

Elsie Snook  
Grand Coulee Planning Comm  
City Hall  
Grand Coulee, WA 99133

Dear Ms Snook:

SPACES is a national organization involved with the identification & preservation of America's ~~monumental~~ folk art environments. Last month we received a letter from a resident of Seattle, <sup>Sherry Markowitz,</sup> concerned with the possible destruction of Emil Gehrke's life's work. We wrote the Washington State Arts Commission to alert them.

Of course we were pleasantly surprised to learn of your efforts, to keep Mr Gehrke's sculptures in Grand Coulee. Enlightened city governments are rare indeed.

SPACES acts as a archive and clearing house for information about these sites and would greatly appreciate copies of anything relating to your efforts - (we already have a copy of your proposal to the Art Commission Mini-804.207 - dated Oct. 4, 1975)\*, newspaper articles, photos ~~of the~~ or sources of photos of the original site, <sup>copies</sup> letters of support for the project, how funds were raised from private sources, restoration plans, new installation plans, etc. bibliography ~~etc.~~ <sup>Your place in all this, etc.</sup>

At a future date we hope to share your experience in a newsletter to interested groups both in this country and abroad. Unfortunately there are too few victories to report. We thank you. This will be a pleasure. Thank you

for our archives: