

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
GEORGIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
-
AND THE
CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), in reviewing the application by the City of Cochran (City), Georgia to construct an adult learning center on Thompson Street, Cochran, Bleckley County, Georgia, has determined that the City's proposed demolition of the two school buildings and construction of a new building on the Thompson Street site will have an adverse effect upon the historic Thompson Street School complex currently located on the proposed center site, which is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (GASHPO), pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) due to the use of Community Development Block Grant funds administered by DCA for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the City, GASHPO, and DCA have participated in the consultation process.

NOW, THEREFORE, DCA, GASHPO, and the City agree that the construction of an adult learning center may proceed provided that first the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City will ensure that before it commences demolition, clearance, and construction on the proposed learning center site on Thompson Street, it will carry out the following stipulations in order to mitigate the adverse effect of the

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undertaking on historic properties and submit the relevant documentation in connection with these measures to the GASHPO for review and acceptance:

STIPULATIONS

1. Medium-format archival quality black and white photographs and negatives of all exterior facades and representative interior spaces of the Thompson Street School complex, keyed to sketch site and floor plans. The photographs and negatives shall be stored with the GASHPO permanently.
2. A historical narrative shall be compiled which documents the importance of the Thompson Street School to the Cochran community, information on the school's physical development, and how the facility fit into the education system of the city and county. Copies of the written narrative shall be retained by the City and Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center as well as the GASHPO.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by GASHPO and the City and implementation of its terms evidence that the DCA has afforded the GASHPO an opportunity to comment on the undertaking and its effects on historic properties and DCA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

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CITY OF COCHRAN

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