

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Final Environmental Assessment

National Archives and Records Administration
Proposed John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum Addition
Columbia Point, Boston MA

The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum Addition and Renovation, Columbia Point, Boston MA, attached hereto, provides sufficient evidence and analysis to determine that a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for this action. The EA documents the evidence and analysis in the following sections: 1. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED; 2. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED; and, 3. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS IMPACTS; (see attached EA).

The EA analysis for the proposed addition indicates that the project would have no significant impact on the natural or human environment, therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

The EA also considered alternative actions including split operation and the No Action Alternative. This analysis concluded that the other Alternatives and the No Action Alternative would not meet the National Archives and Records Administration's requirements for a Presidential Library and would not meet the purpose and need for the project. As such, the alternatives were not considered further in the EA.

An Archeological and Historic Resources Review (Section 106) was conducted to determine the effects of the proposal on any historic properties. It was concluded that no archeological or historic sites will be adversely impacted by the proposed facility.

PREDECISIONAL EA DRAFT REVIEW AND COMMENT: The National Archives and Records Administration NARA invited review and comment on the predecisional EA from the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, the City of Boston, as well as the general public. Legal advertisements were placed in the Boston Globe on December 29 and 31, 2007, and January 1, 2008, advising the general public as to the availability of the EA for review and comment and announcing the Public Meeting on January 22, 2008.

Comments were received as the result of the Public Meeting and circulated draft EA (see EA Appendix G). No other comments were received in response to the legal advertisements placed in the local newspaper.

AGENCY CONSULTATIONS: An Archeological and Historic Resources review (Section 106) was conducted as part of the EA. Various parties were consulted, and the findings were reviewed by the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, who

agreed that there would be no adverse affect on historic structures and archeological resources by the Addition. (see EA *section 3.13*, Appendix E)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: The National Archives and Records Administration finds that proceeding with its proposed addition to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Building will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347. This finding is based on the EA that analyzed the consequences of the relevant issues of environmental concern associated with the proposed project. The EA determined the addition would not result in any significant impacts on the natural or human environment. The National Archives and Records Administration makes this Finding of No Significant Impact pursuant to NEPA, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA at 40 CFR 1500 – 1508. Therefore, no environmental impact statement is required for this project.

The National Archives and Records Administration, having taken into account the effects that the proposal to construct the addition on the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Building will have on any historic or archeological resources listed in or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, finds that no resources will be adversely affected by the proposal. This finding is based on the Archeological and Historic Resources review (Section 106) conducted as part of the EA, and consultation with the community including the office of the State of Massachusetts Historic Preservation Officer. This finding fulfills the Agency's obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470-470x-6, and the implementing regulations for section 106 at 36 CFR Part 800.

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Copies of this FONSI (with the EA attached) will be made available for public review at the National Archives and Records Administration website at <http://www.archives.gov/about/plans-reports/environmental-assessment/> and copies may be obtained by writing to the contact listed above.

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