

## Exhibit FF. Maxie & Vida Girouard Site LA SHPO Letter of Site Recommendation







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## Re: Draft Report

## Maxie & Vida Girouard Site LA SHPO Letter of Site Recommendation

La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-7295 Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for the Maxie and Vida Girouard Site Project in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana

Dear Steve Filoromo:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 May 2023 and one copy of the above referenced report. The submittal is considered Due Diligence. Our response is for preliminary, informational purposes only. The opinion stated below could change once the responsible federal and/or state agency initiates consultation with our Office and provides their determination of effects.

The submittal of this information is not a substitution for consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

We have completed our review of this report based on the information submitted and have the following comments to offer:

Please add the three new LHRI numbers to the Abstract and Introduction. In our Office's opinion, LHRI number 28-02446, a Gambrel-roofed frame transverse-crib barn, may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C at the local level despite the minor alterations noted. We could not locate any similar style barns in Broussard or Lafayette Parish as a whole listed. This barn may represent a later barn, but further research of this barn would be helpful for our office to make a solid determination.

We concur that LHRI numbers 28-02445 and 28-02447 are not eligible. The Divisions of Archaeology and Historic Preservation have no further concerns for this project. Please update the report and resubmit the revised report to our office.

The federal agency is responsible for determining the eligibility of archaeological sites and the built environment. Our Office's opinion may change when the federal agency initiates consultation on this project.

We have accepted the report as final; no further submissions are necessary. If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov</u> or 225-219-4598 or Nicole Hobson-Morris at <u>nmorris@crt.la.gov</u> or 225-342-8172.

Sincerely,

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