

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

### Agenda Item # 13

DATE: June 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Building Demolition and Hazardous Waste Removal Policy

PRESENTER: Amanda Graeber, Grants Manager, DNR

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#### **Background:**

Staff received an inquiry from DNR Contracts Management on two occasions where reimbursements were submitted for asbestos removal from buildings to be demolished on land purchased with OHF. In one case the invoice was approved for payment and in another it was not. Building removal is sometimes part of the restoration of an acquired property with a building. Council members are made aware of parcels with buildings because they are noted in the accomplishment plans. In both cases the expense for the asbestos removal charge was under \$1,000. In one case the building and tree removal was approximately \$70,000.

Removal of man-made features from the landscape has the potential to eat up large amount of funds earmarked for restoration and enhancements.

In all cases it is important to assess how the expense are “direct to and necessary for” the restoration or the project?

Staff is seeking direction from the Council on expenditures such as building demolition, asbestos removal, lead waste abatement, underground storage tank removal, etc.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

This request is being brought before the Council for discussion and motion.

#### **Suggested Procedure:**

Place the motion before the Council for discussion. Council votes on procedure amendment as needed.

Options for Consideration:

- 1) No OHF funds may be used for building demolition, hazardous waste or asbestos removal.
- 2) OHF funds may be used for building demolition, hazardous waste or asbestos removal up to a certain amount – “not to exceed X”, “not to exceed X% of budget for R/E”,
- 3) OHF funds are used for building demolition up to X amount, but not hazardous waste or asbestos removal.