September 14, 2017

Larry Shepard  
US EPA Region 7  
11201 Renner Blvd.  
Lenexa, KS 66219

RE: Ambulatory Clinic, Environmental Assessment, Nebraska Veteran’s Affairs  
Douglas County, Nebraska

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Regional Environmental Engineer
Department of Veterans Affairs
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1425 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 140
Gurnee, IL 60031-2497
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Eliza Hines
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
9325 South Alda Road
Wood River, NE 68883

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FWS NE: 2017-514

Mr. Glenn Wittman
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Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Construction & Facilities Mgmt.
1425 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 140
Gurnee, Illinois 60031-2497

Re: Ambulatory Clinic Environmental Assessment, Nebraska Veterans Affairs, Douglas County, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Wittman:

This responds to your September 18, 2017, request for technical assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for the proposed construction of a new ambulatory care clinic located at the existing Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. The Service has responsibility for conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of the American public under the following authorities: 1) Endangered Species Act of 1973; 2) Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act; 3) Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; and 4) Migratory Bird Treaty Act MBTA. The National Environmental Policy Act requires compliance with all of these statutes and regulations.

Based the commitments made to avoid tree clearing from June 1-July 31 to protect the federally threatened Northern long-eared bat and from April 1-July 15 to protect migratory birds¹ (October 2, 2017 email), we do not anticipate any impacts on federal trust species or their habitats. Should the project design change, or during the term of this action, additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, consultation with the Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts on listed species.

¹ October 2, 2017 email from Brian Osborn acknowledges the standard commitment that tree clearing will be avoided between April 1 and July 15 (nesting season) for compliance with MBTA. If tree clearing must occur during the nesting season, a nesting bird survey will be completed prior to any activity in order to avoid impacts to active bird nests.
All federally listed species under ESA are also State-listed under the Nebraska Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act. However, there are also State-listed species that are not federally listed. To determine if the proposed project may affect State-listed species, the Service recommends that the project proponent contact Mr. Ryan Joe (ryan.joe@nebraska.gov) at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, 2200 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the subject proposed project. Should you have questions regarding these comments, please contact me at eliza_hines@fws.gov or (308) 382-6468, extension 204.

Sincerely,

Eliza Hines  
Nebraska Field Supervisor

cc: NGPC; Lincoln, NE (Attn: Ryan Joe)
September 14, 2017

Mr. John Moeschen
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NE State Regulatory Office
8901 South 154th Street, Suite 1
Omaha, NE 68138

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REQUEST FOR CORPS JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD)
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT

The information that you provide will be used in evaluating your request to determine whether there are any aquatic resources within the project area subject to federal jurisdiction under the regulatory authorities referenced below. Note: Submission of requested information is voluntary; however, if information is not provided, the request for an AJD cannot be evaluated nor can an AJD be issued.

1. PROPERTY LOCATION:
Street Address: 4101 Woolworth Avenue
City/Township/Parish: Omaha
County: Douglas State: NE
Acreage of Parcel/Review Area for JD: 25 acres
Section: 29 Township: 15N Range: 13E
Latitude: 41.243159 Longitude: -95.973612
(For linear projects, please include the center point of the proposed alignment.)

2. REQUESTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:
Typed or printed name: Glenn Wittman
Company name: Department of Veterans Affairs
Street Address: 1425 Tri-State Parkway, Suite 140
City: Gurnee State: IL Zip: 60031
Daytime phone no.: 224-610-7313
Email address: glenn.wittman@va.gov

3. MAP: Please attach a survey/plat map and vicinity map identifying location and review area for the JD.
see attached

4. REASON FOR REQUEST (check as many as applicable):
☐ I intend to construct/develop a project or perform activities on this parcel which may require authorization from the Corps, and the JD would be used to avoid and minimize impacts to jurisdictional aquatic resources and as an initial step in a future permitting process.
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☐ I intend to construct/develop a project or perform activities in a navigable water of the U.S. which is included on the district Section 10 list and/or is subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.
☐ A Corps JD is required in order to obtain my local/state authorization.
☐ I intend to contest jurisdiction over a particular aquatic resource and request the Corps confirm that jurisdiction does/not exist over the aquatic resource on the parcel.
☒ I believe that the site may be comprised entirely of dry land/upland.
☐ Other:

5. TYPE OF DETERMINATION BEING REQUESTED:
☐ I am requesting an approved JD
☐ I am requesting a preliminary JD
☒ I am requesting a "no permit required" letter as I believe my proposed activity is not regulated.
☐ I am unclear as to which JD I would like to request and require additional information.

