

September, 2012

Re: Education Letter  
Historic Properties Management Plan  
Great Sacandaga Lake Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Project No. 12252

Great Sacandaga Lake Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

The HPMP continues to be one of the guidance documents used when reviewing work projects on NYS Lands that are part of the Great Sacandaga Lake and is further required as part of the Hudson River – Black River Regulating District’s (Regulating District’s) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License (FERC Project No. 12252) for the operation of the Conklingville Dam and Great Sacandaga Lake.

The HPMP can be found on the Regulating District’s Website by clicking on GSL Permit System and clicking on Historic Properties Management Plan.

The HPMP defines procedures for mitigating potential impacts and provides guidelines for the continued communication and protocol for consulting with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Federal Agencies and Native Nations regarding future activities and accidental discoveries of cultural resources.

The Regulating District encourages Access Permit Holders to protect cultural resources and historic properties wherever they exist. Archeological sites that are submerged most of the year become exposed when lake water levels are low. Please consider avoiding use of the reservoir bed when water is low, particularly in areas of known sites such as building foundations. Significant negative impacts to archeological resources can be avoided if vehicles, particularly all-terrain vehicles, are not driven on the reservoir bed. The Regulating District prohibits the use of motorized vehicles on State Land except for access to the shoreline.

Access Permit Holders who propose any ground disturbance (ground disturbance is defined as any excavation, earth removal, or relocation of materials performed by hand or machine) of any size, area, or quantity are required to receive Work Authorization from the Regulating District.

Work Authorization includes the completion of the Regulating District’s Work Authorization Form and SHPO’s Project Review Cover Form for review and approval by the Regulating District and SHPO and may require a Phase IB archeological field reconnaissance study. These forms are available at the Sacandaga Field Office.

Please be aware that portions of the State land within the boundary of GSL are considered historically sensitive by SHPO.

Also be aware that any unauthorized ground disturbance may result in the requirement that the Access Permit Holder performs a Phase 1B archeological field reconnaissance study.

The expense of the Phase 1B study is the responsibility of the Access Permit Holder.

Please review the HPMP on the Regulating District's Website for further information including the requirements of Phase 1B archeological field reconnaissance studies.