



# Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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Ms. Skylar Francis  
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Re: USACE  
Yorktown A Solar Farm  
3849 Foothill Street, Mohegan Lake, NY  
18PR02645  
GP-0-15-002

Dear Ms. Francis:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

Thank you for submitting a drawing of the proposed project design.

Based on its environmental setting, we have determined that your project area is archaeological sensitive. Much of the current project property was subjected to an archaeological survey in 2007 (07PR001196), for a project that was never constructed. However, the northwestern corner of the property was not included in the area to be disturbed by that project and was, consequently, not tested (see attached testing plan).

Therefore, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and its State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recommends that a Phase IA/B Archaeological Investigation is warranted for the previously untested portion of the current project area, subject to the following survey guidance.

Phase IB archaeological testing is recommended for the locations of proposed roads, facilities, retention ponds, staging areas, utility trenches over a foot wide, drainages over foot wide, and areas of grubbing and grading.

Phase IB archaeological testing is NOT recommended for panel arrays, perimeter fencing and utility poles if their associated posts are driven into the ground and no grubbing or grading is involved. However, if the installation of the panel array supports, fencing or utility poles requires excavation or grubbing and grading then Phase IB archaeological testing is recommended.

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If you consider the project area to be disturbed, documentation of the disturbance will need to be reviewed by SHPO. Examples of disturbance include mining activities and multiple episodes of building construction and demolition.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip A. Perazio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

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Attachment

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