



December 28, 2007

Douglas McLearn,  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
Bureau for Historic Preservation  
Commonwealth Keystone Building, Second Floor  
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**RE: Administrative Summary - Phase II Archaeological Research  
SugarHouse Casino Property  
Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Dear Mr. McLearn:

On December 21, 2007, A.D. Marble & Company completed the Phase II Archaeology Survey at the proposed location for the SugarHouse Casino in the City of Philadelphia.

The Phase II fieldwork followed the recommendations presented in the Phase IB Management Summary (October 2007) and the general agreements reached at the project meeting of October 25, 2007 attended by representatives of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), Keating Consulting, LLC, Urban Engineers, and A.D. Marble & Company.

The Phase IB field work identified four areas of moderate to high historic archaeological potential. They have been identified as Historic Areas H-1, H-2, H-3, and H-4. Background research identified properties of historic potential based on the time period, property use, and the social characteristics of the individuals who resided within the bounds of the subject property. Background research also identified areas of potential moderate to high disturbance from late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century industrial activities on the subject property.

The most prominent of the four areas identified was the part of Historic Area H-1 that contains residential foundations dating to the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, along with shaft features. This is also the largest of the areas recommended for further study. It measures roughly 200x150 feet and was investigated by Trenches 1, 2 & 15 during the Phase IB study. Within Historic Area H-2, two areas were recommended for Phase II testing: the southernmost area directly north of H-1 (measuring roughly 150x100 feet) and the small foundation remnant along its extreme northeastern edge (measuring roughly 50 feet square). In Historic Area H-3, the foundation ruins from an oil processing mill and other residential usage identified in Trench 13 of the Phase IB were recommended for evaluation-level studies.