

LETTER OF AGREEMENT
between
Illinois Department of Conservation
and
Bishop Hill Heritage Association

This agreement is made this 13th day of August, 1984, by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association (hereafter referred to as the Association) and in favor of the Illinois Department of Conservation (hereafter referred to as the Department) for the purpose of the rehabilitation of a certain Property known as the Bishop Hill Steeple Building, located at the corner of Main and Bishop Hill Streets, which is owned in fee simple by the Association and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Property is comprised essentially of grounds, collateral, appurtenances, and improvements and is known as the Bishop Hill Steeple Building. The Property's legal description is as follows: The three (3) story building located at the Southwest corner of Block Twenty-on (21) in the Village of Bishop Hill, being known as the Steeple Building, in the County of Henry and State of Illinois; TOGETHER WITH all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining;

All right, title and interest in and to any other property not specifically included in the above description, which adjoins the property herein described and to which the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, an Illinois not for profit corporation, or its predecessors, may have acquired title.

In consideration of the sum of Nine Thousand, Six Hunderd Dollars (\$9,600.00) received in grant-in-aid assistance through the Department from the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, the Association hereby agrees to the following for a period of five (5) years: Beginning September 1, 1984, ending August 31, 1989.

1. The Association agrees to assume the cost of the continued maintenance and repair of said Property so as to preserve the architectural, historical, or archeological integrity of the same in order to protect and enhance those qualities that made the Property eligible for listing in the Natonal Register of Historic Places.
2. The Association agrees that no visual or structural alterations will be made to the Property without prior written permission of the Department.
3. The Association agrees that, if the Bishop Hill Steeple Building is made available through a rental arrangement to organizations other than the Association for various general public functions, the Association shall secure signed assurances from the renter stating that the renter shall not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, or natural origin while using the facility.

4. The Association agrees that the Department, its agents and designees shall have the right to inspect the Property at all reasonable times in order to ascertain whether or not the conditions of the agreement are being observed.
5. The Association agrees that when the Property is not clearly visible from a public right of way or includes interior work assisted with Historic Preservation grant funds, the Property will be open to the public no less than 12 days a year on an equitably spaced basis and at other times by appointment. Nothing in this agreement will prohibit the Association from charging a reasonable nondiscriminatory admission fee, comparable to fees charged at similar facilities in the area. The Association further agrees that when the Property is not open to the public on a continuing basis, and when the improvements assisted with Historic Preservation grant funds are not visible from the public way, notification will be published in newspapers of general circulation in the community area in which the Property is located giving dates and times when the Property will be open to the public. Documentation of such notice will be furnished annually to the Department during the term of the agreement.

This agreement shall be enforceable in specific performance by a court of competent jurisdiction or, alternatively, the Department may, at its discretion, seek monetary damages.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

David Kenney
 David Kenney, Director

Dina Nelson
 Owner Dina Nelson, Coordinator
 Bishop Hill Heritage Association

8/22/84
 DATE

August 13, 1984
 DATE

Sharon E. Richter
 WITNESS:

Carol L. Morby
 WITNESS:

 Notary Public Seal

Laurette L. Nordstrom
 Notary Public Seal