

October 9, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

George Gause
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St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: Demolition of 594 Brunson Street
Saint Paul, Ramsey County
SHPO Number: 2023-2836

Dear Mr. Gause:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and its implementing federal regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

Under 36 CFR 800.4(b)-(c) it is the Federal agency's responsibility to identify and evaluate historic properties that may be affected by the proposed project. In absence of the Federal agency's finding and due to the high potential for both historical and precontact archaeology in the location of the proposed project, **we recommend that an archaeological survey be completed.** The survey must meet the requirements of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification and Evaluation. For a list of consultants who have expressed an interest in undertaking such surveys, please visit the website www.mnhs.org/preservation/directory, and select "Archaeologists" in the "Search by Specialties" box.

If archaeological investigations determine that there is an NRHP-eligible archaeological site in the surveyed area, then any potential adverse effects of the project—though demolition or site regrading—should be described and submitted concurrently with the submission of the archaeological survey results to our office for review.

Please submit the requested additional information to ENReviewSHPO@state.mn.us. Include the SHPO File Number in the subject line of your email.

If you have any general questions regarding our review of this project, please contact Leslie Coburn, Environmental Review Specialist, at (651) 201-3286 or leslie.coburn@state.mn.us. For questions regarding archaeology, please contact Lucy Harrington, Environmental Review Archaeologist, at (651) 201-3283 or lucy.harrington@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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