

ADMINISTRATION



M E M O R A N D U M

 TO: Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council
FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director Barbara Stiehl, Assistant to the Director

DATE: April 23, 2008

RE: MUMFORD HORSE BARN MOVE

The Public Works Department received a house moving application from the University of Illinois to move a structure from the southwest corner of Florida Avenue and Goodwin Avenue (extended) to approximately the southwest corner of Race Street and Windsor Road. Both locations are located on University of Illinois property. The proposed route would move the structure to the east onto Goodwin Avenue and travel south on Goodwin Avenue (extended) to St. Mary's Road where the structure would move east to south Lincoln Avenue. From there the structure would travel south, across Windsor Road, then head east through a University-owned field to its final location.

At its November 26th Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Urbana City Council authorized the Public Works Director to issue a house moving permit upon satisfactory submission of all required items. On December 10, 2007, a letter from William L. Wheeler, State Historic Preservation Officer, was forwarded to the Urbana Public Works Department, stating that no work was to be done on the Mumford Barn until the University of Illinois had consulted with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

On December 17, 2007, Public Works rescinded permission to move the horse barn until the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency signed off on the barn move.

On April 17, 2008, the Urbana Public Works Department received a faxed copy of a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency concurring with the University of Illinois that the Mumford Horse Barn be moved near the southwest corner of Race Street and Windsor Road. Since the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency agreed to the move of the Mumford Horse Barn, the permit for the structure move has been reissued.

The move is planned to occur in late May or early June.