

Overview:

To comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, Cellco Partnership/Verizon Wireless has retained EBI to evaluate proposed wireless telecommunications facilities for any adverse effect it may have on historic properties.

The subject property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places within the **North Street Historic District**. Built between 1894 and 1900, the building is an Italiante two story brick veneer structure on the corner of Park and North Streets. Originally constructed with a commercial storefront facing North Street, the storefront has been infilled. What had been a tobacco store and three apartments is now entirely residential. The building remains a strong visual cornerstone for the block. See attached nomination narrative from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.



The project includes the installation of two rooftop antennas that rise 7' above the roofline, encased within false brick chimneys. A radio head mounting frame is proposed for the center of the roof. Other equipment, including a ground mounted auxiliary generator and interior (basement) equipment cabinets are included with this plan.

As a Certified Local Government, Burlington is a consulting party to the Section 106 Review.

The Historic Preservation Review Committee, acting on behalf of the CLG is charged with determining the following: Does the proposed project constitute an *Adverse Effect*? From 36 CFR Part 800, Protection of Historic Properties, §800.5 as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 64, No. 95/Rules and Regulations:

1. *Criteria of Adverse Effect.* An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association. Consideration shall be given to all qualifying characteristics of a historic property, including those that may have been identified subsequent to the original evaluation of the property's eligibility for the National Register. Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or be cumulative.
2. *Examples of adverse effects.* Adverse effects on historic properties include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property;
 - ii. Alteration of a property, including restoration, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, stabilization, hazardous material remediation and provision of handicapped access that is not consistent with the Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR part 68) and applicable guidelines;
 - iii. Removal of the property from its historic location;
 - iv. Change of the character of the property's use or of physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic significance;
 - v. Introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features;
 - vi. Neglect of a property resulting in its deterioration or destruction;
 - vii. Transfer, lease or sale of property ...

Applying the criteria of effect and adverse effect.

When applying the criteria of *effect* and *adverse effect*, there are three possible findings:

- **No effect.** There is no effect of any kind (neither harmful nor beneficial) on the historic property;
- **No adverse effect.** There could be an effect, but the effect would not be harmful to those characteristics that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register; or
- **Adverse effect;** There could be an effect, and that effect could diminish the integrity of such characteristics.

The CLG's responsibility in a finding of:

- **No effect** - Notify the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), compile documentation.
- **Effect is found** - Notify SHPO, seek concurrence. Forward to Council if advised.
- **No adverse effect** - Notify SHPO, seek concurrence. Forward to Council if advised.
- **Adverse effect** – Notify SHPO. Begin Consultation process between agency (FCC), SHPO and Council for Historic Preservation.