



**New York State
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Brian Orzel, Project Manager, Civil Engineer
NY District US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch
26 Federal Plaza, Room 16-406
New York, NY 10278-0090

Re: USACE
Craigville Logistics Warehouse Construction Project
Route 17A, Blooming Grove, Orange County, NY
21PR05959

Dear Brian Orzel:

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 (NHPA) 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.

The SHPO has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) documents and other materials submitted to our office on April 2, 2024. With the submission of these materials, it is our understanding that the developers intend to avoid the Craigville Precontact Site (USN 07101.000190). Our office wishes to note that SHPO has not yet provided an effect finding for this project, as we were awaiting notification of whether the developers intended to avoid the site or engage in a Phase II Site Examination. Now that our office is aware of the developer's intent, we are requesting the submission of Short- and Long-Term Site Avoidance Plans for our review. The Avoidance Plan is to include site plan map(s)/modified aerial photo map(s) that include a fifty-foot (50-foot) buffer zone around the archaeological site and a banner noting the avoidance area as "**ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE – NO ACCESS.**" Additionally, we are requesting that a Preservation Deed Covenant be placed on the site. Once the Preservation Covenant has been reviewed and accepted by our office, the developers are to register it with the county. Proof of submission to the county will need to be submitted to our office. The SHPO can provide examples of Avoidance Plans and Deed Covenants if needed.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at Josalyn.Ferguson@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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