

DATE: December 16, 2025
FROM: Luke Figora, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Northwestern University
TO: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, a Division of the IDNR
RE: Ryan Field Project Memorandum of Agreement (SHPO Log 017051123)
SUBJECT: 2025 Annual Summary Report

Reference is hereby made to that certain Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”), dated December 28, 2023, by and among Northwestern University (“NU”), the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“IEPA”), and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) regarding the Ryan Field (formerly Dyche Stadium) Project (SHPO Log 017051123). Further reference is hereby made to that certain previous Annual Summary Report, dated December 31, 2024 (“2024 Report”), submitted by NU to IEPA and SHPO.

This report is being provided pursuant to Article IV “Monitoring and Reporting” of the MOA. Updates herein are being provided for Article II.B “Additional Mitigations,” and there are no other updates to report on at this time.

MITIGATION – RECORDATION

Status: COMPLETE, see 2024 Report for additional details.

ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS: II.A and II.C

Status: COMPLETE, see 2024 Report for additional details.

ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS: II.B

Status: IN PROGRESS


NU will provide a display in the visible exterior and publicly accessible area of the new stadium to celebrate the culture of the Tribes who associate the Evanston area as their home and ancestral land. NU has worked with representatives of SHPO, the City of Evanston and the Tribes in choosing the location and developing the display. The Tribal artist(s) and display are still in the process of being finalized.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

This report constitutes the annual summary report documenting work undertaken in compliance with the MOA’s terms. No material scheduling changes are proposed. No material problems were encountered. We have not received disputes or objections to our efforts to comply with the MOA.

NU thanks the IEPA and SHPO for their partnership throughout the Ryan Field project.

Sincerely,



Luke Figora, VP and COO