

Mary Nohl Lakeside Art Environment

Information Exchange



JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER

- Nonprofit organization devoted to innovative explorations in contemporary American art.



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- Performing arts, community arts, classes, preschool, and Arts/Industry
- Exhibitions focus on a wide range of art forms, with particular emphasis on:
 - Sculpture
 - Photography
 - Craft-related forms
 - New genres
 - Installation works
 - Ongoing folk traditions
 - Work of self-taught artists



Mary Nohl Lakeside Art Environment & JMKAC

- The former home of artist Mary Nohl and her unique and extensive art collection were gifted to the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC) in late 2012.
 - The Arts Center has been involved in the preservation of artist-created environments around the country for more than 40 years.
 - Today, the Arts Center is the world's leading center for research and presentation of this important and unique art form.
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- **Artistically significant** - The Nohl property was created by one of a few major female vernacular environment builders and fewer still whose environments remain in situ.
 - **Historically significant** - The Nohl property features one of the few remaining early cottages in the area.
 - Listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, the **State Register of Historic Places** and is a **Milwaukee County Landmark**.
 - Cited as a **community cultural resource** in Fox Point's Village Comprehensive Plan.
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Future of Mary Nohl Art Environment

- JMKAC Goals:
 - Maintain the character and lifestyle of the Beach Drive neighborhood.
 - Honor Mary Nohl's desire for her work to be preserved and enjoyed by others after her death.



Potential property improvements

- Restoration of historic but physically compromised property
- Replacement of chain-link fence with new, visually appealing fence, with locked gates
- Installation of security system
- Cultural Overlay designation
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)



Potential property improvements

- Modest driveway with abundant landscaping
 - Situated west of current drive for safer access to property and minimized impact on existing neighbor driveways
 - Parking spaces for no more than a few cars, obscured from street and neighbor houses by landscaping



Overview of potential property uses

- Visitation to site on a limited-access, advanced reservation basis:
 - NOT open to passers-by
 - Appointments limited by both size and days per week
 - Scholarly symposia or workshops for small groups
 - Symposia attendees would be shuttled to and from the property
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Overview of potential property uses

- Small donor events on the property will be held on an infrequent basis.
 - Guests will be shuttled to and from the property.
- Renovate existing property to accommodate an ADA-compliant restroom and entrance ramps for handicapped access.

We want your feedback

Please visit the following tables to discuss different elements of the future of the Mary Nohl Lakeside Art Environment:

- JMKAC history and mission
- Potential property use
- Exterior site improvements
- Interior/structural improvements

Please turn in your comment cards before you leave.

The meeting will conclude at 6:30.

Thank you for joining us this evening.

