



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

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September 10, 2019

Mr. Solomon Latham
Medenbach & Eggers
4305 Highway 209
Stone Ridge, NY 12484

Re: DEC
850 Routh 28 LLC: Steel and Concrete Fabrication Facility
850 Route 28, Town of Kingston, Ulster County
18PR04534.002

Dear Mr. Latham:

On July 24, 2018 this office issued a letter of no impact on archaeological and/or historic resources listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places. This determination was based on limited information provided by Medenbach & Eggers, specifically a site plan for two 120,000 square foot buildings, dated 8 June 2018.

Recently, additional information was brought to our attention, to wit:

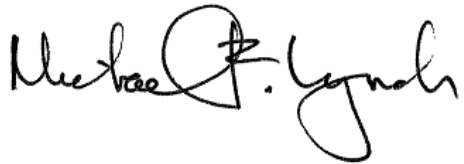
- the site is surrounded on three sides by the DEC-managed Bluestone Wild Forest
- the May 1997 Unit Management Plan prepared by DEC notes that:
 - “The area is known for its widespread bluestone...mining which started over 100 years ago.” (page i)
 - “Multiple archaeological sites have been identified in the area as indicated by the New York State Historic Preservation Office Archaeological Site File.” [pg. 7]
- the Negative Declaration issued on 18 March 2019 by the Town of Kingston Planning Board states:
 - “The...stone quarry...has left many high walls of stone remaining. The goal is to level the existing quarry to place the large 120,000 SF buildings on level pads.” [pg. 2]
 - “The proposed project has an estimated total excavation of 405,000 cubic yards of rock.” [pg. 2]
- the published DEC Public Notice dated 04/26/2019 states the project will “include removal of 162,000 cubic yards of material from the site with optional blasting and crushing...”

Based on this additional information about the proposed mining operation which was not known at the time of our review, OPRHP is rescinding our letter of 24 July 2018 and re-opening the review. Because bluestone quarrying in Ulster County is a well-known historic extractive industry, and because there are known archaeological sites within the Bluestone Wild Forest, we request the following additional information be provided so that we may continue our review:

- historical information on the age and use of the quarries scheduled to be infilled and/or mined
- representative photos of the quarry areas, keyed to a site plan
- site plan locations of the proposed areas of 405,000 cubic feet of excavation to assess their proximity to archaeological sites

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project further, you may contact me directly at michael.lynch@parks.ny.gov or (518) 268-2130. When communicating about this project, please include the OPRHP Project Review number noted above

Sincerely,



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Director, Division for Historic Preservation

cc: Martin Brand, Deputy Commissioner, DEC
Halina Duda, DEC Region 3