

## **November 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Section 106 MOA Weyerhaeuser Woodbridge Building A and Building B (Corps Reference NWS-2017-1077)**

**Parties participating:** Corps of Engineers, state Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) Federal Way Campus (IRG), King County Historic Preservation, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Save Weyerhaeuser Campus, The Cultural Landscape Foundation, SoCoCulture, Snoqualmie Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe

### **Topics Discussed:**

**Eligibility:** District should also be eligible under Criterion B for George H. Weyerhaeuser, with the period of significance to follow his tenure to 1991. Jean brought this up and Charles agreed and provided additional context/support. From the information provided it sounds reasonable. Due to our small federal handle and authority, we have not made an exhaustive determination on each contributing element/criterion to the District; for the purpose of Section 106 and our undertaking, we have sufficient information to indicate the District is NRHP-eligible and will be adversely affected within the Corps' permit area. Researching this could be a potential mitigation measure.

**District Boundary/Elements:** We discussed the makeup of the district, in particular in the permit area. Cardno had not recommended the forested portion in the permit area to be a contributing element. Charles disagreed. The letter the Corps sent out and DAHP concurred with did consider this forested part to be a contributing element. Charles talked about using concept of Core areas within districts. I said that we had a similar gaps in knowledge associated with Expo '74 in Spokane, and part of the mitigation was documentation (complete historic context and inventory), a historic preservation plan, and rehabilitation of some of the character-defining features.

**Project Design:** Charles asked if project design was set in stone or subject to consideration. I said that the Section 106 process is flexible and project design could be a part of minimization/mitigation. Dana said they have already worked with foresters and architects and have tried to work the district into the project design. Dana said a lot of information is on their website detailing the steps they have taken to minimize the impact to the campus.

Action Item: Dana/Michelle will coordinate with Charles to bring him up to speed on the steps they have taken to minimize impact to the campus. After the call Jen provided the following links for context: <https://www.woodbridgecorporatemark.com/> and <https://www.woodbridgecorporatemark.com/resources>

**Buffer:** We discussed buffer for minimization. Has the view from the highway been considered (Dana says it is not visible from the highway). Barbara said what about truck noise disturbing the setting? I said it seems clear that some sort of buffer/minimization

would be part of the mitigation package and as it develops we can get input on how that would best be accomplished and what needs to be protected/minimized.

**Important Trees:** Barbara said that there a number of crowd-sourced trees documented on campus that are important to people. Jen checked the crowd-sourced website and none of the trees are within the permit area. Something to take into consideration for the overall district.

**Trails:** We discussed public trails. Michelle said that the 1976-1977 maps does show public trails, including one in the permit area. Cindy said George Weyerhaeuser opened private land to the public - and the trails through the campus were put there for both employees and the public.

**Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden:** Michelle confirmed it is a contributing element to the district and is not in the permit area. Dana said they charge a nominal rent (\$1 +/-).

**Mitigation:** Our hour together ended without getting very far into mitigation, but ideas are being developed and floated around. I ask all of you to be thinking about appropriate minimization/mitigation. What are you looking for? We have a lot of groups with various interests and backgrounds participating in this consultation. Feel free to email ideas with me or the group, or wait until our next call to discuss in person.

**National Trust:** After the call Charles talked to Betsy Merritt and the National Trust will be joining the consultation. Welcome Betsy! I will be forwarding emails to catch you up.

Our next scheduled call is Friday November 20, 2020 at noon-1 PM PST. Please let me know if you have any questions, corrections, or concerns,

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