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Greater Portland Landmarks supports the site plan application for the proposed campground on House Island. We supported the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Board and their conditional use approval. We believe that the proposed campground carefully balances the impact of the project on public views of the fort from the water and direct impact on the fort structure. The applicants' carefully considered the scale of the various buildings and the siting of buildings and structures, both permanent and temporary, to minimize the visual and physical impact on the parade ground, casemates, and other elements of the fort complex.

We also support the staff's proposed condition of approval for review and approval of any light fixtures by historic preservation staff, and that the light fixtures must be full cutoff to comply with City standards.

As stated in the staff report, the project will be seasonable, largely reversible, and will impose a light touch on the landscape, as well as the physical and aesthetics features of Fort Scammel. Fort Scammel is an unusual example of a privately owned fortification and the proposed use of the landmark structure retains the integrity and character of the fort, while providing opportunity for the landowner to care for the large fort structure. Landmarks encourages the Planning Board to support the project Tuesday evening.

Thank You,

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