

June 4, 2025

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Nancy Schumacher, Chief Financial Officer
Apple Tree Dental
2201 26th Avenue NW
New Brighton, Minnesota 55112

RE: Apple Tree Dental – Hawley Facility Remodeling
Hawley, Clay County
SHPO Number: 2025-1165

Dear Nancy Schumacher:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project. State Historic Preservation Office staff reviewed documentation received on May 7, 2025, under the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 306108) and its implementing federal regulations, “Protection of Historic Properties” (36 CFR Part 800).

Based on the documentation provided and for the reasons noted below, we concur with the finding of No Historic Properties Affected made on behalf of the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA).

Definition of Federal Undertaking

From the materials received, we understand this undertaking includes remodeling of Apple Tree Dental’s Hawley Facility located at 520 Main Street in Hawley. The remodeling will use HRSA assistance.

Thank you for providing a summary of consulting party and public involvement planned for this undertaking. We agree that the level of engagement sounds reasonable for this undertaking and consistent with 36 CFR 800.2. Please notify our office if you receive any written disagreements with the Section 106 findings and determinations.

Delineation of Area of Potential Effects

We reviewed the documentation provided for the Area of Potential Effects and agree it is generally appropriate to consider the potential direct and indirect effects of the proposed undertaking as we currently understand it. As the project’s scope of work is further defined, or if it is significantly altered from what was proposed in the documentation provided, additional consultation with our office may be needed as you revise the APE.

Identification of Historic Properties

The Section 106 process requires a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties within the APE (36 CFR 800.4). Historic properties are defined as those listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). We reviewed the documentation provided about properties within the APE, including the inventory information submitted to the Minnesota Statewide Historic Inventory Portal (MnSHIP) and the following cultural resources survey report:

Reconnaissance Architecture History Survey for Apple Tree Dental – Hawley Facility by Anderson, Lauren, et al., New History (May 2025)

Archaeology

The project proposes ground disturbance. Due to the nature and location of the proposed work, however, we believe the likelihood of intact archaeological sites being present within the APE for this project is low. Therefore, it is our opinion that an archaeological survey is not warranted for the proposed undertaking.

Architecture-History

We agree with the consultant's recommendation and your determination that the following architecture-history properties within the APE are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We accepted the inventory forms into MnSHIP.

- **CY-HWC-00080—Thysell Bros. Hardware and Implement Store, 520 Main Street**
- **CY-HWC-00081—Public Automobile Garage, 510 Main Street**

Finding of Effect

Based on information available to us at this time, we concur a finding of No Historic Properties Affected is appropriate. Implementation of the undertaking according to the documented finding fulfills the agency's responsibilities under Section 106. You will need to reopen consultation with our office if you receive an objection from another consulting party or if the project will not be implemented as proposed. This includes, but is not limited to, engineering or design changes resulting in a revised APE and/or changes to the nature or scale of potential effects. If you have any questions regarding our review of this project, please contact Barbara Howard, Environmental Review Historian, at Barbara.Howard@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



Amy Spong
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Karen Engstrom, Apple Tree Dental
Quentin Collette, New History