



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Keweenaw National Historical Park
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Keweenaw National Historical Park (Keweenaw NHP), I heartily support the Quincy Mine Hoist Association's request for a S.I.A. grant of \$3,000 to help address urgent structural deficiencies of the 1918 Quincy Hoist House No. 2.

Since 1961, Quincy Mine Hoist Association (QMHA) has maintained and managed key historic structures and industrial landscapes of the Quincy Mining Company which were designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1989. With the establishment of Keweenaw NHP in 1992, QMHA became a park partner and Keweenaw Heritage Site. Working together, QMHA and the National Park Service have been successful in stabilizing and rehabilitating many of the Quincy Mining Company's remnant architectural resources.

Now attention is focused on making the necessary repairs to the 1918 Hoist House No. 2, a reinforced concrete structure that houses the Nordberg Steam Hoist, an engine recognized for its contribution to the technological advancement of our nation. As a result of weathering and corrosion, critical portions of the concrete have begun to degrade and endanger the stability of the structure. In an effort to address this problem, QMHA has consulted with Mr. Bob Tracy, P.E., of Source Restoration Engineering Inc., a structural engineer with considerable experience in preservation of historic concrete assemblies.

Over the past several months, Mr. Tracy has worked with QMHA members and the park's historical architect, John Rosemurgy, to devise a phased preservation approach based on urgency of need; the grant request for \$3,000 will assist QMHA with execution of the most critical repairs. For its part, Keweenaw NHP has developed and submitted a project statement for supplemental stabilization funding through the National Park Service. However Due to funding cycles, 2015 is the soonest possible year the park may receive these funds.

Please consider the request put forward by QMHA and know that either John or I am available to address any questions concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Michael Pflaum
Superintendent

cc: Scott See, Keweenaw NHP Executive Director