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Andy Trackman
Germantown United CDC
5219 Germantown Ave.
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RE: Germantown Y.W.C.A.
5820 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia
Key #001384

Dear Mr. Trackman,

Thank you for your recent inquiry to our office about the National Register of Historic Places status of the Germantown Y.W.C.A., located at 5820 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia. The building is **CONTRIBUTING** to the **Colonial Germantown National Historic Landmark District** (PHMC Key #001384). National Historic Landmarks designation is the highest level of recognition the Department of the Interior confers on historic properties in the United States and is reserved for properties and places determined to be historically significant on a national level. Properties determined to be contributing to the district are physical embodiments of that significance and must be considered integral to retaining the designation. The Colonial Germantown NHL District was designated in 1965 and extends along both sides of Germantown Avenue between Wayne Junction and Cresheim Valley Road. A full inventory of properties within the district is attached for your reference.

Properties determined to be contributing to National Register/National Historic Landmark districts are eligible for Federal and State Historic Preservation Tax Credits. These programs are only available to income-producing properties and are often critical to the financial viability of rehabilitation projects. The Federal Tax Credit, for example, provides property owners with a Federal Income Tax Credit equal to 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs. For a project with \$1,000,000 in eligible expenses, the Federal tax credit would be \$200,000. The Commonwealth also offers a more modest tax credit on a competitive basis, but which could yield up to an additional \$500,000 for rehabilitation projects on historic buildings. All contributing buildings within the Colonial Germantown NHL District would be eligible for these programs if they were rehabilitated for income-producing purposes. I am happy to provide you with additional information on these programs at your request.

Please contact me at (215) 219-3824 or ckegerise@pa.gov if you have any additional questions regarding this property or other historic preservation and planning issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory R. Kegerise', written over a blue ink scribble.

Cory R. Kegerise
Community Preservation Coordinator, Eastern Region

Enclosure