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ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

Phase IA and Archaeological Monitoring During Construction Plan Recommendation
Project: Lake Pleasant Historical Museum - Foundation and Structural Repairs, Drainage
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This project is in an archaeologically sensitive area and has the potential to impact cultural resources. The National Parks Service (NPS) has recommended that a 36 CFR 61 qualified archaeologist conduct archaeological monitoring during construction. The State Historic Preservation Office/Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO/OPRHP) concurs with NPS' recommendation. The SHPO/OPRHP is further recommending that a Phase IA Literature Search and Sensitivity Assessment survey be conducted that includes a developed Archaeological Monitoring Plan, that is to be submitted and reviewed by our office prior to construction. A Phase IA archaeological survey is designed to identify previously recorded archaeological sites and other cultural resources within or near the project area, to assess the archaeological sensitivity of the project area, to document previous ground disturbance, and to make recommendations regarding the potential need for subsurface archaeological testing/monitoring. Please use the appropriate Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) Survey Token provided with this memo to submit the Ph. IA and Archaeological Monitoring Plan to our office for review.

Our office does not conduct archaeological surveys. A 36 CFR 61 qualified archaeologist is to be retained to conduct the archaeological investigation. If archaeological/cultural resources are not encountered during archaeological monitoring an End-of-Field Letter report will be sufficient. Please submit the Archaeological Monitoring report to our office for review, using the appropriate CRIS Survey Token.

If you have any questions concerning archaeology, please contact Dr. Josalyn Ferguson at Josalyn.Ferguson@parks.ny.gov.