



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

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Lauren Haberland
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Re: DEC
Vivian Lane - Chester / 7.3MW / 25 of 47 acres
29 Vivian Ln, Chester, NY 10918
21PR02214

Dear Lauren Haberland:

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. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6NYCRR Part 617).

We have reviewed the Historic Resources Survey prepared by Hartgen dated April 2022, and the project narrative and site plan received April 5, 2021, for the proposed 25-acre, 7.3 MW[DC] solar photovoltaic array system located within the Town of Chester between the Orange Heritage Trail and Ridgefield Drive. We note the following property has been determined Eligible to be listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places: The Convent at Broadlea Building District located at 150 Broadlea Road in Goshen, NY.

We note the proposed solar facility will be located on mostly flat terrain, surrounded by a mix of agricultural properties, forests, and residential neighborhoods. A seven-foot-tall chain link fence is planned to surround the entire facility, and the access road will use pervious materials. Based upon our review, it is the SHPO's opinion that the installation of the proposed solar photovoltaic array system, as described, will have No Adverse Effect on historic or archeological resources, provided the following condition is met:

1. Maintain the existing vegetation surrounding the site for the proposed photovoltaic array system, particularly at the northern portions of the perimeter that face the Convent at Broadlea.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara McIvor".

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