

The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities' Section 106 Review of the Project: Renovation of 5,800 Square Feet of Gallery Space to Meet Contemporary Museum Standards

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has offered the Adirondack Historical Association (DBA Adirondack Experience) in Blue Mountain Lake, New York, an Infrastructure and Capacity Building grant (CHA-284402) to renovate the interior and entrance of its Main Building.

NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. This public notice is issued as part of NEH's responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. 306108. NEH, a funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. If any proposed action will have an adverse effect on historic resources, NEH works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require NEH to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.

The "Main Building", located at 9097 State Route 30, Blue Mountain Lake, NY, 12812-0099, is a single story, 5,800 square foot constructed in 1957 and 1966. The NEH project involves renovation of the 5,800-gallery space and entryway and will involve installing new HVAC equipment, ductwork, LED lighting, electrical and data lines, and other enhancements to improve environmental control. The entrance of the building will be reconfigured.

In a letter dated May 18, 2022, R. Daniel Mackay, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for the New York Division for Historic Preservation, provided an opinion that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources. Subsequently, NEH has determined that the project will have no effect on historic properties.

As required by Section 106, NEH is providing the public with information about this project, as well as an opportunity to comment on any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area, and issues relating to the project's potential effects on historic properties. Comments may be submitted to the NEH by e-mail to FPO@neh.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is June 27, 2022, at 11:59 PM.