



**Parks, Recreation,
and Historic Preservation**

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July 16, 2021

Brittany Belding
Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture
102 West Division Street, Suite 100
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Re: DEC
Robert J. Stansky Memorial Complex Project - Canisius High School - Development of 2
New Baseball Fields
2885 Clinton St, West Seneca, Erie County, NY
21PR02923

Dear Brittany Belding:

The Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is reviewing the above-noted project 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 Archaeological Historic/Cultural resources.

Thank you for the emailed submission of the Phase IB End-of-Field Letter Report (EOF) prepared by Tetra Tech (Peltier July 6, 2021). OPRHP will not be providing comments on the Phase IB EOF. OPRHP does offer the following comments and recommendations:

1. A Phase II Site Examination will be warranted for this project if site avoidance is not feasible. With the submission of the Phase II report, please provide a detailed Phase II Scope-of-Work (SOW). The SOW should include the number of shovel tests proposed including their interval and number, as well as the size and placement of proposed Test Units at each locus. Please note that mechanical soil stripping may be warranted after the Ph. II hand excavations are complete and should be discussed in the SOW. The SOW should not restrict the number of artifacts to be analyzed and should indicate the laboratories or individuals who will be tasked with floral, faunal, and radiocarbon analyses (as applicable), as well as name the bioarchaeologist/physical anthropologist/forensic anthropologist who will be on call, should human remains be identified.
2. Please include a copy of the SHPO/OPRHP's Human Remains Discovery Protocol (January 2021) and the Haudenosaunee's Protocol for Handling the Discovery of Human Remains in the Ph. II SOW.
3. An in-person meeting with the Canisius' design team, Tetra Tech, DEC, OPRHP, as well as Christine Abrams (TSN), Dr. Joe Stahlman (SNI), and Bryan Printup (Tuscarora Nation) is to be scheduled before commencing with the Ph. II, and no earlier than one (1) week after the submission of the Ph. I report and Ph. II SOW to OPRHP, DEC, and the Involved Indigenous Nations.

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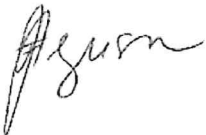
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4. If the archaeologist recommends that the site is not eligible for the State and National Registers of Historic Places after completion of the Ph. II hand excavations, OPRHP requests the submission of a Ph. II EOF for review and comment before conducting mechanical soil stripping.
5. Please be aware that if after completion of the Ph. II Site Examination the site is determined to be eligible for the State and National Registers of Historic Places, site avoidance or a Phase III Data Recovery will be recommended. If the Ph. III is to proceed, detailed Research Design will need to be developed and submitted for review, and a Letter of Resolution (LOR) between the involved parties will be required.

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. Brad Vaillancourt, Trautman Associates
c.c. Charles Vandrei & David Witt & Kerri Pickard-DePriest, DEC
c.c. Matthew Carver, Canisius Highschool
c.c. Christine Abrams, Cole Reuben & Alex Page, Tonawanda Seneca Nation (TSN)
c.c. Joe Stahlman, Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI)
c.c. Robert Peltier, Tetra Tech