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December 15, 2015

Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Chairman
Representative Jay R. Kaufman, Chairman
Joint Committee on Revenue
Rooms 213B and Room 34
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Re: Follow-up Information re H2533

Dear Chairman Rodrigues and Chairman Kaufman:

Following is information requested during my meeting with Chairman Kaufman, Kevin Larivee and Jeremy Spittle of Chairman Rodrigues' office on November 10, 2015. As you will recall we discussed the DCR Stewardship Council's recommendation that the Joint Committee on Revenue report out favorably H2533 to prevent the assessment of local property taxes on state-owned facilities leased out under the Historic Curatorship Program. Please note that the following information was provided to me by DCR's Historic Curatorship program. Please contact DCR's Director of Governmental Affairs if you need additional information. He and the program staff would be glad to follow-up in any way that would be helpful.

Is the Historic Curatorship Program an open-ended program in terms of eligible properties?

No. The program was created via enabling legislation that listed specific properties that DCR *potentially* could add to its Historic Curatorship portfolio. The properties initially deemed eligible in the enabling legislation were deemed at the time to be surplus to DCR use. In the event DCR wants to consider adding one or more properties not on the original list, it would require a 2/3rds vote of both the House and Senate under Article 97 given the program's lease terms in excess of 5 years. Attachment I contains a list of properties enrolled (or soon to be) in the Historic Curatorship Program. Attachment II lists the properties eligible under the enabling legislation but not enrolled in the Program.

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How many properties are enrolled in the Historic Curatorship program? For what lease term? How much private investment has each generated?

19 properties are or will soon be enrolled in the Curatorship program. The lease term for each varies – from 10 to 50 years, as represented in Attachment II. The total private investment in these properties is expected to be \$18.5 million over the terms of the leases. Actual investment by the lessees to date has been \$14.5 million.

We encourage the Joint Committee on Revenue to report out favorably H2533 to remove the threat of local taxation on these limited number of Historic Curatorship Program properties. Failing to do so may jeopardize the success of this novel public/private partnership.

Sincerely,



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LIST OF PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN HISTORIC CURATORSHIP ENABLING LEGISLATION

(not currently under lease, in use by DCR or under agreement with a permittee)

As of 11/5/2015

PLEASE NOTE: These properties are not currently available for proposals and DCR does not accept unsolicited proposals. Due to the complex nature of this long-term partnership, DCR only makes a few properties available for proposals annually. Public interest, however, is one of the criteria DCR uses to prioritize properties, so if you have a general interest in any of the properties listed or a specific region, please contact the program at HCP.Requests@state.ma.us to request to be added to the notification list.

NORTH REGION	Park	City / Town
Maudslay Coachman's House and Outbuildings*	Maudslay State Park	Newburyport
Cochituate Gatehouse	Lake Cochituate State Park	Wayland
Bell House*	Maudslay State Park	Newburyport
Whitehead House†	Willowdale State Forest	Ipswich
McKay House	Willowdale State Forest	Ipswich
BOSTON REGION		
Magazine Beach Powder Magazine	Charles River Reservation	Cambridge
Print Shop	Brook Farm State Historic Site	W. Roxbury (Boston)
Speedway Administration Building**	Charles River Reservation	Brighton (Boston)
1 Woodland Road	Middlesex Fells State Reservation	Stoneham
57 Dedham St.	Stony Brook Reservation	Boston
Carriage House	Havey Beach, Charles River Reservation	W. Roxbury (Boston)
SOUTH REGION		
Nantasket Police Station	Nantasket Beach State Reservation	Hull
Officer's Quarters	Ft. Revere State Park	Hull
Compressor Building	Quincy Quarries, Blue Hills State Reservation	Quincy
Brookwood Farmhouse	Blue Hills State Reservation	Canton
William H. Peterson House	Blue Hills State Reservation	Canton
101, 102 + 103 Union St.	Wompatuck State Park	Hingham
CENTRAL REGION		
Wachusett Superintendent's House	Mt. Wachusett State Reservation	Princeton
Upton CCC Camp†	Upton State Forest	Upton
Lake Wyola Farmhouse and Barn	Carroll Holmes State Recreation Area / Lake Wyola State Park	Shutesbury
Gates House	Mt. Wachusett State Reservation	Princeton
WEST REGION		
Beartown Superintendent's House†	Beartown State Forest	Monterey
Guilder Complex†	Jug End State Park	Egremont
Blue Farmhouse	Spectacle Pond State Park	Otis
Red Farmhouse	Spectacle Pond State Park	Otis
Hunter House	Windsor State Forest	Windsor
Benjamin Osborne House (Ann Lee) †	Mt. Washington State Forest	Mt. Washington
Intemann House†	Mt. Washington State Forest	Mt. Washington

*Curators selected; lease execution anticipated Fall 2015

** Curator selected; lease anticipated Spring 2016

† Previously solicited (no acceptable proposals received)

Properties included in legislation currently in use by DCR or a permittee

NORTH REGION		
Farm Complex	Maudslay State Park	Newburyport
Maudslay Gatekeeper's House	Maudslay State Park	Newburyport
BOSTON REGION		
Peddocks Cottages	Boston Harbor Islands State Park	Hull
Schooner Ernestina†	State Pier	New Bedford
WEST REGION		
Knights of Columbus Camp	Dubuque State Forest	Hawley
Summit House	Skinner State Park	Hadley
SOUTH REGION		
Stress House 1	Neponset River State Reservation	Milton
Nantasket Dormitory, Laundry and Waiting Room	Nantasket Beach State Reservation	Hull

Properties included in legislation – Demolished or scheduled for demolition

WEST REGION		
Hunt House	Mt. Washington State Forest	Mt. Washington
Windago Camp Complex	Windsor State Forest	Windsor
Elder House	Natural Bridge State Park	North Adams
SOUTH REGION		
Weeks House	Myles Standish State Forest	Carver
Woodis House	Acushnet Cedar Swamp State Reservation	New Bedford