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APPENDIX A
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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PROJECT NOTIFICATION FORM

Project Name Pioneer Village Project

Location/Address Forest River Park, Clifton Avenue; Camp Naumkeag, 85 Memorial Drive

City/Town Salem, MA

Project Proponent

Name City of Salem

Address 93 Washington Street

City/Town/Zip/Telephone Salem, MA 01970 978-619-5600

Agency license or funding for the project (list all licenses, permits, approvals, grants or other entitlements being sought from state and federal agencies).

Agency Name **Type of License or Funding (specify)**

Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funding (no Section 106 review required, per ACHP determination)

Project Description

The City of Salem is proposing to relocate the Pioneer Village from its current location in Forest River to a site in the Willows, adjacent to Camp Naumkeag. As part of this project, the City is proposing to demolish the existing structures at Camp Naumkeag in order to create an entry point for the Pioneer Village, which will be expanded to include representation by the Massachusett tribe. The history of both Camp Naumkeag and the Pioneer Village represent important aspects of Salem's history which will be represented and interpreted in the proposed project.

One of the main reasons for the proposed relocation is that the current site of the Pioneer Village is very close to sea level and subject to flooding. Climate change is accelerating this threat. In addition, a new location provides the opportunity to expand the area and topics of historical interpretation while also providing an opportunity to upgrade the site for accessibility and other modern codes. Pioneer Village can become a historic resource for future generations.

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The goals for this project are:

- The protection of the Pioneer Village from climate change
- Recognition and preservation of the Camp Naumkeag's important place in the history of the City of Salem and public health
- The introduction of the voice of the Massachusetts tribe in dialogue with the Pioneer Village and an expansion of other offerings, such as gardens
- Interpretation of and an introduction to Fort Lee, a critical adjacent historic resource
- Increased access and visibility to the breadth of Salem's history as represented by the breadth of the site's history, including Salem Sound's natural history, the original inhabitants, Fort Lee and the Revolutionary War, the Willows, Camp Naumkeag, and the Pioneer Village.
- Commemoration of the original Pioneer Village site, its historical importance and the structures which are proposed to remain.

The City of Salem has contracted with Oudens Ello Architecture (OEA) and Object/IDEA team for master planning and design. The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) prepared updated MHC inventory area forms for Pioneer Village and Camp Naumkeag as part of the OEA team.

Does the project include demolition? If so, specify nature of demolition and describe the building(s) that are proposed for demolition.

Yes, the project includes the possible demolition of one nonhistoric building, and relocation of four historic buildings and one nonhistoric building at current Pioneer Village to Camp Naumkeag. It also includes the demolition of all four extant historic buildings and one nonhistoric building at Camp Naumkeag.

Pioneer Village:

- Relocate to Camp Naumkeag: one 2-story building and three 1-story reproduction 17th-century buildings built in 1930. All are timber frame on stone footings with thatch roof and chimney. These are referred to as the Governor's Fayre House, Woodbury Cottage, Blacksmith Cottage, and Lady Arabella Cottage. The Blacksmith Shop (1986) will also be relocated.
- To remain: one English Wigwam (1930), one Dugout Shelter (1930, rebuilt 1980), Ticket Booth (ca. 1970), and Visitor Center (1976).

Camp Naumkeag:

- Demolish: four 1-story, wood frame buildings built 1916–ca. 1920 and known as The Cottage, The Lodge, Women's Cabin, and Men's Cabin; four site features were added in the late 20th century: Flagpole, Volleyball Court, Grills/Fire Pits, and Beach Boardwalk and Stairs. The late 20th-c. restroom building adjacent to the playground will also be demolished.

Does the project include rehabilitation of any existing buildings? If so, specify the nature of rehabilitation and describe the building(s) that are proposed for rehabilitation.

Yes, the project purpose is to relocate Pioneer Village from Forest River Park approximately 2.5 miles and to rehabilitate and restore the four moved buildings at the new Camp Naumkeag site.

