

APPENDIX E

Correspondences



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March 9, 2004

Mr. David A. Stilwell
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Re: **Threatened or Endangered Species Information Request**

Dear Mr. Stilwell:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has proposed providing a path for cyclists and pedestrians along the Bronx River from Westchester Avenue to East Tremont Avenue in the Bronx (see enclosed site map). The Bronx River Greenway Bikeway project would enhance the Bronx River's natural qualities and public use, and provide a quality facility for people to cycle, walk, run, or skate for transportation, recreation, or exercise. Elements of the proposed project include the construction of three new 17-foot-wide bridges over the river, one new bridge over the Amtrak/CSX railroad tracks built on existing abutments, and a canoe and kayak floating dock. On behalf of NYSDOT I would like to request information on federal listed threatened or endangered species, species of special concern, and habitats of special concern under the jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service in the vicinity of the project area.

The information provided by USFWS will be used as part of the evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project. Map(s) showing specific locations of sensitive species or habitats developed from lists provided by USFWS will not be published in any document.

Please send the requested information to me at the address indicated above. Please feel free to call me at (410) 712-4848 if you should have any questions regarding this information request. Thank you for your time in providing us with this information.

Sincerely,

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Sandra Collins
Senior Scientist

cc: Betsi Nemeth (AKRF)

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Mr. Nicholas Conrad
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New York Natural Heritage Program
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Re: **Threatened or Endangered Species Information Request**

Dear Mr. Conrad:

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The information provided by NYNHP will be used as part of the evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project. Map(s) showing specific locations of sensitive species or habitats developed from lists provided by NYNHP will not be published in any document.

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Ms. Diane Rusanowsky
Habitat and Protected Resources Division
National Marine Fisheries Service
Milford Field Office
512 Rogers Avenue
Milford, CT 06460

Re: **Threatened or Endangered Species Information Request**

Dear Ms. Rusanowsky:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has proposed providing a path for cyclists and pedestrians along the Bronx River from Westchester Avenue to East Tremont Avenue in the Bronx (see enclosed site map). The Bronx River Greenway Bikeway project would enhance the Bronx River's natural qualities and public use, and provide a quality facility for people to cycle, walk, run, or skate for transportation, recreation, or exercise. Elements of the proposed project include the construction of three new 17-foot-wide bridges over the river, one new bridge over the Amtrak/CSX railroad tracks built on existing abutments, and a canoe and kayak floating dock. On behalf of NYSDOT I would like to request information on federal listed threatened or endangered species, species of special concern, and habitats of special concern under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service in the vicinity of the project area.

The information provided by NMFS will be used as part of the evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project. Map(s) showing specific locations of sensitive species or habitats developed from lists provided by NMFS will not be published in any document.

