

Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor ERIK KULLESEID Commissioner

June 7, 2019

Mr. David Lee NYC DEP NYC Department of Environmental Protection 59-17 Junction Blvd., 11th Floor Flushing, NY 11373

Re: EPA

Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation Project (JRAQ-REH) The Jerome Park Reservoir Site, Bronx, NY 15PR05283

Dear Mr. Lee:

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. 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.

We have reviewed your e-mail dated June 3rd, 2019 and the supporting documentation illustrating the revised proposal. We understand that the project has been changed in response to unanticipated field conditions and structural deterioration, and that a shotcrete liner is now proposed to be installed along the entire east reservoir retaining wall. We further understand that the north basin will remain empty most of the time for operational reasons, but that the larger south basin will remain filled. Based upon our review, we have no concerns with the extended liner wall and we recommend a plain, smooth finish for the shotcrete. We also have no concerns with the proposed north basin entrance ramp repair and guardrail. It is SHPO's opinion that the project continues to have No Adverse Effect on historic resources.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518)268-2182.

Sincerely,

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