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February 13, 1990

Mr. Dan Keiselhorst
City Administrator
Pine City, Minnesota 55063

Dear Mr. Keiselhorst:

Re: Demolition of Pine City Naval Militia Armory; Pine County
MHS Referral File Number: 90-0757

I am writing to follow up on our conversation of late last month regarding the possible demolition of Pine City Naval Militia Armory, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I hope you will consider alternatives. You should be aware that federal historic preservation tax credits are available to an owner-developer or long-term leasee for repairs and improvements that meet federal standards. I have enclosed some information about that program, which is administered in Minnesota by Charles Nelson, State Historic Preservation Office Historical Architect. He can be reached at the address on the letterhead.

I also want to advise you of the consideration provided in state regulations regarding properties listed on the National Register.

State of Minnesota Rules for the environmental review program of the Environmental Quality Board (Minnesota Rules Parts 4410.0200-4410.7800) stipulate that environmental assessment worksheets shall be prepared for several mandatory categories (4410.1000: projects requiring an EAW; subpart 2) one of which specifically cites the destruction of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Minnesota Rules 4410.4300: mandatory EAW categories; subpart 3l):

Historical places. For destruction of a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the permitting state agency or local unit of government shall be the RGU.

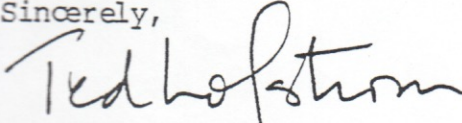
We interpret this to mean that if local ordinance requires the issuance of a demolition permit for demolition of a listed property, then the local unit of government must prepare an EAW before issuing the permit.

For more specific information about the EAW process, please contact Greg Downing at the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone 612/296-8253. For more information on the property itself, or the National Register, please contact me at the address on the letterhead.

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Thank you for your careful attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Assessment Officer

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Enclosure: Preservation Tax Incentives for Historic Buildings

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