



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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Mr. Donald Lord
NYC Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Blvd., 11th Floor
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Re: EPA
Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation Project (JRAQ-REH)
The Jerome Park Reservoir Site
15PR05283

Dear Mr. Lord:

Thank you for continuing to consult with 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 and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in place for the Jerome Park Reservoir. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

We have reviewed the provided "Alternatives Analysis for the Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation" dated January 2017 and the "Documentation Report, Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation, Old Croton Aqueduct and East Basin Outlet Conduits in the East Basin Wall" Dated March 17, 2017.

At this time we understand that the project has been modified from our initial reviews. At this time, the project includes Repairs to the Reservoir Interior East Wall, Securing and abandonment of the below ground portions of the Old Croton Aqueduct within the Reservoir East Wall, Wingwall and archway repair [within the Reservoir basin] at Gate House No. 7, and Repair retaining wall adjacent to Lehman College Parking lot. Additionally we have received and accept the documentation (recordation) of the Old Croton Aqueduct sections proposed to be filled with a controlled low strength material.

Based upon our review and the preferred alternatives presented, the SHPO's opinion remains unchanged; that the proposed project will have No adverse Effect upon historic resources.

This opinion includes the understanding that:

1. The repairs to the Reservoir Interior East Wall will be a cast-in-place concrete liner wall that under normal operating conditions will be at or below the basin water level.
2. The securing and abandonment of the below ground portions of the Old Croton Aqueduct within the Reservoir East Wall will use a controlled low strength material. No further recordation of the existing conditions is needed.
3. Any required new capstones will match the historic capstones during work repairing the wall adjacent to the Lehman College Parking Lot.

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Overall, we understand that the proposed work will ensure the longevity of Jerome Park Reservoir in its primary function of providing clean water to New York City. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 268-2181.

Sincerely,



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