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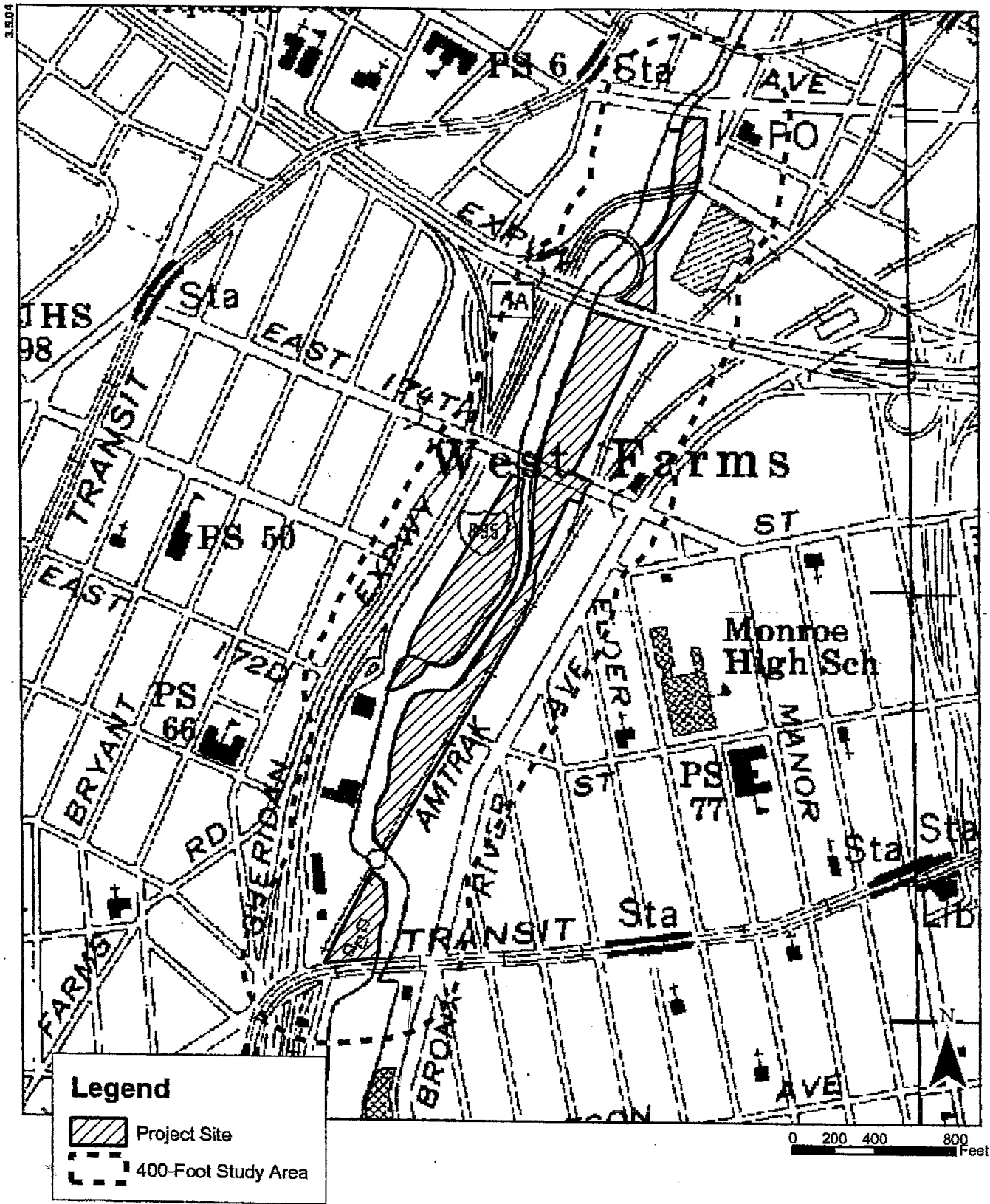
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Bronx River Greenway Bikeway

Study Area Figure 1



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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March 25, 2004

Ms. Sandra Collins
Senior Scientist
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Dear Ms. Collins:

This responds to your letter of March 9, 2004, requesting information on the presence of endangered or threatened species in the vicinity of the proposed Bronx River Greenway Bikeway, Westchester Avenue to East Tremont Avenue, in the Borough of the Bronx, Bronx County, New York.

Except for occasional transient individuals, no Federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction are known to exist in the project impact area. In addition, no habitat in the project impact area is currently designated or proposed "critical habitat" in accordance with provisions of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Therefore, no further Endangered Species Act coordination or consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is required. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species or critical habitat becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. The most recent compilation of Federally listed and proposed endangered and threatened species in New York* is available for your information.

The above comments pertaining to endangered species under our jurisdiction are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. This response does not preclude additional Service comments under other legislation.

Federally listed endangered and threatened marine species may be found near the project area. These species are under the jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/Fisheries (NOAA/F). You should contact Mr. Stanley Gorski, Habitat Conservation Division, Field Offices Supervisor, NOAA/F, James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory, 74 Magruder Road, Highlands, NJ 07732, for additional information (telephone: [732] 872-3037).

For additional information on fish and wildlife resources or State-listed species, we suggest you contact the appropriate New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regional office(s),* and:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York Natural Heritage Program Information Services
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4757
(518) 402-8935

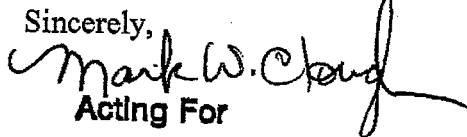
Since culverts or bridges are involved in the proposed project, the Service suggests that you consider methods for enhancing fish and wildlife use of culverted waterways. We generally recommend that box culverts be used rather than circular culverts to convey stream flow. Box culverts are more likely than circular culverts to duplicate existing flows and allow normal fish passage (Warren and Pardew 1998). In addition, streambed conditions can be better replicated within box culverts to create aquatic habitat, and benches can be installed along one or both sides of the culvert or bridge to allow for dry passage of wildlife during high water periods (Jackson and Griffin 1998, Bates 1999).

