

NYSHPO response on March 11, 2022 to TRC's initial consultation letter dated March 2, 2022.

Consultation Project Details											
Consultation: 22PR01523											
Status: Open											
Project: SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres											
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Correspondence											
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	Consolidated Response - Submission	Email	3838VA1QDNQS	03/11/2022	Erin Czernecki	Karen E Mack					
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	Consolidated Response - Submission	Email	SF4WAP2QDF4M	08/14/2023	Weston Davey	Karen E Mack					
	Consolidated Response - Submission	Email	AIMC5E16LN6X	08/15/2023	Jessica Vavrsek	Karen E Mack					
	Consolidated Response - Submission	Email	QB7GFHIGN5PK	12/04/2023	Jessica Vavrsek	Karen E Mack					
	Consolidated Response - Submission	Email	GFEGYYX6898M	02/28/2024	Jessica Vavrsek	Kristy Primeau					
	Consolidated Response - Submission	Email	U4UT6BA9XODB	04/02/2024	Jessica Vavrsek	Kristy Primeau					
	Consolidated Response - Submission	Email	NSVF1GFP6IAV	05/20/2024	Jessica Vavrsek	Kristy Primeau					

Submission Status						
Close						
Review Responses						
Reviewer	Review Type	Response				
Jessica Schreyer	Archaeology	The project area is in an archaeologically sensitive area and it is OPRHP's opinion that a Phase IA Archaeological Survey is warranted (see attachment for guidance). Please review the specific information request(s) below and click the Process button to respond to each request.				
Erin Czernecki	Survey and Evaluation	based on prior architectural surveys in the area no new survey is requested				
Information Requests						
Status	Reviewer	Review Type	Request Type	Request Entity	Request Item	Request Description
Processed	Jessica Schreyer	Archaeology	Request a New Attachment, Photo, or Survey for this Consultation Project		Archaeology Survey	Phase IA Archaeological Survey
Attachments						
Attachment	Reviewer	Review Type	Type	Name	Description	
	Jessica Schreyer	Archaeology	Document	Recommend Phase IA	Phase IA Archaeological	



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SOLAR FACILITY ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

Phase IA Archaeological Survey Recommendations/Sensitivity Model

Project: SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres

PR#: 22PR01523

Date: 3/10/2022

The State Historic Preservation Office/Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO/OPRHP) recommends a Phase IA archaeological survey, including Phase IB testing recommendations. A Phase IA Literature Search and Sensitivity Study is the initial assessment of the overall sensitivity of a project area (*Area of Potential Effects or APE*) for the presence of archaeological sites and Native American sites of religious and cultural significance and functions to guide subsequent field investigations.

The SHPO/OPRHP recommends that Phase IB archaeological testing is warranted for areas of substantial proposed ground disturbance that fall within areas of high archaeological sensitivity. Substantial proposed ground disturbance includes: (1) grading and excavation more than six inches deep; (2) grubbing, tree and stump removal; and (3) trenches more than three feet wide. Phase IB archaeological testing is not recommended for panel arrays; perimeter fencing and utility poles, if their associated posts are driven or drilled into the ground and no grubbing or grading is involved, and for excavations and grading less than six inches in depth.

The SHPO/OPRHP defines areas of high sensitivity, where archaeological sites are most likely to be identified, as those: (1) within 100-meters (328 feet) of permanent water (rivers, streams, wetlands, ponds and lakes and hydric soils) and on slopes equal to or less than 12%; (2) within or near to known archaeological sites; and (3) locations of standing or demolished historic structures. Hydric soils are included to account for areas that may not be currently near water but were in the past. The 100-meter cut off from water is based on data presented by Robert E. Funk in his 1993 *Archaeological Investigations in the Upper Susquehanna Valley, New York State*. Testing should conform to the 1994 New York Archaeological Council Standards.

All other portions of the project area are considered to have low sensitivity for the presence of archaeological sites, including areas of previous ground disturbance. The SHPO/OPRHP has no archaeological concerns with low sensitivity areas and does not recommend Phase IB testing in these locations.

