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May 07, 2018

Mr. A Michael Pappalardo
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Re: HUD
Battery Playscape
Borough of Manhattan, New York County, NY
18PR02653

Dear Mr. Pappalardo:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the submitted materials 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.

SHPO has reviewed the materials submitted for this project – letter from LMDC (Rogers, 4 May 2018) and memo prepared by AKRF “Battery Playscape – Archaeological Background and Suggested Phase 1B Approach” (Pappalardo, 3 May 2018). We concur with the proposed approach for the Phase 1B archaeological investigation. Please continue consultation with this office as the investigation proceeds.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Laura Rogers, ESD

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October 02, 2018

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SHPO has reviewed *The Battery Playscape, Block 3, Part of Lot 1, Lower Manhattan, New York County, New York, Phase 1B Archaeological Survey Report* (AKRF, 25 September 2018). We concur with the comments provided by the Landmarks Preservation Commission (Sutphin, 1 October 2018).

This investigation has resulted in the identification of what may be the remnant of an 18th Century battery wall bastion, a potentially National Register-eligible historic property. The limited view provided in Trench 9 does not permit a definitive identification of this feature nor of its extent within the project's Area of Potential Effects. Therefore, in order to more confidently identify the nature and dimensions of this feature, assess its National Register eligibility, and examine options for avoidance or mitigation, if appropriate, this office recommends that a limited Phase II investigation is warranted. Understanding the constraints encountered during the initial investigation, we request submission of a possible work plan to achieve these goals.

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Project number: LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CO / 106.M
Project: BATTERY PARK PLAYScape
Address: BATTERY PARK, **BBL:** 1000030001
Date Received: 9/25/2018

This document only contains Archaeological review findings. If your request also requires Architecture review, the findings from that review will come in a separate document.

- No archaeological significance**
- Designated New York City Landmark or Within Designated Historic District**
- Listed on National Register of Historic Places**
- Appears to be eligible for National Register Listing and/or New York City Landmark Designation**
- May be archaeologically significant; requesting additional materials**

Comments:


The LPC is in receipt of the, "Battery Playscape Block 3, Part of Lot 1, New York, New York Phase IB Archaeological Survey Report," prepared by AKRF, Inc and dated September 25, 2018.

We recommend that the report be revised as follows:

- (1) We appreciate that the project has been redesigned to minimize impacts on potentially significant archaeological resources. However, the report should provide more information about how the redesign relates to what was found (especially the Adventure Bluffs and Adjacent Drainage line as the text notes the foundations were reduced but now other related footings will be to 4.5 feet and the drainage line may be to 5 feet). We recommend that the cross sections be amended to show where the archaeological resources are located;
- (2) The potential discovery of a dressed-stone foundation in Test Pit 9 is an interesting discovery and an appropriate mitigation measure for the project may be to better document

what is there (although, of course, addressing the water issues
would require careful planning).

Cc: NYSHPO



10/1/2018

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Amanda Sutphin, Director of Archaeology

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November 15, 2018

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SHPO has reviewed the revised Phase IB report - *The Battery Playscape, Block 3, Part of Lot 1, Lower Manhattan, New York County, New York, Phase 1B Archaeological Survey Report* (AKRF, 1 November 2018). We concur with its conclusions and recommendations.

Based on this, we recommend that this investigation has encountered additional remains of the 18th Century Battery Wall (06101.015768), which was previously recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Please submit materials to update the site record in our online system.

While the applicant has made efforts to minimize impacts, the project may still have an **Adverse Effect** on this historic property. Therefore, we recommend that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) be drafted that describes the measures to be undertaken in case of such adverse effects.

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Comments: The LPC is in receipt of the, "Phase IB Archaeological Survey Report for the Battery Playscape Block 3, Part of Lot 1, New York, New York," prepared by AKRF, Inc and dated November 1, 2018.

The LPC concurs with the findings that significant archaeological resources are likely within the project area. The Commission notes that the project has been redesigned and that mitigation will occur as defined in a separate agreement. The LPC would like to be a consulting party to the mitigation agreement.

Please submit a pdf of the entire document and a hard copy for the LPC archives.

Cc: NYSHPO and NYCDPR



11/15/2018

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Amanda Sutphin, Director of Archaeology

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