Since wetlands may be present, you are advised that National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps may or may not be available for the project area. However, while the NWI maps are reasonably accurate, they should not be used in lieu of field surveys for determining the presence of wetlands or delineating wetland boundaries for Federal regulatory purposes. Copies of specific NWI maps can be obtained from:

Cornell Institute for Resource Information Systems
302 Rice Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 255-4864

Work in certain waters of the United States, including wetlands, may require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). If a permit is required, in reviewing the application pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Service may concur, with or without recommending additional permit conditions, or recommend denial of the permit depending upon potential adverse impacts on fish and wildlife resources associated with project construction or implementation. The need for a Corps permit may be determined by contacting the appropriate Corps office(s).*

If you require additional information or assistance please contact Michael Stoll at (607) 753-9334.

Sincerely,

Acting For

David A. Stilwell
Field Supervisor

Literature Cited:

Bates, K. 1999. Fish passage design at road culverts: a design manual for fish passage at road crossings. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Habitat and Lands Program, Environmental Engineering Division, Olympia, WA.

Jackson, S.D. and C.R. Griffin. 1998. Toward a practical strategy for mitigating highway impacts on wildlife. Proceedings of the International Conference on Wildlife Ecology and Transportation, Fort Myers, FL, USA, February 10-12, 1998, pp. 17-22.

Warren, M.L., Jr. and M.G. Pardew. 1998. Road crossings as barriers to small-stream fish movement. Transactions of the American Fisheries Society 127:637-644.

*Additional information referred to above may be found on our website at:
<http://nyfo.fws.gov/es/esdesc.htm>.

cc: NYSDEC, Long Island City, NY (Environmental Permits)
NYSDEC, Albany, NY (Natural Heritage Program)
NYSDEC, New Paltz, NY (Hudson River Fisheries Unit, Attn: K. Hatalla)
NOAA/F, Highlands, NJ (Attn: S. Gorski)
NOAA/F, Milford, CT (Attn: M. Ludwig)
COE, New York, NY

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Erin M. Crotty
Commissioner

April 14, 2004

Sandra Collins
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Dear Ms. Collins:


In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed New Bronx River Greenway Bikeway, area as indicated on the map you provided, located in the Bronx, NY.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities, and other significant habitats, which our databases indicate occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. The information contained in this report is considered sensitive and may not be released to the public without permission from the New York Natural Heritage Program.

The presence of rare species may result in this project requiring additional permits, permit conditions, or review. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at the enclosed address.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental impact assessment.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

Sincerely,

Charlene Houle, Information Services

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cc: Reg. 2, Wildlife Mgr.
Reg. 2, Fisheries Mgr.

Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species and Ecological Communities



Prepared 13 April 2004 by NY Natural Heritage Program, NYS DEC, Albany, New York

This report contains SENSITIVE information that should be treated in a sensitive manner -- Please see cover letter. Refer to the Users' Guide for explanations of codes, ranks, and fields. We do not always provide maps of locations of species most vulnerable to disturbance, nor of some records whose locations and/or extents are not precisely known or are too large to display.

* County	** Town	Scientific Name, COMMON NAME, & Group Name	NY Legal Status, Heritage Rank, & Federal Status	EO Rank & Last Seen	Detailed Location	General Habitat and Quality	Office Use
* BRONX	** CITY OF NEW YORK	<i>Agrostis nepetoides</i> YELLOW GIANT-HYSSOP Vascular Plant	THREATENED G5 S2S3	H 1901-09-26	BRONX PARK Bronx Park, New York City.		4007378 M
		<i>Agrimonia roseolliata</i> WOODLAND AGRIMONY Vascular Plant	THREATENED G5 S2	H 1899-09-01	BRONX PARK Bronx Park.	Park.	4007378 M
		<i>Carex willdenowii</i> WILDENOW'S SEDGE Vascular Plant	THREATENED G5 S2S3	H 1897-06-13	BRONX PARK Bronx Park, in hemlocks on Panicum knoll.	In hemlocks on Panicum knoll.	4007378 M
		<i>Cretaria sagittalis</i> RAITLEBOX Vascular Plant	ENDANGERED G5 S1	H 1896-08-19	BRONX PARK Bronx Park, New York City.		4007378 M
		<i>Digitaria filiformis</i> SLENDER CRABGRASS Vascular Plant	THREATENED G5 S2	H 1896-09-03	BRONX PARK Bronx Park.		4007378 M