If project design flexibility or shovel ready status is desired, the SHPO/OPRHP recommends 100% sampling of all highly sensitive areas irrespective of the nature and type of construction impacts. With this approach, changes in project design will not require further archaeological consultation except for changes that may impact sites within the APE or that increase the size of the project area.

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Our office does not conduct archaeological surveys. A 36 CFR 61 qualified archaeologist should be retained to conduct this work. If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please contact Jessica Schreyer at Jessica.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov.

Please provide the interested Indian Nations with a copy of the Phase IA report and request that the Indian Nations provide cultural resource comments to Kristy Primeau, ORES Agency Preservation Officer, at the below address and copy the OPRHP/SHPO. Indian Nation contact information is enclosed.

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From: [Schreyer, Jessica \(PARKS\)](#)
To: [Darren Bonaparte](#)
Subject: 22PR01523 SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 9:32:00 AM
Attachments: [2023-07-07T14-50-07Flat Creek Arch Phase IA Report Combined 062923 - Volume 1.pdf](#)
[2023-07-07T14-50-30Flat Creek Arch Phase IA Report Combined 062923 - Volume 2.pdf](#)

Good Morning Darren,

Attached is the Phase IA Archaeological Survey for the SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project (22PR01523) in Montgomery County. If you would like to provide comments, please send them to Kristy Primeau at Kristy.Primeau@ores.ny.gov and CC me for my records.

Thanks,

Jessica Schreyer

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August 14, 2023

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Re: ORES
SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres
Towns of Canajoharie and Root, Montgomery County, NY
22PR01523

Dear Karen E Mack:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials 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 Division for Historic Preservation 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 Executive Law Section 94-c and its implementing regulations (19 NYCRR Part 900).

We note that there are twelve State and National Register listed or eligible buildings within or adjacent to the project area. These include the following:

05709.000104	05709.000071	05709.000167	05709.000152	05702.000052	05702.000116
Building	Building	Building	Building	Building	Building
Major Andrew Mitchell House	CURRYTOWN REFORMED CHURCH	residence	Rappa Road Cemetery	Mapletown Cemetery	Van Evera House
158 MONK RD, ROOT NY	829 State Highway 162 ROOT, NY	788 State Highway 162 Sprakers NY	Rappa Road, Canajoharie NY	Mapletown Road & Blaine Road , Canajoharie NY	140 JUMP RD, CANAJOHARIE NY
Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible

05709.000150	05709.000151	05708.000255	00104.000641	05709.000038	05709.000092
Building	Building	Building District	Building District	Building	Building
Carr Farmhouse	Carr Farm Hay Barn	Montgomery County Poor Farm	New York State Barge Canal Historic District	835 Mapletown Rd.	119 Fish and Game Club Rd
181 Lynk Street, Sprakers NY 12166	118 Lynk Street, Sprakers NY			835 MAPLETOWN RD, ROOT NY	119 FISH & GAME CLUB RD, ROOT NY
Eligible	Eligible	Listed	Listed	Eligible	Eligible

In order for our office to continue this review and evaluate potential impacts to these historic resources, please provide a Visual Impact Assessment document (VIA). The VIA should, at minimum, include the following documentation and information:

1. Site plans including all solar array locations and all surveyed NR/ NRE resources clearly marked and keyed to the plan. Site plans may include the ZVI information both with and without vegetation. Site plans should include elevation drawings of the solar panels indicating maximum panel height and direction of rotation.
2. Distance between each historic resource and the nearest the solar arrays.
3. Photographs of the identified resources taken toward the resource and toward the proposed solar facility.
4. Assessment of potential visibility and any additional information to assist with evaluating historic significance and potential visual impacts.

