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“The property retains all of the requisite aspects of integrity, including location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.”

The National Historic Landmarks Program of the National Park Service has responded to the preliminary assessment of the Barnes Foundation as an applicant for National Historic Landmark status, saying that the body would “be pleased to consider the NHL eligibility of this resource (the Barnes Foundation)...”

The Barnes Foundation is known the world over as an extraordinary cultural treasure. It is a 12-acre arboretum dating from the 1880s, a gallery building designed by one of the 20th century’s most revered architects, and an art collection unlike anything created by one person before or since. It should be preserved for future generations.

How You Can Help:

Friends of the Barnes Foundation has petitioned Montgomery County Orphans’ Court to re-open the Barnes matter based on changed circumstances and new information. This includes news about a secret state appropriation of \$107 million to move the art collection to Philadelphia two years before the court decision permitting the move. We have a strong and just case, but need your help to continue this effort. *Please give to the Legal Defense Fund today.*

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In June of 2007, Friends of the Barnes Foundation funded research, which generated a preliminary report indicating that the Barnes Foundation is “eligible for listing as a National Historic Landmark...” The assessment refers to the entire Merion site as a unified complex including the arboretum, the buildings, and art and objects collections housed therein. The research was conducted by Cultural Resources Consulting Group and funded by Friends of the Barnes Foundation, a citizens’ group dedicated to permanent preservation of an intact Barnes Foundation in its historic home in Merion. Excerpts from the preliminary report follow:

“The Barnes Foundation Property is eligible for listing as a National Historic Landmark for its exceptional value as an unparalleled assemblage of the work of an exceptionally important American architect, manifest in a building purpose-built to house a remarkable art and object collection. This, in turn, was installed in site-specific locations in the building in order to accomplish the groundbreaking integrated education program which both manifested the thinking of and had the direct involvement of John Dewey. The character-defining features of the property include its

“Never doubt that a small group of caring, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead