Appendix III/IV.F
Historic and Archaeological Resources

III/IV.F-1: SHPO Correspondence

NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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February 22, 2022

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Re: OPRHP
Hudson Highlands SPP/Fjord Trail
Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY
14PR04481
EPF/PKS 148913

Dear Ms. Drost:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the Division for Historic Preservation (DHP) of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law) and the Intra-Agency Protocol for Application of Section 14.09 (HP-PCD-001). These archaeology comments are those of the DHP and relate only to historic/cultural resources.

We are in receipt of the archaeology survey report (Phase IA Archeological Investigation, Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Putnam and Dutchess County, New York, 22SR00047) by STRATA Cultural Resource Management, LLC and dated October 2021. Specific report comments are enumerated in an attachment to this letter.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please do not hesitate to contact me at andrew.farry@parks.ny.gov or 518.268.2185.

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Scientist/Archaeology

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Nancy Stoner, Parks
Jim Turner, STRATA

14PR04481
Project: Hudson Highlands SPP/Fjord Trail
Phase IA report comments
Andrew Farry
2/22/2022

- Overall I think what is missing is a detailed discussion of the ground impacts/disturbance associated with the proposed trail and its various components- the horizontal APE is indicated on the Master Plan maps, but the actual ground impacts associated with each project component (main trail, banks, etc.) is not clearly discussed. As a result, it's hard to understand the potential impacts (or lack thereof) to existing archaeological resources.
- There is also some confusion over the site file search results and the existing archaeological sites included in the report discussion. The search radius is not clearly defined, and various sites in CRIS do not seem to be included in the discussion. The eligibility determinations for existing archaeological sites are also not included in the discussion.
- The Master Plan maps should have a second version that also maps/shows known archaeological sites from the site file search- this would be very helpful in understanding potential impacts (in addition to a clearer discussion of all the various ground impacts proposed).
- Not clear that the site file search includes all previously recorded sites- for example 02741.000010 or 02741.000011- why are these not included?
- Some confusion over the site file search results in Table 2, for example the Verplanck Site. The USN number does not seem correct? Should this refer to the VanPlanck Site (USN 02741.000010) which is not included in the table but is on the north end of Dennings Point? I think the site files results need to be confirmed for accuracy (plotting these on master plan maps as indicated above would be helpful)
- 02741.000403 Dennings Point precontact site is mentioned, but only that there will be no impacts. Again, a clearer discussion of the APE would be helpful to understand how/why there will be no impacts. Also, this site has been determined eligible for the NR as indicated in CRIS but this isn't mentioned- why not, and are other eligible resources not identified as such? Discussion of potential impacts to all eligible sites should be clearly addressed.
- Not sure why the north end of Dennings Point is considered not sensitive in this report- what do other surveys done near here say? Prehistoric site here was deemed eligible, so there must be some degree of integrity? If nothing else this issue needs to be clearly discussed. See also 2008 survey on Dennings Point that identified sensitive areas on Figure 18. Why is this not addressed in the report?
- Two NYSM museum sites on Dennings Point are not mentioned or included in the site file results.
- MP116- given 02741.000009 and prehistoric site nearby, why is archaeological testing not recommended for the creek crossing? Not clear on this exclusion.
- MP-118- yellow clouding should be included for trail meander leading to improved eagle blind.
- What is the search radius used for the site file search? One mile around the APE is standard, but in this case I would argue ¼ mile limited to the east side of river is warranted. But this should be clearly indicated in the report.
- MP-115- why no red/yellow clouding at Bank #54 area?
- Bottom of MP-114 should extend yellow clouding as per next figure.
- MP-112 and MP-113: is all land west of the RR tracks built land?
- MP-112 is missing the recommended yellow clouding for testing.
- MP-111 is missing all of the recommended yellow clouding for the areas to be tested.
- Hammond brickyard ruins not mentioned as an eligible USN- why?

