

SHPO Correspondence

**Hamlet of Shokan
Wastewater Management Program**



**Parks, Recreation,
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Re: USACE
Shokan Wastewater Management Program
Town of Hurley and Olive, Ulster County, NY
21PR07126

Dear Jodie Serowski:

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

SHPO has reviewed the Phase IA Archaeological Survey Report entitled "Phase IA Cultural Resource Assessment, Shokan Wastewater Management Program Project, Town of Olive (MCD 11111), Ulster County, New York" prepared by the Public Archaeology Facility at SUNY Binghamton (January 2022; 22SR00043). SHPO 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.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Jessica Schreyer
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ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

Phase IA/IB Archaeological Survey Recommendation for Buried Utilities
Project: Shokan Wastewater Management Program
PR#: 21PR07126
Date: 11/9/2021

Your project is in an archaeologically sensitive area. Therefore, the State Historic Preservation Office/Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO/OPRHP) recommends that a Phase IA/IB archaeological survey is warranted. 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). The SHPO/OPRHP offers the following survey recommendations for the linear portions of the undertaking.

Phase IB archaeological survey is not recommended for those portions of the project route that are located between the edge of pavement and the far edge of an existing excavated ditch or existing utility lines, with the exceptions of alluvial settings and portions of the project route that are within the bounds of known archaeological sites. In the latter settings, Phase IB testing may be recommended for those portions of the route that fall under pavement or between the edge of pavement and the far edge of an excavated ditch.

Phase IB archaeological survey is recommended for all portions of the project route that do not fall between the edge of pavement and the far edge of an existing excavated ditch or existing utility lines.

For any cemeteries located within or immediately adjacent to your project area, the SHPO/OPRHP recommends avoidance either using directional drilling to install the line or by shifting the line to the opposite side of the road in the location of the cemetery. If avoidance is not possible, the SHPO/OPRHP recommends mechanical soil stripping prior to construction to look for burial shafts. The Phase IA/IB Report should include a discussion noting either that there are no cemeteries within the project area or discussing the steps taken to avoid impacts to cemeteries.

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. Section 233 permits are not required for projects on private lands.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please contact Jessica Schreyer at Jessica.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov.