

APPENDIX IV
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ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

Phase IA/IB Archaeological Survey Recommendation

Project: City of Port Jervis - Town of Deerpark Annexation & Development

PR#: 21PR03112

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Both project areas are in archaeologically sensitive locations. Therefore, the State Historic Preservation Office/Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO/OPRHP) recommends a Phase IA/IB archaeological survey for components of the project that will involve ground disturbance, unless substantial prior ground disturbance can be documented. A Phase IA/IB survey is designed to determine the presence or absence of archaeological sites or other cultural resources in the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE).

If you consider the entire project area to be disturbed, documentation of the disturbance will need to be reviewed by SHPO/OPRHP. Examples of disturbance include mining activities and multiple episodes of building construction and demolition. Documentation of ground disturbance typically consists of soil bore logs, photos, or previous project plans. Agricultural activity is not considered to be substantial ground disturbance.

Please note that in areas with alluvial soils or fill archaeological deposits may exist below the depth of superficial disturbances such as pavement or even deeper disturbances, depending on the thickness of the alluvium or fill. Evaluation of the possible impact of prior disturbance on archaeological sites must consider the depth of potentially culture-bearing deposits and the depth of planned disturbance by the proposed project.

Our office does not conduct archaeological surveys. A 36 CFR 61 qualified archaeologist should be retained to conduct the Phase IA/IB survey.

Please also be aware that a Section 233 permit from the New York State Education Department (SED) may be necessary before archaeological fieldwork is conducted on State-owned land. If any portion of the project includes the lands of New York State, you should contact the SED before initiating survey activities. The SED contact is Christina Rieth and she can be reached at (518) 402-5975 or christina.rieth@nysed.gov. Section 233 permits are not required for projects on private land.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please contact Philip Perazio at 518-268-2175 or philip.perazio@parks.ny.gov.



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Dear Grete Day:

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.

OPRHP has reviewed *Deerpark West Industrial Park, 50 Route 209, Town of Deerpark/City of Port Jervis, Orange County, Phase 1A Sensitivity Assessment* (Alpine Environmental Consultants, 17 October 2017) [21SR00369].

Based on the available information, we concur with the report's recommendation that a Phase IB archaeological investigation should be undertaken of undisturbed portions of the Quarry Site project area, including systematic shovel testing of areas not exceeding 15% slopes and visual inspection of the remainder.

The previous recommendation for a Phase I investigation of the Interchange Site project area remains unchanged.

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

Sincerely,

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