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MEMORANDUM

To: Colleen A. LaFarr

CC: Mindy Scott

From: Ruth L. Pierpont

Re: OPRHP

City of Rochester Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Application (T2-01-11, FG# Y-15-D-1)
Port of Rochester Marina/ROCHESTER, Monroe County
HPR05851

Date: August 25, 2011

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.

Planned construction activities for the proposed project include extensive ground disturbance and disturbance of the Genessee River bottom. The activities include, but are not limited to: renovation of the existing river wall; construction of an internal marina basin; installation of scour protection devices, wave attenuators, baffles, seawall, stone revetment, sheet piling, and armor stone; construction of deep draft facilities; construction of dockside utilities and pump-out services; establishing layout space for maintenance of vessel equipment and rigging; removal of existing impervious paved areas and ground excavation.

Due to the nature and location of the proposed development project and its proximity to known archaeological and historic sites, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) recommends that a Phase 1 archeological survey is warranted for all portions of the project to involve ground disturbance, unless substantial prior ground disturbance can be documented. If you consider the project area to be disturbed, documentation of the disturbance will need to be reviewed by OPRHP. Examples of disturbance include mining activities and multiple episodes of building construction and demolition.

A Phase 1 survey is designed to determine the presence or absence of archeological sites or other cultural resources in the project's area of potential effect. The OPRHP can provide standards for conducting cultural resource investigations upon request. Cultural resource surveys and survey reports that meet these standards will be accepted and approved by the OPRHP.

Our office does not conduct cultural resources surveys. A 36 CFR 61 qualified archeologist should be retained to conduct the Phase 1 survey. Many archeological consulting firms advertise their availability in the yellow pages. The services of qualified archeologists can also be obtained by contacting local, regional, or statewide professional archeological organizations. Phase 1 surveys can be expected to vary in cost per mile of right-of-way or by the number of acres impacted. We encourage you to contact a number of consulting firms and compare examples of each firm's work to obtain the best product.

Documentation of ground disturbance should include a description of the disturbance with confirming evidence. Confirmation can include current photographs and/or older photographs of the project area which illustrate the disturbance (approximately keyed to a project area map), past maps or site plans that accurately record previous disturbances, or current soil borings that verify past disruptions to the land. Agricultural activity is not considered to be substantial ground disturbance and many sites have been identified in previously cultivated land.

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

If you have any questions concerning archeology, please contact Brian Yates at (518) 237-8643, Ext. 3288.