Please note that additional detailed information may be required depending upon the results the VIA. Assessment of potential impact is dependent upon the significance of the resource, integrity and importance of the setting to the resource, distance from solar arrays, and other factors such as intervening vegetation, structures, and topography. Additional detailed information typically includes the following:

1. Detailed site plans showing solar panels, access roads, and other features, as well as any existing or proposed vegetative or topographic buffers, in the immediate vicinity of specific historic resources. (It is useful for these plans to be superimposed with satellite or orthographic images.)
2. Visual simulations of proposed solar arrays.
3. landscape plans illustrating planting schemes, berms, fencing, and other visual elements.

Documentation requested in this letter should be provided via our Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) at <https://cris.parks.ny.gov/>. Once on the CRIS site, you can log in as a guest and choose "submit" at the very top menu. Go to "Consultation" and choose "submit new information for an existing project". You will need this project number and your e-mail address.

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

Sincerely,



Weston Davey
Historic Site Restoration Coordinator
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The OPRHP has received the Phase IA archaeological survey report entitled "Phase IA Archaeological Assessment of the SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, Towns of Root and Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York" prepared by TRC (June 2023, 23SR00382). We offer the following comments in response to the submitted Phase IA archaeological survey report:

- 1) We recommend that all permanent bodies of water should have a 100-meter buffer around them.
- 2) Map documented structures should be represented in the mapping with a point feature.
- 3) The black outline on the mapping indicates Project Boundaries, yet areas within it do not contain indications of archaeological sensitivity. Please either explain on the mapping why sensitivity did not continue into those areas or extend the sensitivity into all portions of the project area.
- 4) Please add slope to all the map keys in which slope are indicated.

- 5) OPRHP does not recommend making entire historic roadways historically sensitive. Our guidance does not recommend testing along historic roads unless MDS's are noted and then testing would occur around those locations.

An example of a figure showing these requested changes will follow in an email.

The revised report should be submitted to the OPRHP for review. If you have any questions, I can be reached at Jessica.Vavrasek@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Jessica Vavrasek
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Vavrasek, Jessica (PARKS)

From: Vavrasek, Jessica (PARKS)
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 11:42 AM
To: darren.bonaparte@srmt-nsn.gov
Subject: RE: SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres (22PR01523)
Attachments: SunEast FlatCreekArchPhaseIAResults_Part2.pdf

Please see part 2 of the report attached.

From: Vavrasek, Jessica (PARKS)
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 11:41 AM
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Subject: SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres (22PR01523)

Good Morning Darren,

Attached is a copy of the Phase IA Archaeological Assessment for the SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project in Montgomery County. Due to the file size of the attachment, I will be sending the second part in a separate email.

If you would like to provide cultural resource comments, please send them to Kristy Primeau at Kristy.Primeau@ores.ny.gov and cc myself at Jessica.Vavrasek@parks.ny.gov.

Thank you,

Jessica Vavrasek, Ph.D.

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From: Rizzo, Julia <JRizzo@trccompanies.com>
Sent on: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:17:17 PM
To: Young, Abbie <AYoung@trccompanies.com>
CC: Russell, Lindsey <LRussell@trccompanies.com>
Subject: Flat Creek Cultural Resource Dates

Hello Abbie,

I am working on Exhibit 25 for the Flat Creek Solar project and I am missing specific dates for the following:

- The date SHPO/OPRHP consultation was initiated by the Applicant via CRIS (also need a copy of the email chain for this)
- The date a Phase IA archaeological investigation was conducted, and the report submitted to the SHPO/OPRHP
- The date Historic Architecture Survey Methodology was submitted to SHPO/OPRHP
- The date the Phase IB Scope of Work investigation was conducted, and the report submitted to the SHPO/OPRHP
- The date Historic Resources Reports were submitted to SHPO/OPRHP

Let me know if there is someone else I should reach out to to get these dates.

