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Henry County
Bishop Hill

Demolition and New Construction of a Water Tower, a Well, and Water Lines

Existing and Proposed Water Tower - South side of Knox St., East of Park St.; Watermains - Olson St., Front St., Maiden Lane, Helena St., Erickson St. and Knox St.; Proposed Well - East side of Park St. near the South End of the Street; Proposed Raw Watermain - From Knox St. Water Tower West to Park St. then South to Water Well

SHPO Log #017012315 & #005072418

August 2, 2021

Terri Wigant
Bishop Hill Village Clerk
Village Hall
Bishop Hill, IL 61419

Terri,

Thank you for your willingness to memorialize the agreement between the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office and the Village of Bishop Hill regarding the demolition of the historic elevated water tank. Because of the extenuating circumstances associated with adding the new elevated water storage tank and planned removal of the existing (historic) tank and the Village of Bishop Hill's inability to fund a HAER (Historic American Engineering Report), especially in light of the difficulties experienced throughout the history of the project, and because the Village has offered to conduct meaningful historical and educational activities focused on the elevated water storage tank, we accept the adverse effect of demolition.

The Village of Bishop Hill, in the best interests of local historic preservation, will:

1. Take digital photographs of the elevated water storage tank and interview four long-time residents of Bishop Hill on the topic of construction and use of the elevated water storage tank.
2. With the help of the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, pursue and record (video and narrative) historical research of the elevated water storage tank and its impact on the local community, deposit the video and narrative in the collections of the Galva Public Library and the Henry County Museum, make the video available at the Heritage Association's YouTube channel and website, and send news of the project to various appropriate news outlets in and around the community.
3. Hold a public program that highlights the history of the elevated water storage tank at the Bishop Hill Dairy Building in the year 2022.



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Signatures to this agreement between the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, the Village of Bishop Hill, and the Bishop Hill Heritage Association will serve as a guide to these activities, voluntarily entered into by the Village of Bishop Hill and the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, to create a meaningful educational program for the community of Bishop Hill, surrounding communities, and visitors.

Carey L. Mayer

08/02/2021

Carey L. Mayer, AIA
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Date

Jeni Wigant Village Clerk

8-4-21

Village of Bishop Hill

Date

Todd J. DeDeker, BHA Administrator

8-4-21

Bishop Hill Heritage Association

Date