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Mr. Paul McCulla, County Administrator  
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RE: Covering of Cistern/Well  
Brentmoor (Spilman-Mosby House), 33 N. Calhoun Street, Warrenton, Fauquier County  
Easement File No. 156-0014\_ep

Mr. McCulla ~

Thank you for submitting a project review request reflecting proposed modifications to the existing cistern/ well on the Brentmoor property in Warrenton. This request was submitted vis U.S. Mail and received at the Department of Historic Resources (CHR) on March 29, 2023. As you are aware, this property is subject to an historic preservation easement held by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and administered by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), which requires modifications to the property receive the prior review and approval of DHR.

According to the information received, the well is located in front of the Visitor Center, which is at the rear of the property. In the current state, the well, and its railing and surround, present a safety concern and are an obstacle to providing appropriate access consistent with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) guidance. As proposed, the cistern/well would be abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations of the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The low wall and railing will be removed and the opening bricked over with pavers consistent with the walkway.

Following review of the information provided, DHR concluded that the work in this proposal is consistent with the terms of the easement and the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* and is approved. This approval is valid for one year from the date of this letter. If you need to revise the scope of work or are unable to complete the work within one year, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Megan Melinat".

Megan Melinat  
Director, Preservation Incentives Division

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