

**Newark Earthworks Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP)
Advisory Panel Review Meeting**

May 28, 2003

Newark, OH
The Works Meeting Hall

The following are the key points, comments and concerns raised by those Advisory Panel committee members present upon review of the Executive Summary.

Introduction

Use of word “Hopewell” for Native American? Consider better wordsmithing of this “Hopewell” term that archeologists use.

Panel recognized that the way “Hopewell” used in the CRMP is generally appropriate; the reaction was specifically to the terms’ use in the executive summary. Panel also recognized that this was an issue that transcends the Newark CRMP but that OHS could take a lead in making a change.

OHS might consider creating a committee to explore alternative nomenclature, take the lead in creating a new name, rather than waiting for state or national leaders to step in.

Access / Golf Free Days

The “to be created” Advisory Board needs to set goals for access---there needs to be concrete and specific goals for access in the plan

Create more opportunities for public access, work toward a real & accessible plan.

“Safe Trails” → expand this to include other access opportunities

Who will “enforce” the agreement? OHS?

Despite current and consistent questions on access, “progress has been made” in past few years.

Are the limitations only set by M.C.C.? (Only 4 golf free days?) Someone mentioned talking to the MCC president, who indicated that MCC did not set access at 4 days, suggesting a possible willingness to consider more.

Advisory Board

Must have clout, not just words.

Momentum for increasing “golf free days” is here now, “Strike while the iron is hot”→request “golf free days now”

Keep the momentum alive and vigorous.

There was a general concern about assurances that the plan would be implemented. The Advisory Board was offered up as a means to ensure implementation.

OHS needs to address the issue of implementation, how it will implement a Board “with teeth”, and how it will function.

Management Strategies

“Lease Context” suggests resolution to be adopted by OHS now. State that the M.C.C. agreement would not be extended beyond 2078.

Modify language to “will” (switched from M.C.C. *may* not continue the lease past 2078)

* “Will OHS be honorable? Will OHS listen to the Native Americans?” Action not words---look to past problems

Management policy for all “Earthworks” site-Newark First Re: Maintenance

**The leases and renewals are available through the OHS. The dates of these are 1922, '38, '44, '57, '78, '83, '88, '93, '97

Preservation & Treatment

We had asked Jeff Gill, as representative of this committee, to write something about the committee’s position relative to the maintenance building inside the Octagon. Here is what he wrote: “We recommend that the maintenance building inside the Octagon enclosure be moved, at the earliest possible opportunity, to an already “disturbed” area that would be outside of and less visible from the enclosure area. Any new construction would be reviewed in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. No further construction within the enclosure should, in principle, be permitted.”

Caretaker’s House? ---Sold to private individual

Criteria? (National Register Criteria)---Perhaps strengthen criteria
Move the maintenance structure from inside of octagon? Place outside of enclosure? (Committee chair Jeff: Add his language into CRMP) G.K. OHS agreed

Interpretive Plan & Visitor Facilities

This issue of burial site & remains--- **sensitivity is a key issue**

“Society-wide basis” concerns of OHS (changed from “society-side basis)

“Octagon Interpretive Facility”---what does this mean→ Not yet determined (G.K. OHS)

A written comment register’s a practicing interpreter’s concern with over-reliance on high tech interpretation

Implementation

“What amount of capital funds are we talking about?” What type of timetable could be expected?

\$530,000 → Reauthorize two times---will try to match and extend. (G.K. OHS)

“Will the state try to recapture?”---Can the Newark Earthworks be separate from operating funds?

Keep the momentum alive, act now

Does OHS need grant writing help? → I.D. volunteer support aid with public.

Short-term goals---2008?!? Clarify ‘short term’ by making a short term goal

Highway and Road signage & promotion---where are the signs? → Partnerships & Access (“easy to find”/ City of Newark issue)

OHS & F. Mounds → Put pressure on ODOT for promotional signs

Handicapped access--- comply with ADA (OK)

Put deed & lease in CRMP

Follow-Up Comments

The CRMP “needs a copy editor”

Written Comments

On the issue of Access to the mounds two written comments from the public:

(1) “To increase access” on a schedule with measurable goals and outcomes that builds on public interest and growing awareness of the site.

(2) Since access continues to be a source of conflict maybe the issue needs 3rd party mediation on this specific issue.

Notes

Comments were from Advisory Committee members unless noted

* = Comments by non-Advisory Committee members

Summary by Grey and Pape

**Summary of Public Comments
Newark Earthworks Historic Site Management Plan**

- p. 3 much of what is taught in schools about Native Americans is wrong. Because of the complexity of Native cultures, they are not appropriate to include in proficiency tests.
- p. 3 Burial items are not items for display per NAGPRA law.
- p. 3 Use Hopewell/Talligewi in lieu of Hopewell.
- p. 15 Earthworks have spiritual significance for Native Americans, not “some” Native Americans.
- p. 17 caveat that if the county club should decide to break the lease, OHS will not seek legal recourse.
- p. 29 OHS and Native Americans need to generate a working document on the meaning and value of Native American oral tradition and its place in historical and archaeological dialogue.
- p. 30 Say “OHS will explore partnerships with Native American Traditionals (those who know and follow their cultures and traditions).
- p. 30 provide a forum that would nurture positive interaction between OHS and Ohio’s Indians.
- p. 31 Say “Native Americans are connected in deeply spiritual ways to the Newark Earthworks.”
- p. 31 primary goal of interpretation is to inform the public about the sites and their builders, the Hopewell/Tallegewi.

p. 33 Burial items are not items for display.

