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Public Meeting Notice

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LRC-2023-00141

SECTION 106 PUBLIC MEETING SEEKING INFORMATION TO RESOLVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

February 1, 2024 at 7pm
McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago

- APPLICANT:** MAT Limited Partnership, LLC
- PROJECT LOCATION:** 2900 South Damen Avenue, Section 30, Township 39 North, Range 14 East, City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois (Latitude 41.84092, Longitude -87.673216)
- PROPOSED UNDERTAKING:** To demolish an industrial building that is currently built over several inlets to the Santa Fe Slip, which is part of the South Branch of the Chicago River. The proposed scope of work includes complete demolition of all the buildings on the overall site.

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been made to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) to authorize the above-cited activity by Nationwide Permit verification. As part of this review, the USACE must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act following the regulatory process found in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”), Part 325, Appendix C, as well as 36 CFR 800.

The current step in the Section 106 process is **resolving adverse effects**. To resolve adverse effects, the applicant, USACE, and SHPO will sign a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) that outlines the actions the applicant will take (while still accomplishing the purpose and need of the proposed work) to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects on historic properties. Performance under this MOA will be a condition of any USACE permit verification issued to the applicant.

Methods of Comment:

Comments from the public may be provided in-person (via three-minute spoken comment and/or in writing at the Public Meeting, or comments may be emailed to Colin.C.Smalley@usace.army.mil. To receive full consideration of your comment, please submit no later than 5pm Central Time, Friday, February 9, 2024.

The USACE has made the following determinations, and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) has concurred in the following:

<p>Undertaking 33 CFR 325 Appendix C(1)(f) 36 CFR 800.16(y)</p>	<p>The activity [described above] requiring a Regulatory Program Nationwide Permit verification pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403). The Section 10 permit is required due to work affecting the course, condition, or capacity of navigable waters of the United States.</p>
<p>Area of Potential Effects 33 CFR 325 Appendix C(1)(g) 36 CFR 800.16(d)</p>	<p>Generally, the permit area, plus the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC) downriver of the project area approximately one mile to California Avenue (Mile Marker 320), and the South Branch of the Chicago River (SBCR) upriver approximately three-quarters of a mile to Loomis Street (Mile Marker 322).</p>
<p>Identification of Historic Properties 33 CFR 325 Appendix C(5-6) 36 CFR 800.4</p>	<p>The California Avenue, Western Avenue, Damen Avenue, Ashland Avenue, and Loomis Street bridges have been determined eligible by the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places and/or other federal agencies with the concurrence of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).</p> <p>Adjacent to the Permit Area within the APE is the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Historic District (CSSCHD), which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The CSSCHD is further defined in its nomination document as “the Illinois Waterway river miles 290.0 to 321.7” and as having an eastern extent of the confluence of “the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the South Branch of the Chicago River... approximately 75 m (246.1 ft) east of the Ashland Avenue Bridge.”</p> <p>The USACE has decided to treat the subject property containing the Permit Area (as a whole) as eligible for the purposes of this consultation without further investigation as to the historic significance or integrity of the individual buildings or the site as a whole.</p>
<p>Assessment of Effects 33 CFR 325 Appendix C(7) 36 CFR 800.5</p>	<p>The USACE has determined the undertaking will have <u>No Adverse Effect</u> on the six historic properties within the APE outside of the project footprint.</p> <p>Because a complete demolition of the remaining site buildings would result in a loss of the context of the site, the USACE has determined that the demolition would constitute an <u>Adverse Effect</u> on the overall property containing the Permit Area.</p>

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has reviewed these determinations and has declined at this time to participate in this consultation.