

Memo

To: Economic Development Committee

Fr: Trevor Fuller

Re: UPDATE REGARDING SCHROEDER PROPERTY (Section 106 Historic Study)

Date: September 25, 2014

Attached is a letter provided by the engineering firm doing the reconstruction work on the Webster Avenue railroad bridge. The letter is from the WisDOT BTS Cultural Resource Team indicating that the Section 106 Historic Study was completed and that the bridge reconstruction project will not alter the historic integrity of the adjacent properties.

Staff inquired about the study following a resident's request at the August 2014 meeting for the Economic Development Committee to address the issue.

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM ----- **State of Wisconsin**
Division of Transportation System Development/ Bureau of Technical Services/ Environmental Process and Documentations Section

Date: 9/12/2014
To: Judy Wilson - P.E., Omni Associates, Inc.
From: Jason Kennedy - WisDOT BTS Cultural Resource Team
Subject: Screening list Project 4607-09-00 CTH X: WI Central LTD RR Bridge

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800(a)(1), WisDOT on behalf of FHWA, has determined that this undertaking has no potential to effect historic properties and is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The project will replace the existing railroad bridge at the same location with minimal approach work and there will be minor easements from the adjacent properties.

After being requested to re-review the architecture/history screening list* the screening determination, for the above project, does not change and the project still meets the screening list criteria for architecture/history resources as well as archaeological resources.

- Schroeder's Flowers is a large complex located at the southwest quadrant of the bridge that includes what appears to be an altered c.1900 residence with several additions, including a large number of attached greenhouses.
- Schroeder's Flowers was not previously surveyed and it does not meet the survey criteria due to the alterations.
- Schroeder's has been a local flower business since 1899, but it's not clear if they were always at this location. It appears that they also have large greenhouse operations outside of Allouez.
- A previously surveyed and not eligible Queen Anne house is located at the southeast quadrant of the bridge.
- Properties at the northwest and northeast quadrants of the bridge do not appear to meet the survey criteria.

If the proposed project changes, the screening list results will need to be re-evaluated.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 608.267.6693.

Thank you,



* **Screening List:** A streamlined process for projects with no potential to affect historic properties; these projects are exempted from comprehensive Section 106 Review. In compliance with a Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the FHWA, SHPO and WisDOT, projects are considered to qualify for the screening list if the potential effects of the project are foreseeable and likely to have no effect on historic properties and burial sites.

Cc: Pat Du Chateau - Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc.