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Comments:

The LPC has reviewed the potential impact of the installation of water lines on potentially significant archaeological resources in two proposed locations running from Brooklyn into the Buttermilk Channel to Governors Island. The LPC defers to the NY State Museum regarding the potential impact, if any, of the proposed work in the Buttermilk Channel. It is unlikely that the new water line, called Alignment No. 2 in the submission, from Conover St and Sullivan St in Red Hook, Brooklyn and in the south end of Governors Island will impact significant archaeological resources in Brooklyn or in Governors Island. As for Alignment No 1, the portion within Brooklyn is unlikely to impact significant archaeological resources.

LPC concurs that work within the north side of Governors Island that is part of Alignment 1, has the potential to impact potentially significant archaeological resources, and LPC would like to be consulted about the archaeological work plans that are being proposed. As for the specific locations that are detailed in the submission, we do not concur that all of the areas adjacent to the Seawall are not of archaeological concern, and recommend that the construction plans for work within these areas be reviewed as well once they are developed to determine if archaeology would be appropriate.

LPC further notes that portions of the work within the NYC Governors Island Historic District must be reviewed by LPC.

cc: NYSHPO, Lissa Schwab, LPC

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Dear Ms. Morris;

Re: Trust for Governors Island
Archaeological Concerns
Master Plan/Phased Redevelopment
Governors Island, New York County, NY
11PR03625

Thank your for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with regard to the potential for this project to affect significant historical/cultural resources. SHPO has reviewed the packet of material you recently submitted regarding archaeologically sensitive areas which may be impacted by the proposed redevelopment plan. We have also seen the New York City Landmark Preservation Commission's comments on this material. Please not that the following comments apply only to archaeological issues and that our previous comments regarding the need to review project plans for other concerns remains in force. Based on our review, SHPO concurs with NYCLPC's comments, including their concern for a heightened sensitivity in some areas adjacent to the Sea Wall. We also recommend that any work in the areas identified by your submission and areas adjacent to the Sea Wall be considered archaeological sensitive and that more in depth consideration be given to any projects in those locations.

Additionally, SHPO is concerned over the language in your submission regarding how areas identified as sensitive will be examined. Specifically, the document indicates that "all excavations planned within areas of identified or potential archaeological sensitivity in the Historic District will be accompanied by an archaeological work plan. . . " . However, it is not clear if this means an archaeological testing plan, to be implemented in advance of construction, or a monitoring plan to be carried out during construction. At this time, SHPO would not support a blanket statement indicating that monitoring would be utilized at all locations. The submission does indicate that each plan would be reviewed by SHPO/LPC, which will give us the opportunity to respond to each plan individually, however we want to insure that it is understood that archaeological testing in advance of construction should be the method employed wherever possible.

I hope you find these comments helpful as you prepare the Generic Environmental Impact Statement. Please contact me at extension 3291, or by e-mail at douglas.mackey@oprhp.state.ny.us, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely

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Comments:

The Landmarks Preservation is in receipt of additional information about the proposed directional drilling to install the proposed watermains. The LPC no longer has concerns about the impact of this work within the Buttermilk Channel as the work has been described. The Commission continues to note that the work within the north side of Governors Island that is part of Alignment 1, has the potential to impact potentially significant archaeological resources, and LPC should be consulted about the archaeological work plans that are being proposed. LPC further notes that portions of the work within the NYC Governors Island Historic District must be reviewed by LPC.

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