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Does the project include new construction? If so, describe (attach plans and elevations if necessary).

Yes, new construction is proposed as part of the project at Camp Naumkeag in two phases.

Phase I: Site work, landscaping, parking area, and maintenance building, and

Phase II: Visitor center with classroom/exhibits building

To the best of your knowledge, are any historic or archaeological properties known to exist within the project's area of potential impact? If so, specify.

The discontinuous project area includes two historic property areas:

Pioneer Village (1930; SAL.GM), a reproduction First Period village constructed in 1930 under the direction of George Francis Dow for the Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary celebrations. The area, in the northeast corner of Forest River Park in Salem, encompasses seven buildings, two structures, and numerous landscape features across a 3.5-acre, sloping lot. The buildings are arranged in a rough line leading to Salem Harbor. The 1988 inventory form was updated in 2021 with an updated National Register of Historic Places eligibility evaluation (see attachment).

The Salem Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis Health Camp/Camp Naumkeag, 85 Memorial Drive (1916–ca. 1920; SAL.IN) (Camp Naumkeag) is situated on the northern shore of the Salem Neck peninsula, on the north side of Memorial Drive and opposite Fort Lee. The 2.2-acre parcel contains four buildings. The 1998 inventory form was updated in 2021, including a National Register of Historic Places eligibility evaluation (see attachment).

There are no known or recorded archaeological sites within the two Project sites. In 2020, intensive surveys were conducted at Forest River Park, but not including the Pioneer Village area, and at Camp Naumkeag, and reports submitted to MHC, as follows.

Heitert, Kristen, Jennifer Banister, and John M. Kelly. *Intensive (Locational) Archaeological Survey, Forest River Park Redevelopment Project, Salem, Massachusetts*. The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. Report No. 3949. Submitted to the City of Salem, MA, 2020.

Heitert, Kristen, John M. Kelly, and Jennifer Banister. *Intensive (Locational) Archaeological Survey, Camp Naumkeag Redevelopment Project, Salem, Massachusetts*. The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. Report No. 3946. Submitted to the City of Salem, MA, 2020.

What is the total acreage of the project area?

Pioneer Village / Camp Naumkeag

Woodland 3.1/0.2 acres
Wetland 0.75/0.14 acres
Floodplain 2.5/0.24 acres
Open space 4.45/2.05 acres
Developed 0.05/0.1 acres

Productive Resources:

Agriculture 0 acres
Forestry 0 acres
Mining/Extraction 0 acres
Total Project Acreage 4.5/2.15 acres

What is the acreage of the proposed new construction? 2.15 acres

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What is the present land use of the project area?

Pioneer Village is currently a historic interpretive park within a larger public open space park owned by the City of Salem.

Camp Naumkeag is currently part of a public open space park owned by the City of Salem. The buildings are not in use because of poor condition and lack of accessibility.

Please attach a copy of the section of the USGS quadrangle map that clearly marks the project location.

See attached USGS locus maps.

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This Project Notification Form has been submitted to the MHC in compliance with 950 CMR 71.00.


Signature of Person submitting this form


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REGULATORY AUTHORITY

950 CMR 71.00: M.G.L. c. 9, §§ 26-27C as amended by St. 1988, c. 254.

Attachments: USGS Maps
Updated MHC Area Form, Pioneer Village
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USGS Locus Map 1



Figure 1. Location of Pioneer Village Project on the Salem USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

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USGS Locus Map 2



Figure 2. Location of Camp Naumkeag on the Salem USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

PIONEER VILLAGE PROJECT PNF ATTACHMENTS

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Forest River Site Plan



Camp Naumkeag Site Aerial



Proposed Site Plan

Fort Lee



Trolley and Bus
Drop-off

Parking

Stormwater Garden

Woodland
Amphitheater

Maintenance
Shed

Blacksmith
Shop

Pioneer Village

Colonial
Gardens

Meadow

Coastal Bank

Memorial Drive

Connection to
Fort Lee

Service Access

Phase 1

Fort Lee

