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Dear Ms. Albanese,

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2000 (65 FR 77725-77739) and amended on July 6, 2004 (69 FR 40544-40555), I am providing continuing Consultation Comments for the following proposed undertaking:

**Monmouth County, Oceanport Borough  
Borough of Oceanport  
East Main Street from Lake Drive northwest to the County Bridge  
Neighborhood Community Revitalization Grant (NCR39451)  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development**

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### 800.4 Identification of Historic Properties

Thank you for your submission to the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (HPO) regarding the streetscape improvement project located on East Main Street from Lake Avenue northwest to the Oceanport Creek county bridge in Oceanport Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Preliminary research completed by HPO staff identified East Main Street on the Barber 1833 historic map, indicating that this project has moderate potential to affect unidentified historic archaeological resources. Additionally, Holmdel Sandy Loam and Elkton Loam soils are found within and adjacent to the Area of Potential Effect (APE). These soils indicate an intact upland and partial floodplain landform overlooking the Oceanport Creek Tributary, which is approximately 50-350' from the APE. Historic USGS topographic maps confirm that the landform has not been significantly modified, particularly parcels to the west of the APE that

remain undeveloped. These attributes are consistent with current archaeological models for locations containing Native American archaeological deposits. Current models for archaeological site sensitivity in New Jersey are available at our webpage at: [http://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/1identify/arkeo\\_res.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/1identify/arkeo_res.htm). Therefore, the APE and parcels immediately surrounding the APE contain high potential for identifying Native American and historic period archaeological resources.

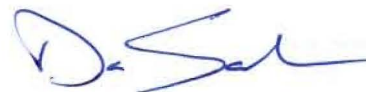
### **800.5 Assessment of Adverse Effects**

The application states that project activities will involve a minimum amount of ground disturbance within the APE, however, detailed plans are not yet available for review. Although there are no historic properties identified within the project's APE, the surrounding parcels possess high potential for yielding Native American and historic period archaeological resources. Therefore, the HPO finding under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR § 800, is Conditional No Historic Properties Adversely Affected provided that all ground disturbing activities stay within the existing roadway and sidewalk, including the use of heavy equipment and staging areas. Consequently, no further consultation is required unless additional resources are discovered during project implementation, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.13.

### **Additional Comments**

Thank you for providing this opportunity to review and comment on this proposed project. If additional consultation with the HPO is needed for this undertaking, please reference the HPO project number 14-3768 in any future calls, emails, submissions or written correspondence to help expedite your review and response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristin Swanton of my staff with questions regarding archaeology at (609-292-0061).

Sincerely,



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