

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAZLETON AND THE  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 800.6(b)

WHEREAS, the City of Hazleton, herein referred to as the "City" through the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, desires to undertake the demolition of the Grebey School, a vacant and hazardous structure, and has determined that the demolition of the structure will have an adverse effect on resources that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer (PASHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f); and

WHEREAS, the City informed the public regarding the undertakings by publishing a legal notice in the Hazleton Standard Speaker on August 16, 2001, and provided the public with a two-week comment period from the date of publication of the legal notice. The notice was posted at City Hall.

WHEREAS, the City sent a letter to the Greater Hazleton Historical Society informing them of the undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Grebey School was marketed by the private owner and by the City through the state's Brownfield conference and listing, the KOZ real estate web site and through the local development corporation, CAN DO. There was no interest shown in the property. It is no longer viable to rehabilitate.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Hazleton and the PA SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on the potentially eligible historic areas.

Stipulations

The City will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

Recordation

1. Photographic Documentation. Prior to demolition, the City shall submit to the PASHPO 4x6 black and white prints and negatives of all exterior elevations. Photographs and negatives shall be labeled with and housed in acid free archivally stable mounting pages and envelopes. Upon completion of the recordation, the information shall be submitted to the PASHPO for approval and archival retention.
2. Historic Documentation. The City shall prepare a written history of public schools in the city of Hazleton. To the extent available, information will include building dates, names of architects and builders, and other available historic information serving to describe the development of the schools in the City. Upon completion of the recordation, the information shall be submitted to the PASHPO for approval and archival retention.

3. Historical Display. The information gathered in the recordation process and items salvaged from the Grebey School will be displayed in the Greater Hazleton Historical Museum.

Should the PA SHPO object within 30 days to any plans provided pursuant to this agreement, the City shall consult with the PA SHPO to resolve the objection. If the City determines that the objection cannot be resolved, the City shall request comments of the Advisory Council pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(v).

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the City of Hazleton and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer and implementation of its terms evidence that the City of Hazleton has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on potentially eligible historic areas.

CITY OF HAZLETON

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FEB 27, 2002

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Mayor

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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