



**New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation**

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John Bessette
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110 Fayette Street
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Re: SEQRA
F.W. Webb Amherst New Construction
669 S Youngs Rd, Amherst, NY 14225
23PR07603

Dear John Bessette:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted documents under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as requested. These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project.

We note, there are cultural resources wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to the proposed project area that are recommended for listing or listed in the State and/or National Registers of Historic Places (S/NRHP). Therefore, under SEQRA, our office as subject matter experts offer the following comments regarding potential impacts to architectural/above ground and archaeological resources:

1. We note the S/NRHP listed War of 1812 Graveyard is across Aero Drive from the proposed project area. From our review of the August 28, 2023 site plan provided, it appears the wooded area would be retained between the proposed new construction/development and the listed 1812 Graveyard. Further, we note no physical impacts are proposed to the graveyard or its monuments. Since a vegetative buffer would be maintained, our office has no further comments or concerns regarding indirect or direct impacts to aboveground/architectural resources.
2. We note that the Youngs Road Precontact Site (USN 02902.000025) and the G. Wilkens Historic Site (USN 02902.001333) were identified in the Project Area in 2015. However, these sites have been determined Not Eligible for the S/NRHP. We have no further archaeological concerns.

Please be aware that if this project will involve state or federal permits, funding or licenses, it may be subject to review under Section 14.09 of the NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

If you have any questions, I am best reached by email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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