

Letter of Intent

February 7, 2011

Re: Joint Preservation Facility

State of Wisconsin DOA/DSF
State Historical Society and Wisconsin Veteran's Museum
Engberg Anderson Project No. 091956

The State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration is planning a preservation facility on Troy Drive. Artifacts and archival objects and collections from the State Historical Society and the Veteran's Museum will be kept in the climate-controlled building.

The proposed facility is on state owned property on the North side of Troy Drive, approximately where Harper Drive intersects Troy Drive. Further North is the Central Wisconsin Center, to the West a private residence and Mendota Mental Health, to the East is Troy Gardens and to the South is the open grass area that borders Harper Drive.

This site is currently part of the Central Wisconsin Center and is being subdivided to accommodate this new facility.

The site is screened from the neighborhood and Troy Gardens by topography and woods. Most of the woodlot that is used by the neighborhood will be maintained as a buffer and the neighborhood will still be invited to enjoy the area.

Minimal staffing will manage the preservation of the rare books, manuscripts, photographs, clothing and objects that represent Wisconsin history and the history of Wisconsin's military personnel. Occasionally, researchers and students will visit to conduct research and to view artifacts. On a day to day basis, the facility will not generate significant traffic or activity in the neighborhood.

The facility will have a 60,000 square-foot building footprint on an 11.327 acre site. There will be a second floor of 36,000 square feet. The main preservation space is housed in a 24,000 square-foot area.

The project is scheduled to begin construction in September of 2011, to be completed in September of 2013.

The project team includes the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of State Facilities, Engberg Anderson, Inc (Architects) along with SmithGroup (Architects), and Ken Saiki Design (Civil and Landscape design), among other specialty engineering consultants.



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