- MP-103 map and discussion needs to more clearly indicate the areas of disturbance- it's not clear based on the report why no testing at all is recommended. The proposed impacts are also not clear on MP-103 given the various project elements.
- MP-101 has overlapping yellow/red clouding, but discussion indicates no testing is recommended here- needs to be resolved.
- Map 6 is not very useful beyond a very broad overview. Specific areas of precontact/historic sensitivity should be shaded at a finer level across the entire APE. Again, including known sites on the MP maps would be useful.
- Bannerman site is mentioned as not within APE, but cursory look at site form suggests it is within footprint of proposed overlook- expanded discussion of APE and current known site boundary would be helpful here.
- The Eligible Properties section (pg27) doesn't mention the eligible archaeo sites- why?
- Previous Survey section is not complete- what about all the other surveys indicated in CRIS along the northern section of the APE? For example, the 2008 survey on Dennings Point? These should be included in the discussion. Relevant surveys to include should be limited to those that overlap or are adjacent to current APE.
- Can the specific location of the Brett Cemetery be included on the MP section map?
- Is there a photograph key figure for the site visit photos? This discussion is hard to follow without specific map locational references in the text.
- It's hard to understand how the Bannerman site sits outside of the PA as mentioned pg 64. Plotting the apparent site boundary in relation to the APE would be helpful, as would better understanding of the actual ground impacts proposed here- for example, what ground disturbance is involved in the banks in this section? I realize the area is recommended for testing, so maybe this is all addressed in the Phase IB?
- Pg 67 second paragraph could use a more detailed accompanying map (compared to Map 6). The specific areas of precontact sensitivity should be drawn clearly across the APE, although at a more detailed scale than Map 6.
- The testing recommendations indicate that the MP maps include yellow clouding to show testable areas/areas of sensitivity. Again, both sensitive areas and areas recommended for testing should be clearly indicated on the project maps (although they overlap these are different areas). Also, the MP maps do not clearly or consistently indicate the yellow clouding for testable areas and should be updated.
- Does the red clouding on the MP maps only show areas that will use existing trails? Or does this also indicate areas of prior disturbance/made land? Does the red clouding only show areas that are NOT recommended for testing? What about section of APE that have neither red clouding or yellow clouding?
- At a minimum the MP maps should be updated to accurately reflect the areas recommended for Phase IB testing. Updated maps should also include known site locations/boundaries, and more clearly indicate sensitive areas.
- The site file search results should also be updated to clearly indicate the search area/radius and include all known sites. The discussion should also include the eligibility status of the sites.

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April 07, 2022

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Hudson Highlands SPP/Fjord Trail
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14PR04481
EPF/PKS 148913

Dear Ms. Stoner:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the Division for Historic Preservation (DHP) of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law) and the Intra-Agency Protocol for Application of Section 14.09 (HP-PCD-002). These comments are those of the DHP and relate only to historic/cultural resources.

We are in receipt of the test pit/boring location maps (Proposed Subsurface Exploration Part Plan at Little Stony Point, BI101; Proposed Subsurface Exploration Part Plan at Dockside Park, BI102; Langan Engineering; 3/15/2022). Based on the submitted information, the DHP has no concerns regarding potential impacts of the proposed test pits/bores on archaeological and/or historic architectural resources listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please refer to the DHP Project Review (PR) number noted above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at andrew.farry@parks.ny.gov or 518.268.2185.

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We are in receipt of the archaeological survey report (Phase IB Archeological Fieldwork, Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Putnam and Dutchess County, New York, 22SR00205) by Strata Cultural Resource Management, LLC and dated May 2022. Regarding the individual resources discussed in the report, the DHP offers the following comments:

- Madame Brett Park: Phase IB investigations re-identified the Madame Bretts Grist Mill Historic Site (USN 02741.000341), including stone foundation walls and associated artifacts. As indicated, project plans are being redesigned to avoid this resource. The DHP requests submission of a site avoidance map showing the redesigned project alignment, all Phase IB testing and the Phase IB archaeological site boundary. The DHP also requests an update to the archaeological USN site file information in CRIS based on the Phase IB testing. It is the DHP's opinion that the Madame Bretts Grist Mill Site is eligible for inclusion in the State/National Register of Historic Places based upon Criterion D.

