

July 1, 2009

Re: Section 106 Process Regarding St. Elizabeths East Campus

Dear :


The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“WASA”) is in the process of planning for the construction of a new water tower (the “Proposed Project”) on the east campus of St. Elizabeths Hospital. St. Elizabeths Hospital is both a national historic landmark and an historic site protected by the District of Columbia historic preservation law. According to the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the District and the federal government in 1989, the development and construction of any structure on the campus requires the implementation of the process set forth in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

WASA has been authorized by the District government to act as the lead agency, pursuant to Section 106, for the Proposed Project. Accordingly, it is WASA’s responsibility to identify and enlist “consulting parties”. In addition to the state historic preservation officer and representatives of local governments, “consulting parties” include those individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking’s effects on historic properties. The lead agency will engage in discussions with the consulting parties to evaluate alternatives or modifications to the undertaking that could avoid, minimize or mitigate any potential adverse effects on historic properties. WASA is requesting the participation of your organization in the Section 106 process for the Proposed Project located on the east campus of St. Elizabeths Hospital. Your participation or that of the organization’s designated representative would be appreciated.

If you are interested in being a “consulting party” please send the enclosed notification of interest form to the contact person listed therein on or before July 17, 2009 and indicate the manner in which you wish to be contacted, e.g., e-mail, regular mail. For the consulting parties who agree to act in such capacity, there will be an introductory meeting that presents the Proposed Project at the UPO Petey Greene Center located at 2907 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20032 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on July 21, 2009.

WASA views the Proposed Project as vital to the water service for those District citizens residing east of the Anacostia River. If your organization needs additional information prior to making its decision, please do not hesitate to request such information from our contact person whose name appears on the enclosed form.

Sincerely,



Jerry N. Johnson
General Manager

Enclosure