

Owego Apalachin School District
Administration Building

Appendix C
Correspondence



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October 11, 2012

Ms. Jean Pietrusiak
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Re: Jurisdictional Determination Request;
Owego School Reconstruction
Town of Union, Tioga County

Dear Ms. Pietrusiak:

We have been retained to perform a wildlife habitat assessment at the above project site for the preparation of permit applications and SEQRA documentation.

We are requesting any information in regards to state-listed threatened and/or endangered species or ecologically significant communities in or adjacent to the referenced property.

Enclosed is the location map on a USGS 1:24,000 Quadrangle. The property extends from George Street in the south, to Huntington Creek in the north, and from NYS Rt. 96 in the east, to Owego Creek in the west, in the Town of Union, Tioga County.

If you have any questions, please email me at mmerriman@4ecological.com or call me at (845) 495-0123. Thanks for your help.

Respectfully,

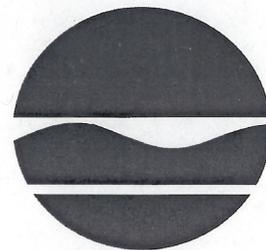
Mike Merriman

Mike Merriman
Project Manager/Permitting Specialist
Ecological Analysis, LLC

(Emailed letter and PDF map)

PDF Attachments: USGS Quadrangle Location Map
ECC: J. Bates

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Joe Martens
Commissioner

October 22, 2012

Mike Merriman
Ecological Analysis
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Dear Mr. Merriman:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Owego School Reconstruction, site as indicated on the map you sent, located in the Town of Owego Tioga County.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities, which our database indicates occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental impact assessment.

The enclosed report may be included in documents that will be available to the public. However, any enclosed maps displaying locations of rare species are considered sensitive information, and are intended only for the internal use of the recipient; they should not be included in any document that will be made available to the public, without permission from the New York Natural Heritage Program.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, as listed at www.dec.ny.gov/about/39381.html.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Conrad, Information Services
NYS Department Environmental Conservation

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cc: Reg. 7, Wildlife Mgr.



The following rare plants, rare animals, and significant natural communities have been documented at your project site, or in its vicinity.

We recommend that potential onsite and offsite impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQR. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following animals, while not listed by New York State as Endangered or Threatened, are of conservation concern to the state, and are considered rare by the New York Natural Heritage Program.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS</i>
Dragonflies and Damselflies			
Spatterdock Darner	<i>Rhionaeschna mutata</i>	Unlisted	Imperiled in NYS

Owego:

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If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the rare animals and plants in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at <http://www.natureserve.org/explorer>, and from USDA's Plants Database at <http://plants.usda.gov/index.html> (for plants).

Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29384.html> and click on Draft Ecological Communities of New York State.



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December 12, 2012

Dr. Bill Russell, Superintendent
Owego Apalachin Central School District
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Re: Summary of Findings (Administration Building Area)

Dear Dr. Russell:

Per your conversation today, I now have a summary of the Phase 1 archaeological survey completed for the administration building area.

PAF's crews completed a total of 44 STPs within the project area, which includes the parcel for the new building and any new walkways leading to the building. No prehistoric artifacts were recovered within any of the STPs. Testing produced a total of 14 historic artifacts across the project area. However, the artifacts (glass, bottle glass, cut nails, lamp glass, 2 pieces of ironstone, and 1 piece of whiteware) appear to be general refuse not related to previous historic structures. Therefore, no historic site was designated.

In the summary, Phase 1 testing did not identify prehistoric or historic archaeological sites within the proposed administration building parcel and walkways. Our final report will not be recommending any additional archaeological work.

Our maps are not available at this time. We plan on having the report done next week. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Nina M. Versaggi, PhD RPA
Director of PAF

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May 07, 2013

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Donna Bolognino
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Re: FEMA, SEMO
New Administration Building - Owego
Apalachin Central School District/4031-DR-NY
Sheldon Guile Boulevard (Owefo Free Academy
Campus/OWEGO, Tioga County
13PR01988

Dear Ms. Bolognino:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project 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. 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 National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

Based upon this review, it is the SHPO's opinion that your project will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Registers of Historic Places.

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

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation



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June 4, 2012

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(via e-mail only)

Re: FEMA, SOEM
Emergency Mitigation/21 Projects
12PR02265

Dear Mr. Diters:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the projects 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. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your projects. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the projects pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

I have reviewed the materials submitted for each of these undertakings and our findings are attached. Our determinations are based on the submitted scopes of work for each undertaking.

If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3263.

Sincerely,

John A. Bonafide
Director, Bureau of Technical
Preservation Services

cc: Richard Lord, SOME *(via e-mail)*
enc: Findings

Findings Attachment

PW #	Street/Vic	MCD	County	FEMA Finding	NYSHPO Finding
DR-4020					
PW #05453	Freight Master Museum	Catskill	Greene	No adverse effect on historic properties	Concur
PW #-4563	8 Tyrell Av, 74 Bushey Blvd, 79 Cornelia St, 34 Flynn Av	City of Plattsburgh	Clinton	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW #03400	Tibbetts Brook Park	City of Yonkers	Westchester	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW#05328	127 S. Broadway/ St Joseph	City of Yonkers	Westchester	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
PW #05046	904 Lexington Av, Hunter College West Bldg	Manhattan	New York	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW #05164	930 Lexington Ave Hunter College Thomas Hunter Hall	Manhattan	New York	No adverse effect on historic properties	Concur
PW #06532	60 Centre St (NY Co Courthouse)	Manhattan	New York	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
PW #05879	Faber Park Men's Locker Rm	Staten Island	Richmond	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
PW #06044	376 + 392 Segiune Ave	Staten Island	Richmond	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW #05445	Cairo Office Building	Town of Cairo	Greene	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
PW #06649	Sunset Road	Town of Hunter	Greene	No adverse effect to historic properties	No historic properties affected
PW #05570	301 E. Main St/ Southside Hospital	Town of Islip	Suffolk	No historic properties affected	Concur

PW #04367	1 Library Road	Village of Briarcliff Manor	Westchester	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW #01223	6 Park Street	Village of Fonda	Montgomery	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
PW #02613	8 Railroad Street	Village of Fonda	Montgomery	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
PW #02046	Broadway and Station Road	Village of Irvington	Westchester	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW #05559	59 Campbell Avenue	Village of Suffern	Rockland	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
PW #04740	Wooster Grove, East Main Street (County Rt 52)	Village of Walden	Orange	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW #03426	1 Tugboat Alley	Village of Waterford	Saratoga	No adverse effect to historic properties	Concur
DR-4031					
PW #02000	36 Talcott Street	Village of Owego	Tioga	No historic properties affected	Concur
PW #01999	Owego-Apalachin Schools bus barn 75 Elm St	Village of Owego	Tioga	No historic properties affected	Concur



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June 27, 2013

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Re: FEMA
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The Owego-Apalachin School District's Administration building is a two story hipped roof painted brick building built in 1912. In 1957, a two story flat roofed unpainted brick addition was constructed on the north elevation which tripled the size of the original building. Original windows at the circa 1912 structure have been replaced with smaller metal frame single units. The original double entrance doors have been replaced with metal doors. The interior has lost most of its character defining features.

It is the SHPO's opinion that the Owego-Apalachin School District Administration Building located at 36 Talcott Street is not individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Furthermore, the property is not a contributing element to an eligible Historic District.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3260. Please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Eric N. Kuchar
Weatherization Specialist