PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Section 106 Review of Edward B. Green Building Plumbing Renovations at the Toledo Museum of Art

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has offered the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) in Toledo, Ohio, an Infrastructure and Capacity Building grant (CHA-292056) to support the design and installation of plumbing in the Edward B. Green Building, the main historic building at the TMA, to reduce risk, protect its collections, and enhance the visitor experience.

NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. This public notice is issued as part of NEH’s responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. 306108. NEH, a funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. If any proposed action will have an adverse effect on historic resources, NEH works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require NEH to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.

The proposed undertaking will upgrade the plumbing and sanitary water systems of the Edward B. Green Building, located at 2445 Monroe Street Toledo, OH 43620. This is the TMA’s main 250,000 square foot Beaux-Arts building, designed by renowned Buffalo architect Edward B. Green, and known as the “Green Building,” was constructed in phases between 1909 and 1933.

On September 7, 2023, Diana Welling, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, of No Adverse Effect. On August 29, 2023, conditioned upon the following requirements:

1. The provided information states that where all existing piping is covered by existing construction, it will not be removed. If this ends up not being feasible to connect a new pipe to an old pipe, or if all new pipes will require partial demolition of existing walls or floors, then the new materials used to recover the pipes must match the existing.

2. If the new piping cannot be hidden in existing walls, under floors, etc., then the exposed piping must be painted to blend with the surface it is attached to.

NEH concurs with the SHPO’s opinion and has determined that the proposed project will have No Adverse Effect upon historic properties.

As required by Section 106, NEH is providing the public with information about this project, as well
as an opportunity to comment on any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area, and issues relating to the project’s potential effects on historic properties. Comments may be submitted to the NEH by e-mail to FPO@neh.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is September 20, 2023.