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December 3, 2018

Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Morris  
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Re: Revised Schematic Design Review: Rehabilitation Plans  
Vowell Snowden Black House, City of Alexandria  
DHR Easement File No. 100-0111\_ep

Mr. and Mrs. Morris ~

Thank you for submitting a project review request to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for the schematic design review of the proposed rehabilitation of your property, the Vowell Snowden Black House, located in the City of Alexandria. This information was submitted on your behalf by Paige Pollard of Commonwealth Preservation Group, and received in our office on November 8, 2018. As you are aware, this property is subject to an historic preservation easement held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources. According to the provisions of the easement, modifications to the property require the prior review and approval of the Department of Historic Resources (DHR).

The recent submittal included schematic drawings by Cunningham | Quill Architects, PLLC (dated October 31, 2018), and responds to comments provided in my previous letter dated October 17, 2018. In the refined project drawings, the addition illustrated is subordinate to the main house. The proposed work also includes the construction of a garage and pergola set back from main elevation. In addition, the drawings reflect the appropriate rehabilitation of the existing carriage house.

After careful review by our office, the proposed scope of work for the Vowell Snowden Black House appears consistent with the easement provisions (including the 1973 Deed of Correction) and the *Standards for Rehabilitation*. Please submit the complete design documents for review once the design details are finalized, and prior to initiating construction.

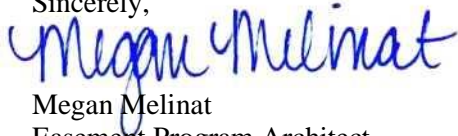
Thank you for your stewardship efforts at this important property. Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

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