



**Parks, Recreation,
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Re: DEC
Western Supreme Buddha Temple Site Development
174 Shrine Rd, Fultonville, NY 12072
21PR02286

Dear Asa Snyder:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

OPRHP has reviewed the Phase IB Archaeological Survey report entitled "Phase IB Cultural Resources Survey, Western Supreme Buddhist Temple Improvements Project, Town of Glen, Montgomery County New York" prepared by Birchwood Archaeological Services, Inc. (June 2022, 22SR00351). The archaeological survey identified the WSBT Precontact Site (05705.000136). The two historic-period artifacts found in Area 3 do not constitute a historic archaeological site.

OPRHP recommends that the WSBT Precontact Site be avoided by all construction activities. If site avoidance is not feasible, a Phase II Site Evaluation should be completed to determine whether the WSBT Precontact Site is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. If the site can be avoided, an Avoidance Plan should be submitted to OPRHP for review. If a Phase II Archaeological Site Evaluation is to be conducted on the WSBT Precontact Site, a Phase II Work Plan should be submitted to OPRHP for review.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at Jessica.Schreyer@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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