

**National Endowment of the Humanities**  
**Public Notice**  
**of**  
**Final and Finding of No Significant Impact Environmental Assessment**  
**for**  
**Lower Phalen Creek Project, Wakáŋ Tipi Center**  
**(CHA-268798-20)**

**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 Lower Phalen Creek Project's proposed construction of Wakáŋ Tipi Center, an approximately 9,000 square foot, one-story cultural and environmental interpretive Center located in the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in St. Paul, Minnesota, will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment.

The project will take place on a 3.6-acre site within the Bruce Vento Nature Center, bound by an active railroad along the Mississippi River to the south, Interstate 94 to the north, and Kellogg Boulevard to the west. The building will be an approximate 9,000 square foot, one-story slab on grade building with frost footings and 40- to 60-foot-deep helical piers for foundation support, a geothermal system for heating and cooling, and outdoor seating and landscape work. A parcel east of the Center will be used as a temporary parking lot. The project will include grading, grubbing, trenching, and other dirt work necessary to construct the Center.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and floodplain notice (per Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management) was made available to the public for 30 days. No comments were received, and the documents are now final. Because NEH has determined there will be no significant impact an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The final EA, signed FONSI, and Public Notice are available on [NEH's Environmental Assessments and Public Notice webpage](#). The public notice period expires April 22, 2022. Questions regarding the EA and FONSI may be addressed to Ann Piesen, NEH Federal Preservation and Environmental Officer at [apiesen@neh.gov](mailto:apiesen@neh.gov).