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		<i>Eleocharis tenuis</i> var <i>pseudoptera</i> SLENDER SPKERUSH Vascular Plant	ENDANGERED G5T5? S1	H 1897-05-27	BRONX PARK Bronx Park.		4007378 M
		<i>Geranium carolinianum</i> var <i>sphaerospermum</i> CAROLINA CRANESBILL Vascular Plant	THREATENED G5T4? S2	H 1947-06-18	BRONX PARK Waste ground in bronx park, New York Botanical Garden.	Waste ground.	4007378 M
		<i>Geranium virginianum</i> ROUGH AVENS Vascular Plant	ENDANGERED G5 S2	H 1896-06-27	BRONX PARK Bronx Park, New York City.		4007378 M
		<i>Panicum scoparium</i> VELVET PANIC GRASS Vascular Plant	ENDANGERED G5 S1	H 1953-07-23	BRONX PARK Bronx Park, New York City.		4007378 M
		<i>Panicum stipitatum</i> TALL FLAT PANIC GRASS Vascular Plant	ENDANGERED G4G5 SH	H 1906-09-20	BRONX PARK Bronx Park, Bronx County.		4007378 M

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

June 2001

REGION	COUNTIES	REGIONAL PERMIT ADMINISTRATORS
1	Nassau & Suffolk Telephone: (631) 444-0365	John Pavacic NYS-DEC BLDG. 40 SUNY at Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY 11790-2356
2	New York City (Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, & Staten Island) Telephone: (718) 482-4997	John Cryan NYS-DEC One Hunters Point Plaza 47-40 21st Street Long Island City, NY 11101-5407
3	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster & Westchester Telephone: (845) 256-3054	Margaret Duke (Peg) NYS-DEC 21 South Putt Corners Road New Paltz, NY 12561-1696
4	Albany, Columbia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer & Schenectady Telephone: (518) 357-2069	William Clarke NYS-DEC 1150 North Wescott Road Schenectady, NY 12306-2014
4 (sub-office)	Delaware, Otsego & Schoharie Telephone: (607) 652-7741	John Feltman NYS-DEC Route 10 HCR#1, Box 3A Stamford, NY 12167-9503
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5 (sub-office)	Fulton, Saratoga, Warren & Washington Telephone: (518) 623-1281	Thomas Hall* NYS-DEC County Route 40 PO Box 220 Warrensburg, NY 12885-0220
6	Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence Telephone: (315) 785-2245	Brian Fenlon NYS-DEC State Office Building 317 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601-3787
6 (sub-office)	Herkimer & Oneida Telephone: (315) 793-2555	J. Joseph Homburger* NYS-DEC State Office Building 207 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13501-2885

USERS GUIDE TO NY NATURAL HERITAGE DATA

New York Natural Heritage Program, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY, 12233-4757 (518) 402-8935

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM: The Natural Heritage Program is an ongoing, systematic, scientific inventory whose goal is to compile and maintain data on the rare plants and animals native to New York State, and significant ecological communities. The data provided in the report facilitate sound planning, conservation, and natural resource management and help to conserve the plants, animals and ecological communities that represent New York's natural heritage.

DATA SENSITIVITY: The data provided in the report are ecologically sensitive and should be treated in a sensitive manner. The report is for your in-house use and should not be released, distributed or incorporated in a public document without prior permission from the Natural Heritage Program.

NATURAL HERITAGE REPORTS (may contain any of the following types of data):

COUNTY NAME: County where the occurrence of a rare species or significant ecological community is located.

TOWN NAME: Town where the occurrence of a rare species or significant ecological community is located.

USGS 7 1/2' TOPOGRAPHIC MAP: Name of 7.5 minute US Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map (scale 1:24,000).

SIZE (acres): Approximate acres occupied by the rare species or significant ecological community at this location. A blank indicates unknown size.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Scientific name of the occurrence of a rare species or significant ecological community.

COMMON NAME: Common name of the occurrence of a rare species or significant ecological community.

ELEMENT TYPE: Type of element (i.e. plant, animal, significant ecological community, other, etc.)

LAST SEEN: Year rare species or significant ecological community last observed extant at this location.

EO RANK: Comparative evaluation summarizing the quality, condition, viability and defensibility of this occurrence. Use with LAST SEEN.

A-E = Extant: A=excellent, B=good, C=fair, D=poor, E=extant but with insufficient data to assign a rank of A - D.

