Jessica Mitchell - HPO Comments - Jones House

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Good afternoon, Jessica,

Attached is a copy of a letter written in response to the proposed designation of the **John Walter Jones House, 604 West King St., Boone, Watauga County**. Please share a copy with your Commission Chair.

If a decision is made to designate the property, please email me a copy of the ordinance.

I've copied Restoration Specialist Audrey Thomas. Should the owners have any technical questions about the property or are interested in the tax credit program, please feel free to share Audrey's contact information with them. She can be reached at 828-250-3107 or audrey.thomas@dncr.nc.gov.

Assistant State Archaeologist Michael Nelson reviewed the report and offers the following comments:

> *Thank you for the opportunity to review the Local Landmark Designation for The John Walter Jones House, 604 West King Street, Boone, Watauga County. Based on the Office of State Archaeology's (OSA) current records, there are no previously recorded archaeological sites, surveys, or cemeteries on or immediately adjacent to the property. However, given the relatively long residential use (ca. 1908) of the core portion of the property, around the structure, there is the potential that intact cultural deposits associated with the construction and use of the property as a residential estate during Boone's early development still exist. Additionally, it is possible that remnants of distinct landscape features associated with the property such as fence lines, pathways, and decorative features still exist on the property. As a result, I recommend a statement of archaeological potential for this locally designated historic property. The potential for buried cultural resources should be considered in any future development of these properties.*

Survey and National Register Branch Supervisor Sarah Woodard reviewed the report and offers the following comments:

> *This is a very good report. I don't have any comments or improvements.*

The only thing I would add to is that notation of the two sugar maples is missing from the site plan. I recommend adding them since they are included in the proposed designation. It may be helpful for future COA reviews.

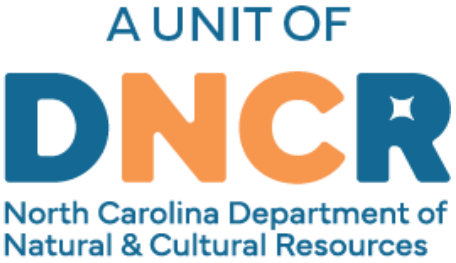
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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