



**Parks, Recreation,  
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August 7, 2020

Mr. John Konier  
Planning Board Chair  
Town of Kingston  
906 Sawkill Road  
Kingston, NY 12401

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

Dear Mr. Konier:

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has reviewed the May 26, 2020 HydroQuest "Preliminary Cultural/Archaeologic Resource Investigation: Hemlock Quarry" under Section 14.09 of the New York State Historic Preservation Act. Based on this review, the OPRHP is withdrawing its October 31, 2019 No Impact letter and is re-opening the Section 14.09 review process. It is clear from the HydroQuest investigation that intact remnants of the historic Hemlock Quarry are present within this project area. Therefore, the SHPO offers the following comments and recommendations for the Planning Board's consideration.

- It is the opinion of the OPRHP that the early to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century Hemlock Historic Quarry District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C (Design/Construction) and D (Information Potential) for its potential to inform our understanding of historic bluestone quarrying methods and the organizational principals that characterized this industrial site. The Hemlock Historic Quarry District includes an intact quarry cliff face, workshop areas, a historic quarry road, stone walls and building foundations.
- The OPRHP recommends that an addendum archaeological assessment that utilizes the findings of the HydroQuest investigation be undertaken to determine if additional historic quarry resources are located within the project area limits, and if so, how the site preparation work (includes blasting) and construction will impact the Hemlock Historic Quarry.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [nancy.herter@parks.ny.gov](mailto:nancy.herter@parks.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

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Archaeology Unit Program Coordinator

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