

CHAPTER 7:

CULTURAL RESOURCES

The Extended LAP would not generally result in any construction activity that would disturb historic or archeological resources in the watershed. The Extended LAP has the potential to result in a benefit to historic and archaeological resources on acquired sites by ensuring that these sites would not be disturbed. In some cases, lands under consideration for acquisition may contain historic structures. As part of the Community Review Process mandated by the MOA, local Town or Village governments would advise the City whether they wish any structures on property to be removed. For acquired property determined to require demolition or alteration of any structure, NYCDEP determines if the structure is subject to State and local regulations regarding historic resources.

As directed by State and City agencies, NYCDEP staff notifies the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation of their plans to demolish structures, and provide photo documentation of the structures. Where requested by OPRHP, NYCDEP staff generates comprehensive photo documentation of the site and provide a copy to the local historical society. The photo documentation will generally include the historic farmhouse, farmstead, fields and an overview map of the site showing photo locations. Where available from neighbors, former owners, and the internet, a narrative history of the farm will be included in the photo documentation package.

If the structure is of historical significance, the City adheres to all applicable historic preservation laws and rules and regulations. Therefore, the Extended LAP is not expected to result in the potential for significant adverse impacts on historic or archaeological resources.