

June 16, 2020

Archaeology Department  
Attn: Miranda Van Vleet  
Minnesota Historical Society  
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RE: Phase II Intensive Level Survey/Evaluation of the Frederick Manfred House – Blue Mounds State Park  
T103 R45 S26, Rock County  
SHPO Number: 2020-1532

Dear Ms. Van Vleet:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Phase II Intensive Level Survey/Evaluation of the Frederick Manfred House (RK- MND-014) in Blue Mounds State Park.

As stated in your April 7, 2020 letter, although a portion of Blue Mounds State Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places - the Blue Mounds State Park WPA/Rustic Style Historic District - the Manfred House is located outside the boundaries of this District. Also stated in your letter is the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (MnDNR) determination that the Manfred House was not included in the 1965 State Historic Site designation of Blue Mound (Laws of Minnesota 1965, Ch. 779 [138.55] Subd. 3). The MnDNR has determined that the State Historic Site designation of Blue Mound was limited to land parcels within Blue Mounds State Park that were owned by the state in 1965. Since the state did not own the land that the house is located on in 1965, the designation does not extend to the Manfred House nor the land.

Denis Gardner, SHPO National Register Historian, has reviewed the survey and evaluation documentation that was submitted with your letter on April 20, 2020 and his comments are provided below.

*The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has completed a review of the Phase II study for the Frederick Manfred House at Blue Mounds State Park, Rock County, Minnesota. We were disappointed to discover that no interior photographs were provided for the property, although our understanding is that there may be physical integrity issues with certain parts of the building. For the purposes of this review, the SHPO concludes that the Frederick Manfred House (RK-MND-014) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We agree that the property appears eligible under both Criterion A and Criterion C, with a Period of Significance from 1960-1974. However, if formal National Register listing is sought, the SHPO expects extensive research and analysis to address important questions regarding historic significance.*

Please contact Denis Gardner, National Register Historian, at [denis.gardner@state.mn.us](mailto:denis.gardner@state.mn.us) if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,



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