The project folder is here: \\augusta-vfp2\Environmental\ENV\427281 - SunEast Flat Creek 94-c Permitting\9.01 Applications & Permits\ORES\94-c Exhibits

Thanks,

Julia

Julia Rizzo

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OPRHP has reviewed the revised Phase IA Archaeological Survey Report entitled "Phase IA Archaeological Assessment of the SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, Towns of Root and Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York" prepared by TRC (December 2023; 23SR00382). OPRHP concurs with the report recommendations that a Phase IB Archaeological Survey is warranted, and we support the Phase IB testing strategy outlined in the report.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at Jessica.Vavrasek@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2024

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Re: ORES
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22PR01523

Dear Kristy Primeau:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials 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 Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impact to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project.

The OPRHP has reviewed the Phase I archaeological survey report entitled "Phase IB Archaeological Assessment of the Flat Creek Solar Project, Towns of Root and Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York (Project Review # 22PR01523)" prepared by TRC (February 2024, 24SR00077). The archaeological survey identified the following sites: Van Alstyne Site (NYSM 3981) / Site P-1-1 (05702.000111), Site P-1-2 (05702.000220), Site P-2A-1 (05702.000219), Site P-2B-1 (05702.000218), Site P-2D-1 (05702.000217), Site P-2E-1 (05702.000216), and Site P-23C-1 (05709.000168). We offer the following comments in response to the Phase I archaeological survey report:

- 1) We recommend that Site P-1-1 be considered an expansion of the Van Alstyne Site (NYSM 3981) / Site P-1-1 (05702.000111). Please refer to it as such in the report instead of P-1-1.
- 2) Please draw site boundaries around the six newly identified sites and indicate the newly expanded site boundary for 05702.000111.
- 3) Please confirm the number of new sites identified during this project. Portions of the report say seven sites were discovered, then in the conclusion it states five sites were discovered.
- 4) On two maps (Pages 85 and 129) Site P2-B-1 is indicated in two locations. Is this to indicate two loci or was this an error in labeling?

The revised report should be submitted to the OPRHP for review. If you have any questions, I can be reached at Jessica.Vavrsek@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Vavrsek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Vavrsek
Scientist – Archaeology/NAGPRA

From: [Vavrasek, Jessica \(PARKS\)](#)
To: darren.bonaparte@srmt-nsn.gov
Cc: [Primeau, Kristy \(ORES\)](#); [Betsworth, Jennifer \(ORES\)](#)
Subject: RE: 22PR01523 SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres Phase IB
Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 11:21:00 AM
Attachments: [Flat Creek Arch Phase IB Report final_vol 2 revised 3_1_24.pdf](#)
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Find Part 3 Attached

From: Vavrasek, Jessica (PARKS)
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Cc: Primeau, Kristy (ORES) <Kristy.Primeau@ores.ny.gov>; Betsworth, Jennifer (ORES) <Jennifer.Betsworth@ores.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: 22PR01523 SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres Phase IB

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From: Vavrasek, Jessica (PARKS)
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To: darren.bonaparte@srmt-nsn.gov
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Subject: 22PR01523 SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres Phase IB

Hello Darren,

Attached is part one the Phase IB Archaeological Survey for the SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project (22PR01523) in Montgomery County. Parts two and three will be coming in subsequent emails. If you would like to provide comments, please send them to Kristy Primeau at Kristy.Primeau@ores.ny.gov and CC me for my records. We respectfully request that you provide comments by April 1st. Please let me know if you would like to be added as a contact on the project in CRIS.

Thank you,
Jessica

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The OPRHP has reviewed the Phase I archaeological survey report entitled "Phase IB Archaeological Assessment of the Flat Creek Solar Project, Towns of Root and Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York (Project Review # 22PR01523)" (March 2024, 24SR00077). The archaeological survey identified seven sites: Van Alstyne Site (05702.000111), Site P-1-2 (05702.000220), Site P-2A-1 (05702.000219), Site P-2B-1 (05702.000218), Site P-2D-1 (05702.000217), Site P-2E-1 (05702.000216), and Site P-23C-1 (05702.000168). OPRHP concurs with the report recommendations that the archaeological sites should be avoided, and if site avoidance is not feasible, a Phase II site evaluation should be completed to determine whether the sites are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at Jessica.Vavrasek@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Vavrasek".