F = Failed to find. Did not locate species, but habitat is still there and further field work is justified.

H = Historical. Historical occurrence without any recent field information.

X = Extirpated. Field/other data indicates element/habitat is destroyed and the element no longer exists at this location.

? = Unknown.

Blank = Not assigned.

NEW YORK STATE STATUS (animals): Categories of Endangered and Threatened species are defined in New York State Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0535. Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species are listed in regulation 6NYCRR 182.5.

E = Endangered Species: any species which meet one of the following criteria:

1) Any native species in imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in New York.

2) Any species listed as endangered by the United States Department of the Interior, as enumerated in the Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.

T = Threatened Species: any species which meet one of the following criteria:

1) Any native species likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future in NY.

2) Any species listed as threatened by the U.S. Department of the Interior, as enumerated in the Code of the Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.

SC = Special Concern Species: those species which are not yet recognized as endangered or threatened, but for which documented concern exists for their continued welfare in New York. Unlike the first two categories, species of special concern receive no additional legal protection under Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0535 (Endangered and Threatened Species).

P = Protected Wildlife (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103): wild game, protected wild birds, and endangered species of wildlife.

U = Unprotected (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103): the species may be taken at any time without limit; however a license to take may be required.

G = Game (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103): any of a variety of big game or small game species as stated in the Environmental Conservation Law; many normally have an open season for at least part of the year, and are protected at other times.

NEW YORK STATE STATUS (plants): The following categories are defined in regulation 6NYCRR part 193.3 and apply to NYS Environmental Conservation Law section 9-1503.

E = Endangered Species: listed species are those with:

1) 5 or fewer extant sites, or

2) fewer than 1,000 individuals, or

3) restricted to fewer than 4 U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute topographical maps, or

4) species listed as endangered by U.S. Department of Interior, as enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.

T = Threatened: listed species are those with:

1) 6 to fewer than 20 extant sites, or

2) 1,000 to fewer than 3,000 individuals, or

3) restricted to not less than 4 or more than 7 U.S.G.S. 7 and 1/2 minute topographical maps, or

4) listed as threatened by U.S. Department of Interior, as enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.

R = Rare: listed species have:

1) 20 to 35 extant sites, or

2) 3,000 to 5,000 individuals statewide.

V = Exploitably vulnerable: listed species are likely to become threatened in the near future throughout all or a significant portion of their range within the state if causal factors continue unchecked.

U = Unprotected; no state status.



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April 21, 2004

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Delaware Avenue
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Re: Bike Pedestrian Greenway/Bronx River Corridor, The Bronx, Bronx County
DOT PIN X027.05
01PR2836

Dear Mr. Mackey:

In June 2001, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) reviewed the above-mentioned project in accordance with the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, Section 14.09. As stated in a letter dated June 28, 2001, it was OPRHP's opinion that the proposed project would have No Impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The proposed site of the bike-pedestrian "Greenway" assessed by OPRHP in 2001 extended along the Bronx River from Soundview Park north to East 172nd Street. Please see the attached map photocopy for the former project site.

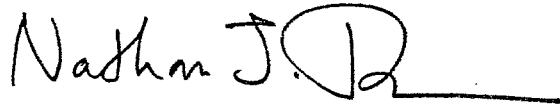
The proposed project site has shifted northward since OPRHP's review in 2001. The section of the Greenway currently being assessed extends from Westchester Avenue north to East Tremont Avenue. The Greenway would connect with other Greenway segments to the north and south, and it would also include several bike-pedestrian bridges. Please see the attached land use map for the current project site.

We are requesting your comments on whether OPRHP's 2001 opinion of No Impact is applicable to the current project or whether additional information is needed for your review. At this time, we are also requesting comments from the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, as they were also consulted in 2001.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call me at 212-340-9765 if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

AKRF, INC.

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Nathan J. Riddle
Senior Historian

cc: Kathleen Howe, OPRHP
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New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
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Re: Bike Pedestrian Greenway/Bronx River Corridor, The Bronx, Bronx County
DOT PIN X027.05
NYSDOT/SEQR-X

Dear Gina:

In June 2001, the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) reviewed the above-mentioned project. As stated in an Environmental Review letter dated June 19, 2001, it was LPC's opinion that the proposed project site had no architectural or archaeological significance. The proposed site of the bike-pedestrian "Greenway" assessed in 2001 extended along the Bronx River from Soundview Park north to East 172nd Street. Please see the attached map photocopy for the former project site.

