



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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James Dillin
Land Surveyor
James A. Dillin, PLS
38 Scotchtown Avenue
Goshen, NY 10924

Re: DEC
Subdivision of Property for NMC 3, LLC
Town of Chester, Orange County, NY
20PR08014
OR19-115

Dear James Dillin:

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 provided documents 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.

Based on this review of the Phase I/A/B report prepared by TRACKER Archaeology, Inc. (Cammisa & Padilla, May 2021; 21SR00338), OPRHP understands that no archaeological sites were identified during the above-noted investigation. Additionally, OPRHP requested and received additional survey and photographic documentation of "stone features" that were reported to our office as potentially being of significance to Indigenous people within the proposed project's Area of Potential Effects (APE). TRACKER contends and has demonstrated that the "stone features" with the project's APE are linear stone walls (typical of historic property or field boundaries) and/or clearing/push-piles of fieldstones. It is, therefore, OPRHP's opinion 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, and thus no further archaeological investigations are warranted. Should the project designs be changed OPRHP recommends further consultation with this office.

If you have any questions, I can be reached via e-mail at Josalyn.Ferguson@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Josalyn Ferguson, Ph.D.
Scientist Archaeology

via email only

c.c. Don Serotta, Town of Chester
c.c. Gary Lake, Town of Wallkill