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Good morning,

As a group with a demonstrated interest in the Savannah NHL District, the National Historic Landmarks Program wanted to share the attached letter. This letter, written in response to a request from the City of Savannah, offers guidance on the development of an update to the NHL documentation for that designated district. NPS looks forward to working with the City of Savannah as they lead the effort to develop a new nomination.

We are particularly keen to see this effort underway as it was a key recommendation of the 2018 Condition and Integrity Assessment. We understand that many in Savannah are eager to revisit the condition of the District. We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know of updates to the condition monitoring program. The National Park Service is currently evaluating the NHL condition monitoring program nationwide as part of its commitment to providing technical assistance in the form of helpful and constructive feedback to stewards of these nationally significant properties. As the NHL condition monitoring program is undergoing this reassessment, NPS is not currently updating or assigning condition categories to properties. As a result, NPS considers NHLs, including the Savannah NHL District, to be in no category during the program evaluation period.

While the specifics of the condition monitoring program are under review, NPS staff remain dedicated to maintaining a close working relationship with NHL stewards and advising owners on preservation standards, techniques, and best practices. Questions regarding the NHL condition monitoring program evaluation should be directed to Lisa Davidson, Program Manager, National Historic Landmarks, Washington DC (lisa_davidson@nps.gov).

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