



Name of Property: Adlai E. Stevenson II Farm
City, State: Mettawa, Illinois
Period of Significance: 1945-1947, 1952-1962
NHL Criteria: 1 and 2
NHL Theme: IV. Shaping the Political Landscape
1. Parties, protests, and movements
VIII. Changing Role of the United States in the World Community
2. International relations
Previous Recognition: 2003 National Register of Historic Places
National Historic Context: IX. Political and Military Affairs After 1945

NHL Significance:

- Adlai Stevenson is nationally significant for his association with mid-twentieth century diplomatic and political history. He is best known as the twice-nominated Democratic candidate for the presidency during the 1950s and as the Ambassador to the United Nations during the most dangerous conflict in Cold War history, the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. Stevenson’s involvement with the United Nations began in 1945 while serving in several important positions that influenced the establishment, organization, and operation of this new global organization.
- Not only was Stevenson his party’s presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956, but he also had a major influence on post-World War II American politics between and beyond those presidential campaigns. Stevenson and his supporters kept the out-of-power political



party relevant by developing new position papers that not only challenged Republican administration policies, but influenced the course of future election campaigns and subsequent Democratic presidential administrations.

- As the titular head of the party, he led the way as the Democratic Party transitioned from its New Deal focus to a new and different focus with the emergence of a new and younger generation in 1960. This farm was Stevenson's home for most of his adult life and is closely associated with many of his important activities.

Integrity:

- A few minor modifications were made during the four decades following Stevenson's death, such as the installation of fire doors in the house and the construction of a minor wall in the service building between two of the three stable stalls. In 2007 and 2009, the house and the service building were rehabilitated following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and restored to their appearance during Stevenson's residency.
- Despite the addition of a parking lot in 2005, the three buildings, tennis court, and the overall landscape retain a high degree of integrity in relation to the property's period of significance.

Owner of Property: The Lake County Forest Preserve

Acreeage of Property: 43.76 acres

Origins of Nomination: The NPS regional office initiated the inquiry process with WASO. Once owner approval was attained, a Washington Office NHL historian prepared the nomination.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- The Stevenson Farm is owned by a department of the county government and is operated by the county as a historic property. NHL designation will likely aid the property steward by increasing interest in, and visitation to, the historic site, and strengthen its ability to compete for funding.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Dr. Stevens moved, Dr. Clark Hine seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of 04/05/13):

The Honorable Jess Ray, Mayor, Village of Mettawa, Illinois
Arlene Lane, Board Member, Libertyville Mundelein Historical Society, Illinois
Terry L. Wepler, Village President, Libertyville, Illinois



Adlai E. Stevenson III, Chicago, Illinois

Advisory Board Recommendation: