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Mr. Sam Gruber
President
PACNY
930 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203

Dear Mr. Gruber:

Thank you for your request for information regarding the proposal to construct a new Ronald McDonald House at the corner of East Genesee Street and University Avenue in Syracuse, which proposes demolition of the nineteenth-century residence at 1100 East Genesee Street.

On April 4, 2007, at the request of the Syracuse Community Development Office, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provided a determination of eligibility for the State and National Registers of Historic Places of the property at 1100 East Genesee Street. At that time, this office determined that the property met the National Register criteria as an example of eclectic architecture of the post-Civil War period in Syracuse that combined features of the Italianate, Gothic Revival and Second Empire styles. Since that time, more information has come to light regarding owners of the property, prominent members of the Syracuse community in the nineteenth century, thereby adding to its historical significance.

It was our understanding that the proposal to construct a new facility on the site of this former residence would not require any federal or state funding, licensing or permitting, thereby precluding any involvement of the SHPO in the project. However, it has recently come to our attention that federal and/or state funding may be sought. If so, the involved agency must determine whether consultation should take place under either Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Until such time as review has been completed, and any required mitigation developed and agreed to, it would be inappropriate for involved parties to undertake or permit any work or preparatory removals which would preclude the SHPO from completing comment on the project.

Please feel free to contact this office if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont
Director, Field Services Bureau
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer