



State Archive Preservation Facility

Background

The new State Archive Preservation Facility will be located at 204 S. Thornton Avenue (formerly 201 S. Dickinson Street). The facility currently located on this site (DOA's Central Services Building) will be removed without any major disruption to the surrounding neighbors or businesses.

An independent environmental assessment (EA) was prepared by Ayres Associates related to this project and the demolition of the existing facility. Based on this EA it has been concluded that this project is not a major action which will significantly affect the quality of human environment, as such an environment impact study was not needed. It is important to note that the EA did identify and study a number of issues that were raised by members of the community related to the demolition of the existing facility including:

- Potential groundwater/soil contaminants (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and residual contaminants)
- The effect on the Yahara River
- Noise
- Dust
- The effect on the adjacent bike paths

Actions taken to address community concerns

To address potential groundwater/soil contaminants DOA's contractors will be following an erosion control plan, which includes daily monitoring and reporting of the containment barriers. The reports will be provided to the DNR as needed throughout the project. Additionally, an independent consultant engineer will be ensuring the contractor follows this process. The erosion control plan will include provisions to mitigate runoff outside of the site and any subsequent adverse impact on the Yahara River.

To reduce dust and noise as much as possible DOA's contractors will be taking the following precautions:

- They will be performing the appropriate asbestos abatement including dust barriers
- The building will be removed in pieces—there will be no wrecking ball or explosives
- Air quality tests will periodically be performed
- During deconstruction, sections of the building will be kept wet, which will substantially reduce dust (water runoff will be contained per the erosion control plan)

In order to ensure safety, and address traffic concerns, the main construction vehicle access to the site will be off Dickenson Street. Additionally, the contractors will provide traffic control at adjacent streets, bike paths, and pedestrian walkways.

What to expect in the future

As the existing facility is demolished, the goal is to move forward in a safe way that does not adversely affect neighbors or area businesses. With this goal in mind, the site will be fully secured by a fence. All debris will be collected onsite within the fence and then moved offsite in a way that is not disruptive to surrounding residents or businesses.

Demolition is scheduled to begin on August 31, 2015 and is scheduled to conclude in January of 2016. Construction of the new facility will begin shortly thereafter.