

HORACE MANN SCHOOL AND JOHN H. VOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gary Housing Authority is proposing to demolish two (2) blighted buildings located at 524 Garfield Street, Gary, Indiana (Parcel # 45-08-05-429-001.000-004). This parcel consists of the former Horace Mann School and John H. Vohr Elementary School. Beyond the necessary demolition of the two (2) blighted buildings, a detailed scope of work is not yet available as the project is in the preliminary stages of development.

The proposed project, which may receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) Capital Fund Program (CFP), are subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations 36 CFR Part 800 of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. HUD has designated the City of Gary to serve as the Responsible Entity (RE) on behalf of the federal agency for this project and will be responsible for carrying out the Section 106 review process.

The proposed project has been reviewed by the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (IN SHPO) to evaluate the effect on archaeological and above-ground resources (historic properties). The IN SHPO has no knowledge of any archaeological resources located within this project area and has offered a finding of No Effect for this project. The IN SHPO determined that two properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places are located within the area of potential effects. These properties include the Horace Mann School (c.1926) and the John H. Vohr Elementary School (c,1957). It is SHPO's opinion that the proposed project to demolish the above-mentioned resources will result in an Adverse Effect to the properties.

As such, the IN SHPO asked that the City of Gary and the Gary Housing Authority seek, discuss, and consider the views of consulting parties about how the project's effects on historic properties should be mitigated as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The City of Gary and the Gary Housing Authority discussed the proposed project and potential mitigation measures at a virtual consulting party meeting on Monday, July 7th.

If you would like to comment on the project or proposed mitigation measures please contact: boutlar@garyhousing.org