

Office of the Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer **Scott A. Jordan**Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

Via E-Mail Only

November 20, 2020

Jonathan Kinney, Director of Operations Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office Department of Economic & Community Development 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5 Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Acceptance of Contributing Resource Demolition Mitigation Measures

Dear Director Kinney:

Pursuant to Section 2.2(c)(5) of the April 21, 2017 Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement, your office was notified by the University earlier this year about planned demolition activities within the Mansfield Training School & Hospital Historic Register District. Specifically, the University intends to demolish six (6) contributing resources to that district at our Spring Manor Farm facility that are in extreme disrepair and pose imminent life safety issues if not demolished, or otherwise stabilized.

Since that notification, three UConn offices – University Planning, Design & Construction, Facilities Operations, and Environmental Health & Safety – have collaborated with you and your staff on acceptable mitigation measures in order to proceed with the planned limited demolition. Those proposed measures are:

- 1. In consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and Mansfield Historical Society, prepare a short booklet on Spring Manor Farm's history supporting the Mansfield Training School & Hospital including, but not limited to, written and photographic documentation on each resource's location, significance, description and history. A PDF copy will be published on the website of University Planning, Design & Construction and up to 100 printed copies will be available at no cost to the general public attending Spring Valley Student Farm's annual workshops or tours. (Complete by Summer 2021);
- 2. Salvage up to three (3) pallets of hand-formed concrete block for repurposing them as interpretative seating along the portion of the Midriver Trail on Spring Manor Farm's property that connects Lynch Landing and Merrow Meadow Park. (Complete by Spring 2021); and
- 3. Raise awareness on epilepsy by including asters and other purple wildflower species in the seed mix used for site restoration. Install an interpretative sign about the Farm's use as occupational therapy intervention on seizure disorders. (Complete by Fall 2021)

Please indicate your acknowledgement and acceptance of these mitigation measures by counter-signing where indicated below. Once you have done so, please furnish a PDF copy to Sean Vasington, PLA, ASLA, UConn's Director of Site Planning & Landscape Architecture, via e-mail to sean.vasington@uconn.edu.

Upon UConn's receipt of your counter-signed PDF copy of this letter and UConn's completion of its ongoing public scoping process required under the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act, UConn will proceed to demolish the six (6) structures, as the same is described in the attached documentation.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Jordan

Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

Encl.

CC:

Laura Cruickshank, UConn Sean Vasington, UConn

Acknowledged and Accepted:

Jonathan Kinney, Director of Operations

Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office

Date: 11/25/2020

Slaughter House (Building #2191)





Livestock Barn (Building #7122)







Greenhouse (Building #7120)





Dairy Processing House (Building #7106)





Dairy Barns and Silos (Buildings #7104, #7105)









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FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date:	February 21, 2020
Project Name:	Spring Manor Farm

Project Number:

Building Name: Various Structures as listed below

Inspector: David Houseman Jr.

Scope: The office of FMBIO was asked to evaluate the structures for the

feasibility of conservation of historical significant structures. The

structures on the list were in various states of structural collapse and have been for a significant period of time. Photos of the structures were taken on each accessible side of the structure. The photos show unstable walls sections and structural decay with no lateral bracing which is subject to further failure from lateral forces such as wind. It is of the opinion of this Building Official that there is the possibility of imminent danger and of further collapse. The structures will be posted immediately at the entrance locations of the structures stating it is unlawful for entrance to such structure without permission from the Building Officials office.

The structures evaluated in this report were found on the Mansfield Town Property record ID# 7.12.5 ACC# 7125 are as follows:

Slaughter House UConn #2191 Livestock Barn UConn #7122 Greenhouse UConn #7120 Dairy Processing House UConn #7106 Dairy Barn and Silo UConn #7104 Dairy Barn and Silo UConn #7105

C: Condition Compliant / N: Condition Noncompliant

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1	Observation: Structures identified in the scope above	N	2018	117.1
	were found to be in various states of collapse and are in		SBC	
	imminent danger of further collapse. Photos of the field			
	inspection were up loaded to the property file.			
	Conclusion: Signs for posting the property access to the			
	structures were provided for posting as the Building code			
	requires.			

Remarks:

End of Report		
Inspector Signature:		