6. OWNERSHIP DETAILS:
☐ I currently own this property.
☐ I plan to purchase this property.
☒ I am an agent/consultant acting on behalf of the requestor.
☐ Other (please explain):

*Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Final Rule for 33 CFR Parts 320-332. Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public, and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by federal law. Your name and property location where federal jurisdiction is to be determined will be included in the approved jurisdictional determination (AJD), which will be made available to the public on the District's website and on the Headquarters USACE website.

By signing below, you are indicating that you have the authority, or are acting as the duly authorized agent of a person or entity with such authority, to do hereby grant Corps personnel right of entry to legally access the site if needed to perform the JD. Your signature shall be an affirmation that you possess the requisite property rights to request a JD on the subject property.

Signature: Glenn Wittman 402200
Date: November 7, 2017
September 14, 2017

Carla Felix  
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality  
1200 N Street, Suite 400  
PO Box 98922  
Lincoln, NE 68509-8922

RE: Ambulatory Clinic, Environmental Assessment, Nebraska Veteran’s Affairs 
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Carey Grell
Nebraska Game and Parks
2200 N 33rd St
Lincoln, NE 68503

RE: Ambulatory Clinic, Environmental Assessment, Nebraska Veteran’s Affairs
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Glenn Wittman  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
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RE:  Construction of Ambulatory Clinic located at the existing Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Omaha, Douglas County

Dear Mr. Wittman:

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) staff members have reviewed the information for the proposal identified above. This project would involve construction of a new clinical office building on the existing hospital grounds that would be joined to the existing VAMC via a connector walkway structure. This review was requested pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Based on our review, we have determined that the project as described will have no adverse impacts on resources within our agency’s areas of concern, including state-listed threatened and endangered species, fish and wildlife resources and their habitats, or NGPC properties.

Thank you for opportunity to review this proposal. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments at 402-471-5423 or carey.grell@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

Carey Grell  
Environmental Analyst Supervisor  
Planning and Programming Division
September 14, 2017

Ms. Jill Dolberg  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Nebraska State Historical Society  
P.O. Box 82554  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2554

RE:  Ambulatory Clinic, Environmental Assessment, Nebraska Veteran’s Affairs  
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Coordination with the Nebraska State Historical Society was completed in 2011 (HP# 1103-204-01) for a project to redevelop the VAMC. This project has been abandoned; however, at the time the SHPO determined the VAMC was not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of the significant modification that has occurred at this property.

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RE: HP# 1709-088-01; Environmental Assessment of New Construction Activities for Ambulatory Care Clinic at Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Sect 29, T15N, R13E, Douglas County

Dear Mr. Wittman:

Thank you for submitting the additional information requested by the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (NeSHPO) necessary for review and comment under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 2014 (Title 54 U.S.C. § 306108 [formerly 16 U.S.C. § 470f]), and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR § 800 for the above referenced project.

According to the cumulative information provided along with a check of Nebraska State Historical Society records, the ground disturbing activities associated with the proposed new construction of an Ambulatory Care Clinic (ACC) at Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska are unlikely to impact any prehistoric or historic cultural resources listed on the National Register or eligible for such a listing. Thus, a determination of no historic properties affected is appropriate for this undertaking and the project should continue as planned.

However, since the project area has not been previously surveyed by professional archeologists there is the possibility that currently buried or otherwise obscured cultural or human remains may be discovered during the undertaking. If any such discovery is made, please contact this office immediately for further instruction.

Be advised that this determination does not necessarily reflect the opinion of any Native American Tribes that may have an interest in the area, nor does it to pertain to Traditional Cultural Properties, if they exist in the area.

Please submit this letter to the project’s lead federal agency to fulfill the statutory obligation of Section 106 consultation with the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office. Should you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact this office by phone (402-471-2609) or email (John.Rissetto@nebraska.gov).

Sincerely,

John Rissetto, Ph.D., Preservation Archeologist

October 4, 2017
July 8, 2011

Mr. Mark E. Eney  
Project Manager (00CFM)  
3001 Green Bay Road  
North Chicago, IL 60064

RE: Omaha VA Medical Center, Douglas County, Nebraska  
HP# 1103-245-01

Dear Mr. Eney:

Thank you for submitting additional information regarding the referenced project for our review and comment. As you know, our comment on this project and its potential to affect historic properties is required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800.

In our opinion, the Omaha Veterans Administration Medical Center at 4101 Woolworth Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Although the original core of the hospital complex was built in 1950 and is therefore of age, many additions were added to the building between 1960 and the mid-1980s.

Therefore, there will be no historic properties affected by your project, as planned. Please let us know if you have any questions. Jill Dolberg can be reached at (402) 471-4773.

Sincerely,

L. Robert Puschendorf  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Nebraska State Historical Society

CC: Mr. Paul Ziembka, 13595 Giles Road, Suite B, LaVista, NE 68138
September 14, 2017

Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
305 North Main Street
Reserve, KS 66434

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