OHS is “custodian” of the Newark Earthworks.

Newark Earthworks should be considered a “Shrine.” The attitude expected of all visitors should be of respect, if not reverence. Incidentals (facts) should be used to underscore the meaning of the place.

Satisfied with the lease arrangement.

Spend more money on the Great Circle.

- p. 3 Hopewell is a good name, won’t change. If Native Americans have a name, use it in interpretive programs.
- p. 15 Referring to the Newark Earthworks as a public facility not entirely accurate since the golf club limits access.
- p. 18 NPS Washington office and the Midwest Region are mandated by law as NHL partners.
- p. 24 Androgen Associates and Effigy Mounds NM are not cited in bibliography. Check to see if others are missed.
- p. 25 Use “adversely effect” rather than “deleteriously impact.”
- p. 26 Use “inadvertent” discovery rather than “accidental.”

- p. 29 Use “identified” “outlined” or “enumerated” instead of “codified.”
- p. 30 Temper “research must be conducted with sensitivity to all traditions and viewpoints.” What does that mean.
- p. 31 “New Agers” are a potential audience.
- p. 32 In addition to interpretive signage, we need informational, directional, and regulatory signage.
- p. 33 “Society-wide” not “Society-side.”
- p. A40 Questions interpretation of Daniel Webster.

Useful document, but one that will not immediately resolve some of the controversial issues bearing on access and preservation.

OHS, as the landowner, should have the right to terminate or modify the lease agreement for cause or convenience if it feels the agreement is detrimental to cultural resources.

Plan never speaks “in terms of OHS initiatives taken in its own interest.” (OHS) can decide not to renew next time it comes up, and could amend the lease anytime by mutual agreement.

Introduction is adequate.

Chronological history is told from a western perspective/words/and tone.

Management framework and cultural resource preservation and treatment: Country club’s presence on the spiritual site is an abomination. Ignoring this is unforgivable. Needs more progressive moves for accessibility, pesticides, and MCC’s accountability for racist acts.

Likes the multiple perspectives of the interpretive prospectus.

Timeframe for implementation is still not progressive or aggressive enough.

Country Club is asset to the community and has provided pretty good stewardship.

CRMP should include a lease termination strategy. OHS board should consider bringing forth a written resolution that would specifically not extend the lease with MCC beyond 2078.

Archaeological Society of Ohio should be specifically included as a resource in this plan and be named in Goals of Maintenance and Preservation, D. Recommendations for Future Research and Study, Long-term Strategic Plan section.

Find way to break the lease.

Access must be maintained.

Reclaim and preserve this precious past that is left.

Encourage and incorporate Native American oral traditions.

Native people should be the caretakers of such a unique archaeological and sacred site.

The Octagon Mound is “a real church.” The Great Circle and the Octagon Mounds are spiritual centers and resting places.

Disagrees with the following which are unfunded burdens on MCC:

- a. Relocation of 10th hole is not reasonable. Not sufficient land.
Access to the observatory mound cannot be made safe as long as both the 10th and 18th holes are present.
- b. Removal of present trees for the line of sight from observatory mound should be minimal.
- c. In reference to planting trees, what does outside the earthworks mean? It is not reasonable to say the club cannot replace the trees.
- d. The species of new trees restrictions is an unfair cost to the country club. The Country Club owns trees grown to replace lost trees.
- e. Unfair to assume that the club will vacate the property at the expiration of the existing lease. This is a decrease in value to future members. No assumption should be made in the plan.

Wants to determine in about 2048 whether or not to renew the lease so that the club can make plans for the future.

No mention of a Collections Management Policy.

Plan does not mention how the NHL status of these sites fit in with its development.

Landmark status should be taken into consideration in the final draft.

Could OHS pull a complete list of artifacts from the NAGPRA inventory.

Seek a grant to finish artifact inventory.

Because of NHL designation a person from NPS Midwest Archaeological Center should be consulted on any and all improvements, upgrades, and changes to the site.

Plan is basically very good and well thought out.

Adequate viewing (at the Octagon) is available from the platform viewing stand.

Only exception is to be able to stand on observatory mound.

Would like to know who is getting paid to keep the public away from the mounds.

Get rid of the golf course or make sure ANYONE can visit the mounds on nice days.

Good work in summarizing the enormous philosophical, cultural and economic issues so we may all better debate specific matters.

The term "Hopewell" has become a fixture in contemporary American society. Likes what many American Indian tribes are doing... They are presenting both the "foreign" term for their tribe or nation with their own term, i.e. Delaware (Lenape) or Lenape (Delaware). Recommends trying to change. But feels we may never know what the "Hopewell" people called themselves.

When all is said and done, there will be three questions: when, where, and how much will it cost to move the Golf Club?

Summary by Ohio Historical Society