or at [Rita.E.Baker@illinois.gov](mailto:Rita.E.Baker@illinois.gov).**

**Sincerely,**

  
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Preservation Officer**