



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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Commissioner

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David George
Heritage Consultants, LLC
55 East Cedar Street
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Re: DEC
Greycourt Road Solar Project / 3MWAC / 12 acres
Town of Chester, Orange County, NY
21PR05792

Dear David George:

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 the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6NYCRR Part 617).

We have reviewed the submitted the Phase 1A/B Reconnaissance Survey Report dated August 2021 and the project site plans and drawings dated October 14, 2021 for the proposed 12 acre, 3 MWAC photovoltaic solar energy generation facility located within the Town of Chester on the north side of Greycourt Road. We note that 200-206 Greycourt Road, a parcel with multiple resources that are eligible to be listed on the State and National registers of Historic Places, is located adjacent to the proposed facility.

We note the majority of the proposed solar facility is currently surrounded by dense vegetation and low hills, providing natural screening. A 7-foot-tall fence is planned to surround the entire facility, and the maintenance road will use pervious materials. Based on our review of the submitted documents and existing conditions, it is the opinion of the OPRFP that the proposed project will have No Adverse Impact to on historic and archaeological resources, provided the following conditions are met:

1. Provide year-round vegetative screening, including evergreens, on the south side of the facility, adjacent to the historic resources located at 200-206 Greycourt Road. Maintain the existing vegetation located around these properties.
2. Provide year-round vegetative buffer between the proposed poles and existing vegetation at the west side of 200-206 Greycourt Road.

3. Vegetative buffers shall be maintained for a minimum of 10 years after planting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sara McIvor".

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