

Exhibit GG. Noel Site LA SHPO Letter of Site Recommendation



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Noel Site LA SHPO Letter of Site Recommendation

June 24, 2019

Mr. Russell Richardson
Baton Rouge Area Chamber
564 Laurel Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

**RE: Noel Site Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment Report
Certification Boundary
CSRS Project No 212161**

Dear Mr. Richardson,

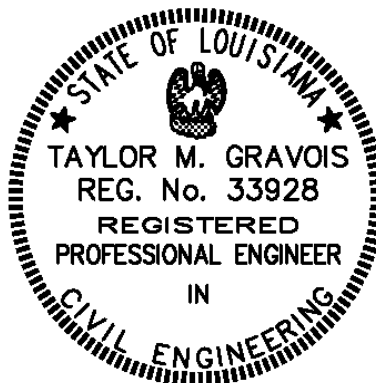
As a prerequisite for site certification, the Noel Site located in Ascension Parish was subject to a Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment Report (Report) in October 2018. The purpose of this Report was to survey the site and determine the presence of areas eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) according to the four criteria listed in the Bulletin 15 (NPS 1995:2).

The Elise Schoolhouse (03-00763) is referenced in the Report but is not within the Noel certified site boundary. This schoolhouse area is approximately 3.4 ac (1.4 ha) and was built in 1907 (The Louisiana Planter and Sugar Manufacturer Vol. 39 1907). At the time of the Report field effort, exact property ownership boundaries were not verified and during the field work, access was not granted to evaluate the nearby Schoolhouse due to the lack of outside property ownership permission. The authors of the Report believe the Elise Schoolhouse may meet the NRHP eligibility criteria, but the schoolhouse is not located within the Noel certified site boundary and will not be an encumbrance for future development of the certified site boundary.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Taylor M. Gravois, PE, PLS
Principal





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November 11, 2018

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Ms. Kristen Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Archaeology
Office of Cultural Development
Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism
P.O. Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Final Report
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-6023
*Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of 944 acres (382 hectares) near Donaldsonville,
Ascension Parish, Louisiana*

Dear Ms. Sanders:

I enclose for your records one copy of the final report for this project and a CD with the report in pdf format.

The Final Report has been reviewed and accepted.

Report # 22-6023

Kristin P. Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 12/20/2018

Sincerely,

Brandy Kerr
Project Manager



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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November 26, 2018

Brandy Kerr
SURA, Inc.
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Re: Revised Draft Phase I Report
La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-6023
Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of 944 Acres (3852 Hectares) near Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish, Louisiana

Dear Brandy Kerr:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 24, 2018 (received October 26) and one copy of the above referenced report. We have completed our review of this report and have the following comments to offer:

Please keep the Abstract to under 1 page. Much of the information included here can be moved to the Introduction.


Given that the Elise Schoolhouse may be affected by the project, we recommend removing the last sentence of the second to last paragraph of pg. ii and the 4th paragraph of Pg. 125. Additionally, the recommendation is that the structure be evaluated prior to ground disturbing activities. We suggest that this be rephrased to state "prior to project initiation" as there may be project components that do not disturb the ground but may have an effect. We also suggest that the last sentence of the section be altered to include a statement that the project effects are unknown, as the erroneous "no effect" statement will have been removed from the paragraph above.

Based on the description of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), the proposed ground-disturbing activities, and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office concurs with the assessment that the following structures and sites are not eligible for listing in the NRHP: Structures 03-00760 through 03-00762, 03-00764 through 03-00772 and sites 16AN120-16AN122.

We further concur that structure 03-00763 (the Elise School) is eligible for nomination to the National Register. While it is considered to be outside of the direct project area, it is completely enveloped by the proposed project area. At this time we are not able to evaluate the effects on this historic structure without a better understanding of the proposed project. A subsequent evaluation of effects will be required once a federal undertaking has been defined.

We look forward to receiving one bound copy (printed double sided) and one pdf of the final report. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Dale at the Division of Archaeology by at edale@crt.la.gov or 225-219-4596 or Andrea McCarthy at the Division of Historic Preservation at amccarthy@crt.la.gov or 225-342-8164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen P. Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a distinct "P".

Kristen Sanders,
State Historic Preservation Officer