

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE MCKEESPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 800.6(b)**

WHEREAS, the McKeesport Housing Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, herein referred to as the "MHA" through the administration of their HUD Capital Fund Grant, desires to undertake redevelopment of Harrison Village (PA 5-5) Public Housing Project to reduce the density from 100 units to 51 units. Redevelopment plans are as follows.

Demolish Building 11.
Selectively demolish Buildings 7, 8, 9, 10. The selective demolition involves removing units from the center, reducing the bulk of the building.
Convert Buildings 12, 13, 14, and 15 from apartments to townhouses through the combining of units.
Modernize all the building facades and potentially alter the building roof lines creating sloped roofs from the flat roofs.
Extend Rose Street through the site to 12th Street.

The redevelopment plan will improve the housing stock and safety at the site to the benefit of the residents. It has been determined that the demolition and substantial rehabilitation of the structures 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 (PA-SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f); and

WHEREAS, the MHA has established the areas of Potential Effect, as defined in 36 CFR 800.4, to be Harrison Village, the boundaries of which are outlined on the attached map (attachment A); and

WHEREAS, the buildings at Harrison Village are small, in bad condition, and some are vacant and vandalized, creating a health and safety hazard in the community; and

WHEREAS, the MHA informed the public and consulting parties regarding the undertakings by notifying the City of McKeesport, the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, an organization that operates throughout Allegheny County, informing them of the undertakings.

NOW, THEREFORE, the MHA 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 area.

STIPULATIONS

The MHA will ensure that the following measures are carried out as follows:

A. RECORDATION

Prior to the demolition, substantial rehabilitation and conversion of the buildings at Harrison Village, the following recordation shall be completed and submitted by the MHA:

1. A completed Pennsylvania Historic Resource form including a description and history of the buildings. The date of construction and historic uses of the buildings shall be documented by reference to historic maps, deeds, or other appropriate sources listed in the Bureau for Historic Preservation Biographical References.
2. Photographs that provide a representative sample of all the styles of exterior elevations of the buildings along with showing the spatial orientation of the buildings. Photographs that provide a representative sample of various interior styles and layouts. Photographs shall be labeled in pencil with the name and address, including County, of the property, date, and view shown in the photographs. Photographs shall be taken with 35 mm camera with black and white film. Prints shall be 5" by 7". Negatives shall be housed in polypropelene sleeves, labeled with the same information as the photographs.
3. A U.S.G.S. Quadrangle 7.5 minute series map showing the location of the property.
4. A site map showing the property boundaries and the location of the buildings outlining the walls at ground level (building footprints), noting the dimensions and indicating porches with dashed lines.

B. SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION

Prior to substantial rehabilitation and conversion of the structures at Harrison Village, the MHA shall provide plans, including elevations, to the PA- SHPO.

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

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

MCKEESPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY

BY:  DATE: 1-9-04

TITLE: _____

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

BY:  DATE: 2-13-04

TITLE: DSHPO