

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE DNR

Your Name
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Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Colleen Callahan, Director
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271

Dear Director Callahan,

As a supporter of the Bishop Hill State Historic Site, I am writing you to ask that additional funding be budgeted to the Bishop Hill State Historic Site for much needed repairs on their historic Colony Buildings, especially the Colony Church, the most important historic building in Bishop Hill. These repairs are long overdue and necessary to preserve the unique heritage that makes Bishop Hill special.

Swedish immigrants started Bishop Hill in 1846 as a religious communal colony. Because of its importance to immigration history, Bishop Hill today is a national historic landmark, visited by 100,000 people per year. These guests come from all 50 states and over 22 different nations each year. With the 175th anniversary for Bishop Hill coming up in 2021, even more visitors will be coming to this Utopia on the Prairie.

As you tour Bishop Hill, it is obvious that several of the DNR managed buildings need significant repair work. Because of its importance to Illinois, Swedish, and U.S. history, Bishop Hill needs to be preserved for future generations. By funding these repair projects, the DNR will be preserving this legacy not only for Illinois residents but also for all visitors who appreciate the immigrant success story that Bishop Hill represents.

I appreciate your help and ask that you please send me a response letting me know if you are able to provide additional funding to the Bishop Hill State Historic Site for building repairs.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

[Insert Your Name]