

Appendix C: Historic and Cultural Resources Agency Correspondence

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Project number: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. / 11DME012M
Project: SEWARD PARK
Date received: 8/3/2011

Comments: Archaeological review only.

LPC review of archaeological sensitivity models and historic maps indicates that there is potential for the recovery of remains from 19th Century occupation for the following Borough, Block and Lot location(s) within the study area: 1003460040 [AKA 1003470001, 1003470036, 1003460001], 1003470071, 1003520028. Accordingly, the Commission recommends that an archaeological documentary study be performed for these location(s) to clarify these initial findings and provide the threshold for the next level of review, if such review is necessary (see CEQR Technical Manual 2010). There are no further archeological concerns for the following Borough, Block and Lot location(s) within the study area: 1003520001, 1003530044, 1003540001, 1003540012, 1004090056; and construction within streetbeds as described in the project.

In addition, the LPC has reviewed the EAS dated 8/12/11 which should be updated to note the findings above. The Commission has also reviewed the Seward Park Draft Scope dated 8/12/11 and notes that Task 7 should be revised for archaeology to state that if the documentary study which will be prepared for the above referenced lots determines that the lots have the potential to contain significant archaeological resources which may be impacted by future development, and the LPC concurs, then subsequent archaeology will be completed as outlined in the CEQR Technical Manual 2010.



8/16/2011

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Gina Santucci, Environmental Review Coordinator

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Project number: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. / 11DME012M
Project: SEWARD PARK
Date received: 1/12/2012

Comments: The LPC is in receipt of the, "Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study for Seward Park Mixed Use Development Project, B 346, Lot 40; B 347, Lot 71; Block 352, Lots 1 and 28; Block 353, Lot 44; Block 354, Lots 1 and 12; Block 409, Lot 56; and Block 410, Lot 38, Lower East Side, New York, New York," prepared by AKRF, Inc and dated December 2011.

We concur that archaeological field testing should be completed in portions of Development Sites 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. The scope for such work should be submitted to the LPC for review and approval before it occurs. Please submit two bound copies of the report to the LPC. In addition, the LPC has reviewed the Preliminary Draft EIS dated January 10, 2012 and concurs with the text pertaining to archaeological resources.



1/23/2012

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Amanda Sutphin, Director of Archaeology

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Project number: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. / 11DME012M
Project: SEWARD PARK
Date received: 1/11/2012

Comments:

The LPC is in receipt of the Historic and Cultural Resources chapter of the PDEIS dated 1/10/2012.

The text is acceptable for archaeological resources. See also attached the comments on the documentary study.

Regarding architectural resources, in order to complete the review, please submit the Mitigation Chapter and the proposed new construction plans and illustrations. Additionally, Engine Co. 17 appears S/NR eligible. Also in the radius: Ridley Department Store, 315 Grand St., LPC heard and S/NR eligible.



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RESOURCE EVALUATION

DATE: January 12, 2012

STAFF: Kathy Howe

PROPERTY: various (Lower East Side)

MCD: Manhattan

PROJECT REF: 12PR00119

COUNTY: New York

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:

In addition to the "Known Architectural Resources" (previously determined NR eligible or NR listed properties) in the project area, the following properties appear to meet the criteria for listing on the State and National Registers:

Former Engine Company 17 and Hook & Ladder Company 18, 185 Broome St. (06101.018340). Built in 1937 by the WPA and designed by James T. Treacy, this former fire station meets Criterion C as a representative example of Art Deco civic architecture.

Clinton, Rivington, Stanton Street Historic District (06101.018348)

The Clinton, Rivington, Stanton Street Historic District on the Lower East Side is roughly bounded by Essex, East Houston, Attorney, and Delancey Streets. The district includes nineteenth-century tenements, synagogues, a school, a factory, and commercial buildings. It is significant under Criterion A for its association with the history of immigration in America. The historic district is also significant under Criterion C for its architecture, which reflects the changing character of urban architecture for the poor. Most of the buildings embody the distinctive characteristics of tenement house design and construction. In addition to tenements some of the district's key resources include P.S. 160 at 107 Suffolk St.; Anshe Chesed Synagogue at 172-176 Norfolk St.; and Streit's Matzo Factory at 148-154 Rivington St.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory, 438-400 Grand St. (06101.018344)

St. Mary's is one of New York City's oldest Catholic churches dating back to the founding of the parish in 1826 and the construction of a Greek Revival church in 1833. The church was remodeled in its current Romanesque style in 1864 by architect Patrick

C. Keely. The twin-towered brick church meets Criterion C as an outstanding example of Romanesque Revival ecclesiastical design. Located west of the church is a contributing brick rectory.

INELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:

Based on the information currently available, the following properties do not appear to meet the criteria for listing on the State and National Registers:

400 Grand St. (06101.018338)

402 Grand St. (06101.018339)

Williamsburg Bridge Railway Terminal (06101.018343)

384-388 Grand St. (06101.018341)

157 Broome St. (06101.018342)

125-127 Stanton St. (06101.018346)

Loew's Delancey, 140-146 Delancey St. (06101.018345)

170-174 Delancey St. (06101.018347)

Please contact Kathy Howe at 518-237-8643 ext. 3266 with any questions. Be sure to use the project reference number (PR) in all future correspondence.



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March 21, 2012

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Re: HPD
Seward Park Mixed-Use Development Project
Lower East Side, Delancey, Essex and Broome Sites
New York County
12PR00119 (11DME012M)

Dear Ms. Lee:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted Historic and Cultural Resources, the Alternatives and Mitigation Chapters of the proposed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) 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).

Based upon our review we have no substantive comments regarding the reviewed DEIS chapters. Please be aware that if the development of any portion of the project involves any federal funding or permits, then the project must be reviewed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. If there are no federal actions, but New York State is involved in funding or permits, then the project must be reviewed under the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980. At this time, the proposed project plans are not developed to the point where our office can provide an impact or effect determination. In this case, we expect that the project will require some type of permit or funding which would trigger review by our office. As such, we offer the following comments to assist in future submissions:

1. We would like to see further details regarding the redevelopment plans for sites 2, 9, 8 and 10 as all four contain portions of the historic Essex Street Market.
 - a. We understand that current plans include demolition of these historic market buildings. Please be aware that demolition of an historic building under either state or federal preservation laws is considered an Adverse Effect which can only move after a full evaluation of any prudent and feasible alternatives specific to these buildings and the project needs. If no prudent and feasible alternatives are identified then we could enter into a formal agreement which would identify proper mitigation measures.
 - b. In addition, at sites 8, 9 and 10 we would like to review any proposed new construction as the sites are directly adjacent to an historic district. At a minimum, new construction at these sites would likely require a construction protection plan for the nearby historic resources.
2. We would like to see further details regarding the proposed redevelopment at site 5. This site contains one historic resource, the firehouse. In this case, we understand current plans call for the demolition of this structure. As above, please keep in mind that demolition of an historic building under either state or federal preservation laws is considered an Adverse Effect.
 - a. We would like to review further details of the development work on site 1 as the site is located next to an historic structure and across the street from an historic district. At a minimum, new construction at this site would likely require a construction protection plan for the nearby historic resources.

In each of the instances notes above we would likely ask for the following when they become available:

1. Plans and specifications for all proposed work. Preliminary, renderings, sketches or pre-final documents are preferred.
2. Clear color photographs illustrating all areas to be effected by work. Photographs should be keyed to a site or building plan indicating the location and direction of each image.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3282. .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth A. Cumming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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