

**Neighborhood Preservation/Community Development
233 North Barbara Street
Mount, Joy, PA 17552**

January 13, 2006

Sheri Jackson

Northeast Regional Coordinator
National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom
National Park Service
200 Chestnut Street, 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Ms. Jackson:

SUBJECT: Thaddeus Stevens Grave/Memorial, Lancaster, PA
Site Application to Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program

Enclosed please find a completed application, photographs, location map and master site plan for the subject property, submitted on behalf of Concord-Shreiner Cemetery, Lancaster, PA, for your review and consideration as a UGRR Network Site.

We look forward to your favorable review and will be pleased to respond to any questions or comments you may have about this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Randolph J. Harris
Network to Freedom Partner

Enclosures

Cc: Alex Munro, President, Concord-Shreiner Cemetery Foundation

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February 15, 2006

Alex Munro
President
The Concord- Shreiner Cemetery Foundation
740 East End Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602-3714

Dear Mr. Munro:

SUBJECT: Thaddeus Stevens Grave/Memorial, Lancaster, PA
Site Nomination to Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program

Enclosed please find the completed application/nomination form, photographs, location map and master site plan for the subject property. This package constitutes the materials I submitted to Ms. Sheri Jackson of the National Park Service on behalf of Concord-Shreiner Cemetery Foundation on January 13, 2006.

I am happy to have compiled this nomination in support of your Foundation's efforts to care for the cemetery and to commemorate the legacy of Thaddeus Stevens. We will know by April 2006 if the Network to Freedom Program reviewers accept the nomination.

I have been informed that the U.S. Congress has appropriated matching grant funding once again this year for assistance to sites that are accepted into the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program. Grants are available in amounts up to \$25,000 for both physical improvements and for research and interpretation of sites. Deadline is expected to be June 15, 2006.

I would be pleased to discuss with you and your colleagues consulting services I could provide to the Foundation to apply for this new round of funding. I could also help with implementing a project, if an application for funds were approved. I was successful last year in applying for this same grant program for the creation of a visitors' center and interpretive facility at the Historic Zercher's Hotel in Christiana, PA. This is a UGRR Network to Freedom Site, which I was also instrumental in having listed, and thereby eligible for the competitive matching grant program. Work is now underway at the site and the center is projected to be opened to visitors in April 2006. I am working with a colleague historian to design and install the interpretive material in the visitor center. Both physical improvements and interpretive installations would be possible at the Concord-Shreiner Cemetery that would focus on the Stevens Grave/Memorial.

Thank you for your consideration to these matters.

Sincerely,

Randolph J. Harris

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