Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

January 10, 2019

Mr. Charles Smith
Chairman
Shinnecock Nation
P.O. Box 5006
Southampton, NY 11969
(Sent via USPS)

Re: Coastal and Social Resiliency Initiatives for Tottenville Shoreline, Richmond County, NY): Submission of Draft Phase 1B Archaeological Investigation Report, 15PR00618

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery ("GOSR") is serving as the responsible entity under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and related laws, for the environmental review of the proposed Coastal and Social Resiliency Initiatives for Tottenville Shoreline Project (collectively, the "Proposed Actions"). The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Proposed Actions was published in June 2018. GOSR issued a Joint Record of Decision (ROD) and Findings Statement in August 2018.

Pursuant to Section 106 and the terms of the 2013 Programmatic Agreement executed among FEMA, New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the New York State Office of Emergency Management, the Delaware Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shinnecock Nation, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohicans, LPC, and ACHP, the final Revised Phase 1B Archaeological Testing Protocol/Work Plan was submitted to you for review and comment on November 19, 2018. The Phase 1B Archaeological Investigation has been completed and a draft of the report summarizing the investigation has been enclosed for your review. As you will see in the enclosed document, the testing did not result in the identification of archaeological sites and no additional archaeological analysis is being recommended at this time.

At this time, GOSR is seeking your comments on the enclosed Phase 1B Archaeological Testing report and requests concurrence or any comments within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions or would like to request any further information, please feel free to contact me at (212) 480-6265. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Matt Accardi
Assistant General Counsel

cc: David Martine, THPO, Cultural Resources Department (by email)

Enclosures: Draft Phase 1B Archaeological Investigation Report (January 2019)