



# Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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May 31, 2017

Ms. Lucia Woo  
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Re: USACE  
Ellis Tract Solar Photovoltaic Plant  
Turkey Hill Road at Stevenson Road, Dryden, NY  
17PR02496

Dear Ms. Woo:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted materials 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 other 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 State Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

We have no concerns regarding the project's potential impacts on historic architectural resources. We have reviewed the report entitled "Phase I archaeological Investigation Report, Ellis Tract Solar Photovoltaic Plant Project, Town of Dryden, Tompkins County, New York" (May 2017). One archaeological site was identified during the investigation: Lamkin Historic site (USN 10903.000323). The report states that the only project-related activity with the area of the site is tree removal (Report Page 37). The report recommends that tree removal in this area be done with hand tools (no heavy machinery). SHPO concurs with that recommendation. It is SHPO's opinion that the project will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, under the condition that tree removal in the area of the Lamkin archaeological site is conducted with hand tools to minimize physical impacts to the site.

If project plans change such that impacts to the Lamkin archaeological site cannot be avoided, then SHPO recommends that a Phase II archaeological investigation be conducted to assess the potential eligibility of the site for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please refer to the SHPO Project Review (PR) number noted above. If you have any questions I can be reached at 518-268-2186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Lloyd".

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