

**Appendix B**  
**Cultural Resources**

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## Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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### ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

**Phase IA/IB Archaeological Survey Recommendation**  
**Project: 800 East Main Street Development**  
**PR#: 23PR08583**  
**Date: 10/13/2023**

The project is in an archaeologically sensitive area. 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](mailto:christina.rieth@nysed.gov). Section 233 permits are not required for projects on private land.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please contact Bradley Russell at [Bradley.Russell@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Bradley.Russell@parks.ny.gov)



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Re: DEC  
800 East Main Street Development  
23PR08583

Dear Claudia Cooney:

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 State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation 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.

We note that 800 East Main Street is Not Eligible to be listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places (S/NRHP). The Hyatt House, located at Old Route 6, is located adjacent to the project area and is currently Undetermined, but most likely S/NRHP-eligible. The project area is also located adjacent to the S/NRHP-listed Taconic State Parkway Building District. We have reviewed the project report dated October 11, 2023. Based on that review, our office has no architectural or above-ground concerns. Please continue to consult with Bradley Russell regarding archaeological resources.

If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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OPRHP has reviewed the Phase IA Archaeological Survey Report entitled "800 East Main Street Development; Yorktown, Westchester County, New York; Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study" prepared by AKRF, Inc. (December 2023; 24SR00031). OPRHP concurs with the report recommendations that a Phase IB Archaeological Survey is warranted, and we support the Phase IB testing strategy outlined in the report.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [Jessica.Vavrasek@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Jessica.Vavrasek@parks.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

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