

DATE: December 31, 2024

FROM: Luke Figora, VP and Chief Operating Officer, Northwestern University

TO: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a Division of the Illinois
Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

RE: Ryan Field Project Memorandum of Agreement (SHPO Log 017051123)

SUBJECT: Annual Summary Report

Reference is made to the Memorandum of Agreement among Northwestern University, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the Ryan Field (formerly Dyche Stadium) Project, dated December 28, 2023 (SHPO Log 017051123).

This notice is provided in accordance with Article IV – Monitoring and Reporting of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Updates are provided for Stipulations under Article I Mitigation – Recordation and Article II Additional Mitigations. There are no other updates to report on any other Article at this time.

MITIGATION – RECORDATION

Status: COMPLETE

The Level II Historic Illinois Buildings Survey (HIBS) has been completed. It was received by IDNR/SHPO on May 17, 2024 and approved on June 11, 2024. We attach confirmatory correspondence dated June 11, 2024 from Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Carey L. Mayer to this effect.

The required actions after the HIBS completion have also been recorded, namely those referenced in Stipulations I.1-4:

- One archival clamshell of sufficient size was submitted to SHPO
- One copy of the HIBS recordation was also submitted for deposit in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
- One digital record was submitted for posting on the SHPO website
- A second copy was offered to the Evanston Public Library and the Evanston History Center by the university’s retained historical contractor.

ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS: II.A and II.C

Status: COMPLETE

The following additional mitigations have been completed:

A. Salvage Cooperation with Rebuilding Exchange: Throughout demolition of Ryan Field, Northwestern University used reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Rebuilding Exchange to identify items that could be salvaged.

C. Collaboration with Northwestern Archivist: Northwestern collaborated with its archivist, Kevin Leonard, to maintain and periodically display photographs, written texts, drawings, and other forms of record related to the demolished Ryan Field (including drone footage) in its archives and other locations.

ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS: II.B

Status: IN PROGRESS

The following additional mitigation is in progress:

B. Historical Signage: Northwestern has confirmed a suitable publicly accessible area (its Segal Visitors Center) with SHPO, the City of Evanston and Tribes associated with the area in order to provide some historical signage, markers and/or displays of the demolished Ryan Field building, Northwestern University, the City of Evanston, and the Tribes associated with the area. Such historical signage, markers and/or displays are in process of being developed.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

This report constitutes the annual summary report documenting work undertaken in compliance with the MOA's terms.

No scheduling changes are proposed. No problems of note were encountered. We have not received disputes or objections to our efforts to comply with the MOA.

Northwestern University thanks the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office for their partnership throughout the Ryan Field project.



Attachment:

- *Confirmatory Correspondence from Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Carey L. Mayer dated June 11, 2024*



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June 11, 2024

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We received the 100% Historic Illinois Buildings Survey (HIBS NO. CK-2024-2) on May 17, 2024, approved by this office on June 11, 2024. Completion of the HIBS fulfills the requirements of the Memorandum of Agreement and Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act for the above-mentioned project.

Sincerely,

Carey L. Mayer, AIA

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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