Jessica Vavrasek
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From: [Vavrasek, Jessica \(PARKS\)](#)
To: ["darren.bonaparte@srmt-nsn.gov"](mailto:darren.bonaparte@srmt-nsn.gov)
Cc: [Primeau, Kristy \(ORES\)](#); [Betsworth, Jennifer \(ORES\)](#)
Subject: SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project, LLC/300 MW/2100 Acres (22PR01523) Phase II Report
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 2:28:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Darren,

Attached is a copy of the Phase II Investigations of Site P-2B-1 and Site P-23C-1 and Additional Phase IB Archaeological Assessment for the SunEast Flat Creek Solar Project. If you have any questions, concerns or objections please address them to Kristy Primeau (Kristy.Primeau@ores.ny.gov) and CC me as well.

Thank you,
Jessica

Jessica Vavrasek, Ph.D.
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From: [Vavrsek, Jessica \(PARKS\)](#)
To: [Mack, Karen E.](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Phase II Scope of work for two sites at Flat Creek Solar Project (22PR01523)
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 3:43:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Karen,

Thank you for your patience. I have reviewed the submitted workplan and our office is fine with it. I have forwarded it along to Darren Bonaparte so that he has the opportunity to look it over. But since he did not have any objections to the Phase IA/IB we are not anticipating objections to the Phase II work so we have signed off on it. You may begin your Phase II testing tomorrow as well as the additional Phase IB work.

I have created a token for the Phase II report. You can submit the Addendum IB report as an unrequested sub under the original IB survey.

Thanks, Jessica

From: Mack, Karen E. <KEMack@trccompanies.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 5:20 PM
To: Vavrsek, Jessica (PARKS) <Jessica.Vavrsek@parks.ny.gov>
Cc: Primeau, Kristy (ORES) <Kristy.Primeau@ores.ny.gov>; Herter, Nancy (PARKS) <Nancy.Herter@parks.ny.gov>
Subject: Phase II Scope of work for two sites at Flat Creek Solar Project (22PR01523)

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Jessica,

Attached is the scope of work for Phase II testing at two sites (05702.000218 & 05702.000168) within the Flat Creek Solar Project (22PR01523). Substantial ground disturbance is proposed within these two site boundaries. Substantial ground disturbance will be avoided at the remaining 5 sites (05702.000111, 05702.0216, 05702.0217, 05702.000219, & 05702.000220).

Please let me know if you have any concerns about the scope of work. We would like to begin fieldwork on Tuesday, May 21st. We will also be conducting additional Phase IB testing at seven locations where project design changes have resulted in project components impacting archaeologically sensitive locations that were not part of our previous Phase IB investigations.

I will also submit this scope via CRIS.

Thank you,
Karen

Karen E Mack (she/her)
Operations Manager/Principal Archaeologist

(Regular work schedule Tuesday – Friday)



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Dear Kristy Primeau:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials 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 Division for Historic Preservation 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.

The Archaeology Unit has reviewed the Phase II Archaeological Survey report entitled "Phase II Investigations of Site P-2B-1 and Site P-23C-1 and Additional Phase IB Archaeological Assessment of the Flat Creek Solar Project, Towns of Root and Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York" prepared by TRC (July 2024, 24SR00376). The additional Phase IB Archaeological Survey identified the P-2C-1 Site (05702.000221). Based on the report findings, OPRHP concurs with the report recommendation that no additional archaeological work is necessary if the project continues to avoid the site location.

The Phase II Archaeological Survey evaluated sites P-2B-1 (05702.000218) and P-23C-1 (05709.000168). Based on the report findings, it is OPRHP's opinion that the P-2B-1 and P-23C-1 sites are Not Eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and we recommend that no additional archaeological work is necessary for those two sites.

Please note that these comments pertain only to archaeological resources. Please continue to consult with Weston Davey in the Technical Preservation Services Unit at Weston.Davey@parks.ny.gov. If you have any questions concerning archaeology, I can be reached at Jessica.Vavrasek@parks.ny.gov

Sincerely,

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