

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the National Endowment for the Humanities' Section 106 Review of Accessibility Upgrades and Theater Renovations to Taliesin West

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation a grant to make accessibility upgrades and theater renovations to Taliesin West. NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. This public notice is issued as part of NEH's responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 470. NEH, a funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. If any proposed action will have an adverse effect on historic resources, NEH works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require NEH to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.

In its grant application, the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation plans to conduct accessibility upgrades and theater renovations at Taliesin West, located at 12621 N Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd, Scottsdale AZ 85259. Taliesin West has been identified as a historic property and a National Historic Landmark subject to Section 106 regulations. The grant application proposes to implement the following:

- Replacement of pea gravel with stabilized decomposed granite surfaces for accessibility at Entry Court, bookstore waiting area, and Prow. Surfaces will be graded to create a level and even route. The stabilized decomposed granite will maintain the natural character of the site.
- Installation of concrete accessibility ramps over existing steps leading from the Entry Court to Wright's Office, from there to the Prow, and from the Prow to the Sunset Terrace. The concrete will be matched for color and aggregate to the surrounding steps and landings.
- Installation of removable handrails at the Pavilion stairs and Breezeway stairs. Addition of handrails to convenience ramps.
- An open side stage storage area in the Pavilion Theatre will be converted to an accessible restroom. The space will be enclosed, and plumbing and fixtures will be installed.
- The former men's locker room will be converted into an accessible restroom. There will be no effect on the exterior of the building. The interior of this space is in a deteriorated state. The existing floor will be removed in order to install new water and sewer lines. Tile flooring will be installed. The walls will be repaired and painted to a historically accurate color. The existing cabinets and counter will be restored.
- A removable modular hard flooring system will be installed on the stage of the Pavilion Theatre. A new sound system will also be installed.

Taliesin West was Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home and workshop starting in 1937. Wright and his apprentices built and maintained Taliesin West over many years, making it a living laboratory of architectural design and construction, while also contributing to its present-day infrastructure shortcomings. Its design integrates the structures with the landscape, lessening the distinction between indoors and outdoors, and preserving as much of the desert environment as possible. Taliesin West is a major work from the architect's "second golden age," the last quarter-century of his life. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1982.

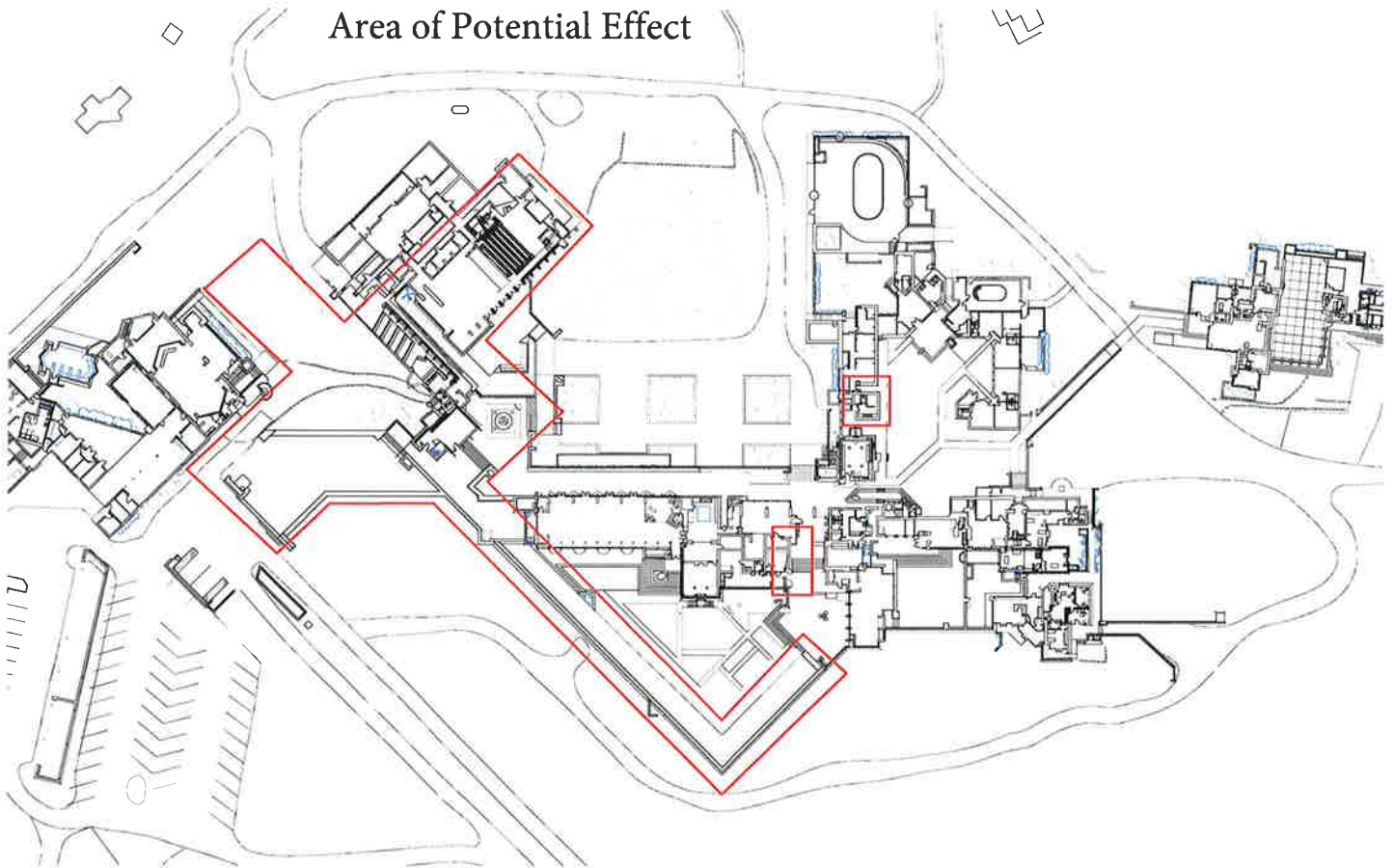
Margy Parisella of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office indicated concurrence with the finding of **no adverse effect** upon historic properties, as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and as presented in a November 20, 2018 letter by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

As required by Section 106, NEH is providing the public with information about this project, as well as an opportunity to comment on any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area, and issues relating to the project's potential effects on historic properties. Comments may be submitted to the NEH by e-mail to FPO@neh.gov, or to National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Preservation and Access, 400 7th St SW, Floor 4, Washington, DC 20024. The deadline for submitting comments is **March 26, 2019**.

Building Location
Taliesin West
12621 N Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd, Scottsdale AZ 85259



Area of Potential Effect



Taliesin West Section 104 Review
Area of Potential Effects Map
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