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Mr. Chris Karelus
Project Manager
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Re: USACE
Leatherstocking Natural Gas Line Project
Village and Town of Windsor, Broome County, NY
15PR01278

Dear Mr. Karelus:

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 Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

SHPO has reviewed the end-of-field letter (Hartgen, 27 June 2016) regarding archaeological monitoring of the proposed HDD bore pit (Receiving/Launch Area) location in the vicinity of the Leatherstocking Site 2 precontact site (00716000082). Based on the results of this investigation, we concur that the proposed bore pit location is outside of the archaeological site area. A full report of the monitoring investigation should be submitted to this office within one year.

Based on the monitoring results and the previously submitted Phase IA and Phase IB reports for this project, SHPO recommends that the planned project will have **No Adverse Effect** on historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This recommendation is predicated on the following conditions.

The Phase IB investigation identified three precontact sites in the project's APE: Leatherstocking Site 1 (00716.000081), Leatherstocking Site 2 (00716.000082), and Leatherstocking Site 3 (00716.000083).

The project will pass on the very edge of Site 1 and we recommend that it will not adversely affect the site provided that all project-related ground disturbances are restricted to the specified alignment.

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The project will avoid Sites 2 and 3 by the use of horizontal directional drilling, which will pass below the depths of culture-bearing deposits. The Receiving/Launch Areas (bore pits) will be located outside of the documented site boundaries, as shown in the submitted reports. SHPO recommends that permit conditions specify that no near-surface ground-disturbing activities are to be allowed within the defined limits of Sites 2 and 3 or outside of the specified project boundaries.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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