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Promontory Point Park - 5491 S. Shore Dr., NRHP listed 1/18/2018, Chicago Landmark
Section:12-Township:38N-Range:14E, Section:13-Township:38N-Range:14E
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Thank you for submitting the proposed amendment to the 1993 *Memorandum of Agreement for the Illinois Shoreline Erosion Interim 3 Project among the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Historic Preservation Officer* (MOA) in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, on May 27, 2025, which proposes to replace the 1993 MOA with a Programmatic Agreement (PA).

The comment matrix your provided to this office on May 27, 2025, and the July 11, 2025, response letter from Christopher Koeppel at the ACHP indicate that the majority of Consulting Parties participating in Section 106 consultation for the amendment ask that the Chicago District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prioritize clarification of the amendment's "approach to develop and evaluate alternatives and modifications during the design process that could avoid or minimize potential adverse effects."

We concur with the ACHP and Consulting Parties that the Corps revise the amendment to reflect a preservation-based approach to the work at both Promontory Point and Morgan Shoal. In addition, we prefer that Morgan Shoal continue to be part of the draft Programmatic Agreement to ensure that it is treated as sensitively as we hope the Corps will treat Promontory Point.

We look forward to future consultation with USACE, the ACHP, and Consulting Parties.

Sincerely,

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