- Dutchess Junction: Phase IB investigations identified the Dutchess Junction historic site (USN 02706.000118). The DHP requests an update to the archaeological USN site file information in CRIS, including a detailed site map. The DHP understands a Phase II investigation has been conducted at the Dutchess Junction site (report submitted to DHP on 6/16/2022) and will comment after review of the additional investigations.

- Brickyards: Phase IB investigations re-identified the Hammond Brickyard Ruins Historic Site (USN 02706.000046) which has been previously determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The DHP requests an update to the archaeological USN site file

information in CRIS, including a detailed site map of all resources. The DHP understands a Phase II investigation has been conducted at the Hammond Brickyard site (report submitted to DHP on 6/16/2022) and will comment after review of the additional investigations.

- Camp Nitgedaiget: Phase IB investigations identified the Camp Nitgedaiget Historic Site (USN 02706.000119). The DHP requests an update to the archaeological USN site file information in CRIS, including a detailed site map. The DHP concurs that additional investigations of the Nitgedaiget historic site are not warranted. Phase IB investigations also identified the Camp N Precontact Site (USN 02706.000120), and the DHP requests an update to the archaeological USN site file information in CRIS including a detailed site avoidance map. It is DHP's understanding that project plans have been redesigned to avoid this resource.

- Timoneyville: Phase IB investigations identified several construction remnants of the Timoneyville Brickyard Site (USN 02706.000121). The DHP requests an update to the archaeological USN site file information in CRIS including a detailed site map. It is DHP's understanding that the current trail alignment will not impact most of these resources. It is also noted that MDS 5- a brick foundation located south of Wades Brook- is included among the Timoneyville Site and was subjected to a Phase II site investigation (results are included in the report submitted on 6/16/2022).

- Bannerman: Phase IB testing across the Pollepel Overlook area did not re-identify the Bannerman Precontact Site (USN 02706.000008) despite its presumed proximity. Additional testing identified the Bannerman Companion Precontact Site (USN 02706.000122) along the southern shoreline of the same wetland as the original site to the north. The DHP requests updates to both archaeological USNs, including the presumed location of the original Bannerman Site based on the current testing results. The DHP understands a Phase II investigation has been conducted at the Companion Site (report submitted to DHP on 6/16/2022) and will comment after review of the additional investigations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at andrew.farry@parks.ny.gov or 518.268.2185.

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Re: OPRHP
Hudson Highlands SPP/Fjord Trail
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Dear Ms. Stoner:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the Division for Historic Preservation (DHP) of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law) and the Intra-Agency Protocol for Application of Section 14.09 (HP-PCD-002). These archaeology comments are those of the DHP and relate only to historic/cultural resources.

We are in receipt of the Phase II site investigation report (22SR00323; May 2022) by Strata Cultural Resource Management, LLC. Based on the combined Phase II and Phase IB results, the DHP offers the following archaeology comments:

1. The DHP requests updated archaeological USN site file information for the following sites. The updated site file information should reflect all Phase IB and Phase II testing results, including an appropriate site map.
    - Madame Bretts Mill Site (02741.000341)
    - Dutchess Junction MDS #1 Historic Site (02706.000118)
    - Dutchess Junction Third Train Station Historic Site (02706.000123)
    - Power House Historic Site (02706.000124)
    - Brickyard MDS #2 Historic Site (02706.000125)
    - Hammond Brickyard Ruins Historic Site (02706.000046)
    - Timoneyville Brickyard Ruins MDS #5 (02706.000121)
    - Camp Nitgedaiget Historic Site (02706.000119)
    - Camp N Precontact Site (02706.000120)
    - Bannerman Precontact Site (02706.000008)
    - Bannerman Companion Precontact Site (02706.000122)

