

**From:** [Sugarman, Shelly H CIV](#)  
**To:** [Robertson, Matthew S CIV](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] NPNHA E-mail of Partnership Participation  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:58:56 AM

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For your vis.

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**From:** Susan Wefald <susanwefald@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7:22 PM  
**To:** McCaskey, Rob E [REDACTED]; Dunn, Brian CIV [REDACTED];  
Sugarman, Shelly H CIV [REDACTED]; Washburn, Eric CIV  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Mark Zimmerman' [REDACTED]; Mandy Persson  
[REDACTED]; Nick Bradbury [REDACTED]  
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To: Rob McCaskey, Brian Dunn, Shelly Sugarman, Eric Washburn, USCG  
From: Susan Wefald, in behalf of Friends of the Rail Bridge and President Mark Zimmerman  
Re: Northern Plains National Heritage Area (NPNHA) partnership participation

Please see the e-mail below from the Northern Plains National Heritage Area indicating their participation in the public-private partnership with Friends of the Rail Bridge. I am sending this in response to Mr. Rob McCaskey's e-mail on March 17 in which he stated, "We will need an email or letter from each of these partners stating their commitment to establishing a formal partnership." If you have any questions, please let me know.

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From: [aaron](#) [REDACTED]  
Date: Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 11:03 AM  
Subject: NPNHA E-mail of Partnership Participation  
To: <[mmwagner](#) [REDACTED], [esakariassen](#) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], [markzimmerman](#) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Cc: Erin Huntimer [REDACTED], [brentbrannan](#) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], [shadd](#) [REDACTED]

Greetings Mandy, Emily, and Mark,

I have cc'd the acting board chair Erin Laverdure, acting vice chair Brent Brannan, and past board chair Shadd Piehl on this to keep them in the loop. Please accept this e-mail as formal communication from the Northern Plains National Heritage Area (NPNHA) in these efforts.

The NPNHA, within the understandable boundaries of the NPNHA's founding Federal legislation, its by-laws, and Northern Plains Heritage Foundation Board Member consideration, input and action, would happily and strongly consider ways to assist in this worthy project.

Examples are infinite. Some possibilities include the potential for these present and future goals, which could be 1) consideration and deliberation of match funding to help with the possible National Register of Historic Places research and writing form preparation and presentation to the Historic State Review Board (the professional and citizen led entity that reviews historic nominations and considers whether to forward them up to the Keeper of the Register with the United States Secretary of the Interior); 2) consideration and deliberation of National Historic Landmark or National Historic Site research, writing, and form preparation; 3) consideration and deliberation of coordination with appropriate local and national private and public entities of the technical hows and philosophical whys of this nationally important site as a future NPS National Historic Site or National Historic Landmark.

Please feel free to reply with any thoughts, suggestions, questions, concerns or inspirations.

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Aaron L. Barth  
Executive Director  
Northern Plains National Heritage Area  
<https://www.nps.gov/places/northern-plains-national-heritage-area.htm>

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