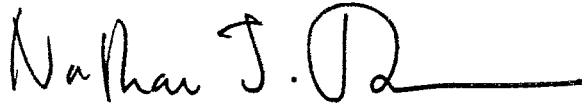
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We are requesting your comments on whether LPC's determination of no architectural or archaeological significance is applicable to the current project site or whether additional information is needed for your review. At this time, we are also requesting the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to review their 2001 opinion of No Impact upon cultural resources.

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cc: Amanda Sutphin, LPC
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June 7, 2001.

Kathleen A. Howe
Historic Preservation Specialist
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
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Dear Ms. Howe:

The New York State Department of Transportation, Region 11, New York City, is progressing a plan for a bike-ped. "Greenway" along the Bronx River corridor, NYSDOT P.I.N. X027.05. It will begin from an existing bikeway located in Soundview Park, continue north connecting with another greenway segment at 172nd St. This project is Federally funded and will also include the construction of several bike-ped. bridges. Design Approval phase is anticipated for December 2001, with final plans due by December 2002.

NYSDOT had a Cultural Resources Survey conducted May 15, 1987 by the State Education Department for P.I.N. X730.17.111, Hunt's Point Access, Borough of the Bronx, a segment from West Farms Road to Story Ave. Please find the summary of the Survey attached. We believe the results of this survey will satisfy much of the documentation for the 106 process for the greenway project.

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Robert Laravie
Regional Environmental Contact

att.

cc: Ronda Wist, Executive Director, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
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518-237-8643

June 09, 2004

Robert Laravie
State of New York Department of Transportation
Hunters Point Plaza
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, New York 11101

Re: DOT
Bike Pedestrian Greenway/Bronx River Corridor
Bronx, Bronx County
01PR02836

Dear Mr. Laravie:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, Section 14.09.

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If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont
Director

NYS-DOT-REGION 11
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RLP:cmp

cc: Mary Ivey



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June 28, 2001

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Regional Environmental Contact
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RLP:bsd



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COMMISSIONER

PHILLIP ENG, P.E.
DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR

July 1, 2003.

Mr. Robert Arnold
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Leo O'Brien Federal Building
Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street
Albany, N. Y. 12207

RE: PIN X027.05
Bike Pedestrian Greenway/Bronx River
Corridor, Bronx, Bronx County
01PR2836

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Enclosed is a packet of information for the above referenced project which was originally transmitted to the NYSHPO on June 7, 2001. Included is a letter from the SHPO which indicates OPRHP's opinion that this project will have No Impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

We request concurrence that the requirements of 36 CFR, Part 800 have been met for this project. We would appreciate receiving your response by August 1, 2003.

If you have questions, please call William Mausling at (718) 482-4058).

Sincerely,

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Robert Laravie, Regional Environmental Manager, NYSDOT R-11
att.

RL/wm

cc: M.E. Ivey, Environmental Analysis Bureau, NYSDOT (letter only)
R.L. Pierpont, NYSOPRHP (letter only)
R.Weld, NYSDOT, R-11 (letter only)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

NYSDOT/SEQRA-X

06/12/01

PROJECT NUMBER

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PROJECT

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COMMENTS

cc: SHPO


SIGNATURE

06/19/01

DATE



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June 7, 2001.

Kathleen A. Howe
Historic Preservation Specialist
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau
Peebles Island, P O Box 189
Waterford, New York 12188-0189

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Please Return

June 29, 1987

Mr. Bruce Fullem
Senior Scientist
Historic Preservation Field Services
Office of Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation
Agency Building #1
Albany, NY 12242

RE: X730.17.111
HUNT'S POINT ACCESS
BRONX, BRONX COUNTY

Dear Mr. Fullem:

Attached is a copy of the cultural resource survey report prepared for the above referenced project. The proposed project involves constructing a service road for access to Hunt's Point Terminal Market.

The field investigation performed for this survey determined that all of the project area had been previously disturbed. Also, all structures in the project area post-date 1945. The Westchester Avenue Rail Station (Structure 3) pre-dates 1945 but is located outside the project area and separated from it by the Amtrak railroad tracks.

Kindly review the attached report and provide us with the State Historic Preservation Officer's comments. We would appreciate a response by July 30, 1987.

