

National Endowment of the Humanities
Public Notice of Availability of the
Final Finding of No Significant Impact
and
Environmental Assessment
For
New Library Construction for Town of Mont Vernon, NH
(CHA-286624)

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) implementing guidance, NEH has determined that that NEH federally assisted project by the Mont Vernon Public Library Charitable Foundation (MVPLCF) to construct a public library. will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment. A draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was made available to the public for 30 days. No comments were received, and the documents are now final. Furthermore, because NEH has determined there will be no significant impact, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The Town will build a new library on land previously acquired for a library and a cemetery. The site, Lot 4-45, is located on the North side of Grand Hill Road, behind the US Post Office in Mont Vernon, NH, 03057. The new Library will be constructed on a 10-acre portion of the 41.2-acre parcel, the balance assigned to the future cemetery. The lot is bounded by conservation land, a Town Park, residential areas and a US Post Office. The new, one-story slab-on-grade library building will be approximately 7,600 square feet. The site will feature a natural outdoor performance space in front and surrounding gardens.

The Town will also construct, as a separate project, a new road to provide library access, parking and cemetery access. The projects involve grading, trenching and other site work for the road and building construction. The road project will fill 0.21 acres of wetlands and include infiltration basins to protect the area from excessive runoff from the access road and new Library site.

The final EA, signed FONSI, and Public Notice are available online at <https://www.neh.gov/our-work/historic-preservation-environmental>. Questions regarding the EA and FONSI may be addressed to Ann Piesen, NEH Federal Preservation and Environmental Officer at apiesen@neh.gov.