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Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Band of the Mohicans
Wally Miller, Chairman
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Bowler, Wisconsin 54417

Rebuild by Design Meadowlands
Invitation to Consult as a Consulting Party under Section 106 of the
National Historic Preservation Act

Dear Mr. Miller,

In an effort to address flood and resiliency vulnerabilities exposed as a result of
Superstorm Sandy in 2012, the United States Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) launched the Rebuild by Design (RBD) competition inviting
communities and designers to craft resiliency and flood damage reduction solutions.
The State of New Jersey was subsequently awarded $150 million to pursue the “Rebuild
by Design Meadowlands Flood Protection Project” (the Project) which seeks to reduce
flooding and enhance resiliency in the municipalities of Little Ferry, Moonachie,
Carlstadt, Teterboro, and parts of South Hackensack.

Under HUD regulation 24 CFR 58.4, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
(NJDCA) has assumed HUD’s environmental review responsibilities for the project,
including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include
archaeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas,
traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings
and structures with significant tribal association. NJDCA, HUD’s Responsible Entity, is
initiating consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with
the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohicans for the proposed undertaking in accordance
with 36 CFR Part 800 and the Programmatic Agreement among the Federal
Emergency Management Agency, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Delaware Nation, the Delaware
Tribe of Indians and the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

The NJDCA has designated NJDEP as the lead agency for this project who are assisting
with the environmental review. NJDEP will prepare the Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) in accordance with HUD’s procedures for NEPA found at 24 CFR Part
58, et al.
NJDEP has initiated the Section 106 process with the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) and established the project’s Areas of Potential Effects (APEs) for both archaeological and historic architectural resources. On August 11, 2016, the NJHPO accepted the project initiation documentation as well as the list of consulting and interested parties.

We respectfully request your participation as a consulted party regarding the Proposed Project and seek your input on any cultural resources that you may be aware of or have concerns about for which you have jurisdiction and that fall within the project boundaries. To meet project timeframes, if you would like to be a consulting party on this project, please let us know of your interest within 30 days. If you have comments on the APE or any initial concerns with impacts of the project on religious or cultural properties, please note them in your response. An NJDCA-authorized representative may be following up with Joseph Blanchard, your THPO, in approximately 10 days to make sure you received this letter and to discuss whether you plan to consult further on this project.


If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the Proposed Project as it relates to cultural resources, please contact Robert Marcolina, Project Manager, Office of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures at the address above or at Robert.Marcolina@dep.nj.gov.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Richman
Commissioner

Enclosures: Project Location Map

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