Sincerely,



MARY E. IVEY
Sr. Environmental Specialist
Cultural Resources

MEI/KM/KAM
Attachment

cc: V. E. Taylor, FHWA

bcc: Regional Director, Region 11
~~E. K. Radliff, Preliminary Plan Review Bureau, 408-5~~
~~W. McLoughlin, Capital Projects Coordination Bureau, 519-5~~
~~L. A. Pitaniello, Program Management Section, 518-5~~
J. M. Yourno, Design Bureau, 601-4

THESE ARE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES. PLEASE RESPOND IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS BY WED., FEB. 11, 2004. IF NO COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, THESE MEETING MINUTES WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL.

Attendees from NYSDOT Design included Sonia Rivera, Holly Frey, Roger Weld, Richard Egan, Jim Lau, Mark Maglienti, Berta Nemirovsky, Bob Lohrasb, Marva Bernard, and Vasiliy Zavorokhin. Representatives from NYSDEC included KD McGuckin, Nanci Auletto, and Steve Zahn.

The purpose of the presentation was to introduce the NYSDEC to the latest design of project X027.05 (Bronx River Greenway from Westchester Ave to East Tremont Ave), and to a) receive feedback about possible issues and to b) obtain a list of permits that will be required.

Roger and Holly presented the latest version of the project through the project limits to help the DEC representatives understand all of the environmental elements involved with the project.

There was discussion and evaluation throughout. Some points that were discussed included:

1. Steve asked what kind of wetlands are going to be created here (fresh, salt, or brackish) because he's seen a lot of successful salt marshes recently. Roger and Holly responded that it is brackish.
2. KD expressed concerns about Apex Auto, the junk yard that will be acquired by the DOT for this project. In similar situations, she said, it's been very difficult to find a place for a junkyard to relocate to because of a typical neighborhood's unwillingness to accept them. Roger responded that, according to the NYSDOT Regional Real Estate Group, there are suitable properties available – so this is not anticipated to be an issue. NYSDOT will confirm.
3. Steve listed the negative environmental aspects of the project: Bridges, extending of the CSO, proposed drainage outfalls into the river, and proposed dredging. Of these, dredging was of most concern.
4. Steve advised the team to find a new place to put the floating dock so that dredging can be avoided. Dredging must be avoided, he felt, unless absolutely necessary due to the strong ecological impact on its surroundings and because of the intensive maintenance issues. Holly stated that the currently shown location for the floating portion of the dock is not actually in the mud flat area, so dredging might not be needed for the current dock design to work. NYSDOT has commissioned a river-bottom topographical survey that will confirm or deny this possibility.
5. Steve warned that dredging for odor purposes is typically not approved by the DEC. In response to NYSDOT's proposal to plant a wetland in the area of the mud flat at the south end of Starlight Park, Steve stated that it is against DEC policy to allow "habitat exchange" (exchange of "mud flat" habitat with that of another form of wetland). To justify dredging of any mudflats, DEC would need a detailed ecological evaluation. Steve recommended that the design team not pursue an ecological evaluation of the habitat because it is a very long and time-consuming process.
6. Holly wondered if we can exchange invasive plants for natives on this project. No definitive answer was given, but Joe Payne of the DEC was identified as the person who is able to answer questions in that subject area.
7. Steve thought that the CSO "extension" was going to be a "major friction point" because they're needed as a result of the path going underneath the bridge adjacent to the CSO, and there's already another street-grade path option. The reply from Roger and Holly was that there is strong justification in the way of crossing safety and park design quality that justified this.
8. Steve recommended that the outfalls be as short as possible, and pointed out that mitigation is also required for them.
9. Steve suggested that the design team should only include bridges on the project if they're necessary. If they are indeed "unavoidable", their existence and their dimension needs to be adequately justified to the DEC. These justifications will be "reviewed critically." And if they are warranted, they need to be minimized and as narrow as possible.
10. In order for the DEC to get to the point of determining mitigation requirements of the project, Steve warned, they will have had to make sure that all of the environmental impacts are unavoidable and as minimal as possible - regardless of the extent of proposed mitigation.
11. Steve stated that the DEC's mitigation ratio is typically about 2:1. That is, the design must "give back" about twice as much to the environment as it takes away. It seemed to Steve that this requirement may be met in the present design.
12. The DEC needs to see user volume projections as part of the justification for certain aspects of the project.
13. The ISTEA funds DEC currently has in their jurisdiction for the Bronx River Greenway was discussed. A parcel of land adjacent to the Concrete plant is currently in final purchase stages by NYSDEC, so the current available funding will be reduced accordingly. It is anticipated that \$550k or so in Federal funds (requiring 20% match) will remain that may be applied to NYSDOT's project. Nanci thought it was highly unlikely that NYSDEC will cover the 20% local match for these funds.
14. It was determined that a notice of intent, which can be found using the DEC website, and a long-term storm water management plan have to be filed with the DEC as part of this project.

