Phase II Cultural Resources Investigations
Tribal Consultation

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August 21, 2014

Mr. Joseph Rowley
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Buffalo District, Corps of Engineers
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(via email only)

Re: CORPS PERMITS, DEC
Mill Seat Landfill Expansion & Wetland Mitigation
Brewer Road and Bovee Road
Town of Riga, Monroe County
14PR03426

Dear Mr. Rowley:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the *Phase IA/IB Cultural Resources Investigation Report*, prepared by Powers & Teremy and dated June 20, 2014, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Based upon this review, the SHPO recommends avoidance or Phase II Site Evaluation for the following archaeological sites: Mill Seat Landfill #2 Precontact Site (A05515.000058); Menzie Historic Site (A05515.000059); and the Campbell/Menzie Historic Site (A05515.000060). The SHPO does not recommend that the Menzie/Maher Historic Site (A05515.000061) or the Jones Historic Site (A05515.000062) are National Register eligible, and we have no further concerns with these two sites. The SHPO has no building/structure concerns.

Given the large size of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and the identification of a Native American archaeological site, the SHPO recommends that tribal consultation be initiated with the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation.

The SHPO appreciates the opportunity to comment on this information and looks forward to reviewing either an avoidance plan or a Phase II site evaluation scope for the Mill Seat Landfill #2 Site, the Menzie Historic Site and the Campbell/Menzie Historic Site. Please telephone me at ext. 3280 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Nancy Herter

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Historic Preservation Program Analyst, Archaeology

cc. Scott Sheeley, DEC *(via email only)*
Luann Meyer, Barton & Loguidice *(via email only)*
Paul Powers, Powers & Teremy *(via email only)*

Powers & Teremy, LLC

September 25th, 2014

Chief Roger Hill
Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians
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Basom, NY 14013

RE: Phase II Cultural Resource Investigations For the Mill Seat Landfill Proposed Action, Town of Riga, Monroe County, New York

Dear Chief Hill:

I am writing in regards to Monroe County's upcoming Phase II Cultural Resource Investigations for the proposed Mill Seat Expansion, Town of Riga, Monroe County, New York. A Phase I Cultural Resource was submitted to the NYSOPRHP in June of 2014. Based on the results of the Phase I, Powers & Teremy, LLC recommended Phase II investigations. In a review letter dated 8/21/14 (enclosed), Dr. Nancy Herter at the NYSOPRHP stated, "Given the large size of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and the identification of a Native American archaeological site, the SHPO recommends that tribal consultation be initiated with the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation."

We wish to ensure that the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation are properly consulted. We will gladly provide a copy of the Phase I report for your review should you desire. If you would like to have a monitor on-site while we are conducting Phase II work, we will provide you with our field schedule. Should you not wish to have a monitor, we could provide regular updates regarding progress, and immediately inform you if anything is found. Monroe County has requested that you advise to the level of involvement you wish to have on the proposed project on or before October 6, 2014. Currently, we are tentatively scheduled to start fieldwork the second week of October, and will keep you informed as our field schedule becomes more finalized.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time. We look forward to working with you on this project.

All the best,

Paul Powers

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Cc: Dr. Nancy Herter, NYSOPRHP *Via Email Only*
Ms. Luann Meyers, Barton & Loguidice, Inc. *Via Email Only*

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September 25th, 2014

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