2. It is the DHP's understanding that project plans have been redesigned to avoid the following archaeological sites. The DHP requests submission of site avoidance maps that clearly indicate the revised Area of Potential Effects (APE) and the archaeological site boundary

based on the Phase IB/Phase II testing. The site avoidance maps can serve a dual purpose to the USN site file maps requested above:

- Madame Bretts Mill Site (02741.000341)
- Camp N Precontact Site (02706.000120)

3. The DHP concurs with the report recommendations that the Bannerman Companion Precontact Site (02706.000122) is eligible for inclusion in the State/National Registers of Historic Places. The identified resource is likely part of a larger site that lies between the proposed main trail (reported to be a former alignment of Route 9D) and the rail line along the river shoreline. The site is crossed by the project APE, along a proposed trail meander with additional project elements including a proposed forest trail bank (#23; Site Map MP-108). The DHP recommends avoidance of the Bannerman Companion Site through removal or realignment of the proposed trail meander and all associated elements. If avoidance is not possible, the proposed project elements may constitute an adverse impact to the resource and a Phase III data recovery may be required. If avoidance is feasible, please append a detailed site avoidance map for the Bannerman Companions Site to the USN update requested above.

4. Excepting the Bannerman Companion Site, the DHP concurs that additional archaeological investigations are not warranted for the remaining sites listed in Comment #1. Given the intent to avoid the noted archaeological sites through project redesign, and contingent upon the receipt of all requested site information updates, the DHP has no additional archaeological concerns for the remaining sites. Please note this determination pertains only to the APE as indicated in the submitted project documents and surveyed in the Phase IB/II archaeological reports. If the project APE changes, the DHP recommends continued consultation with this office regarding potential archaeological impacts.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please do not hesitate to contact me at andrew.farry@parks.ny.gov or 518.268.2185.

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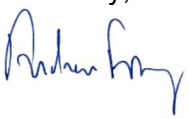

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Re: OPRHP/14.09
Hudson Highlands SPP/Washburn Parking Lot Expansion South
Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, NY
23PR06659

Dear Nancy Stoner:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the OPRHP and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

Based upon this review, it is the opinion of OPRHP that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

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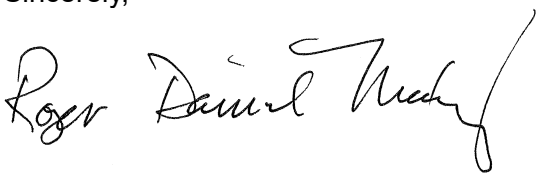

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Re: OPRHP/14.09
Hudson Highlands SPP/New Route 9D Parking Lot with connection to Wilkinson Trail
Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY
21PR03063

Dear Nancy Stoner:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the updated project information in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the OPRHP and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

Based upon this review, it remains the opinion of OPRHP that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above. If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail me at the contact information below.

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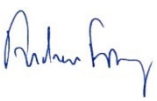

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We are in receipt of the submitted map showing proposed test pit locations (Forest Trail South Subsurface Investigations, Test Pit Excavation Proposal, Bannerman's Overlook Area; 1/5/2024).

Given the scale of the proposed excavations and their proximity to the Bannerman Precontact Site (USN 02706.000008), the DHP recommends Phase IB archaeological testing in this location including any staging areas. It is noted that Phase IB testing in 2022 identified a precontact positive shovel test pit adjacent to the proposed test pit locations and the assumed location of the Bannerman Site.

Given recent project discussions the DHP recommends avoidance or additional Phase II archaeological investigations at the Camp N Precontact Site (USN 2706.000120) based on the initial Phase II shovel testing results. The DHP requests a Phase II scope of work for review prior to any additional field testing.

If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail me at the contact information below.

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Dear Nancy Stoner:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the updated project information in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the OPRHP and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project.

We are in receipt of the updated project information including the Hartsook to Wilkinson Trail connection. Based upon this review, it remains the opinion of OPRHP that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above. If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail me at the contact information below.

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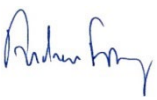

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