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Re: ARPA
Shaker Barn Restrooms
25 Meeting House Rd, Colonie, Albany County, NY 12211
25PR00665

Dear Sheryl Uytiepo:

Thank you for requesting the comments of 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.

The SHPO has reviewed the undated project plans, which include ground disturbances associated with the installation of sewer and water lines for the Shaker Barn Toilet Rooms. Our office notes that the Shaker Washhouse/ Barn is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the Watervliet Shaker Historic District.

The SHPO has no archaeological concerns for the limited ground disturbances proposed for this project. It is the opinion of the SHPO that the proposed project will have No Adverse Effects on historic resources provided that the following conditions are incorporated into the project:

1. Historic wood flooring that can be saved is salvaged and securely stored on-site.
2. PVC vent pipes within the barn should be hidden within new walls or shrouded with wood to blend with the surrounding features.
3. Exterior vents should be painted or colored to blend with the siding.

If you have any questions, I can be reached via e-mail at Josalyn.Ferguson@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Josalyn Ferguson, Ph.D.
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via e-mail only

c.c. Alec Colpo, Thaler Reilly Wilson