15. It was established that the following permits are needed for this project:

- 1) SPDES Construction Permit (needed for areas over 1 acre)
- 2) Permanent SPDES Permit for Drainage
- 3) Article 15 – Water Supply
- 4) Article 24 – Freshwater Wetlands
- 5) Article 25 – Tidal Wetlands

16. A topic that was not adequately discussed was review times for each permit that NYSDEC would anticipate for this project. Roger will follow up with NYSDEC representatives on this subject.

State of New York Department of Transportation

Bronx River Greenway Design

Westchester Avenue to East Tremont Avenue

PIN X027.05

Pre-Application Meeting with the United States Army Corps of
Engineers

Memorandum

Re: Meeting Minutes

Subj: D015284; Region 11 Regional Design Services Agreement

Date: March 19, 2004; 10:00 am

Attendees:

Randolph Hunt	NYSDOT R-11	Design
Mark Maglienti	NYSDOT R-11	Environmental/Landscape Arch
Roger Weld	NYSDOT R-11	Non Motorized Transportation Group
Holly Frey	NYSDOT R-11	Landscape Architect
Berta Nemirovsky	NYSDOT R-11	Design
Richard Egan	NYSDOT R-11	Design
Mike Vissicivelli	USACE	Permits
Fred Jacobs	AKRF	Environmental Manger
Betsi Nemeth	AKRF	Environmental Scientist
Bernard Kalus	Chas. H. Sells	Transportation Dept. Mgr.

Meeting Discussions:

1. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was briefed on the project. The USACE is particularly interested with activities that fall within their jurisdiction, which includes in-water construction and any work that may impact wetland areas.
2. NYSDOT indicated that the actual permits for this project will be applied for during Final Design (Phases V and VI), but that concurrence from the permitting agencies is required as part of the development of the project's Environmental Assessment. The purpose of this

meeting is to identify issues of importance that can be addressed as part of the Preliminary Design (Phase I-IV) process.

3. The USACE indicated that an individual permit would most likely be required for this project and would be reviewed as part of a joint application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Supporting materials for the Joint Permit Application include a detailed project description, plans that show the scope of work and the potential impact areas, and an Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Study. The plans can be at a preliminary design level as long as the potential impact areas are clearly defined and not likely to change considerably during final design. A sheet showing existing conditions with the spring high water line marked on the plan should also be included in the application package. The EFH can be submitted prior to the Joint Application to expedite the review process. The National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) reviews the EFH study. NYSDOT will submit the EFH study to the USACE and they will formally transmit the study to NMFS.
4. In addition to the EFH study the USACE requires that a determination from the New York State Department of State be made on the project's consistency with Coastal Zone Management policies. A Section 401 Water Quality Certification and a SPDES Permit needs to issued by NYSDEC before the USACE can issue their permit.
5. Issues that the USACE will consider as they review the permit application and the overall design of the Greenway include:
 - Minimize the width of the pier and the coverage of water and wetland areas. Justifications for the width of pier will be required and may include compliance with ADA guidelines or operational requirements. Any fills in wetland and/or waterway areas must be justified and kept to a minimum.
 - The floating docks should be as small as possible and provisions for protecting the river bottom should be incorporated into the dock design. Chocks are a common method used to protect the river bottom by assuring that at least 2' of water is present between the bottom of the dock and the bed of the river.
 - Minimize the amount of disturbance and placement of riprap below the mean high water mark.
 - The wetlands that will be planted as mitigation for the project should not include invasive species.
 - Drainage from park areas should not be discharged directly into the river. Upland outfalls that allow for some pretreatment before flowing overland to the river are the preferred method of stormwater disposal.
6. The relationship between the proposed and existing bridges that cross the Bronx River will be an important consideration in the review of the permit application. The USACE is concerned with the shading impacts that these new bridges will have on the river as well as with any impacts to recreational or navigational uses. The Coast Guard will also be involved in the review of the new bridge crossings, particularly as they relate to homeland security. It is the USACE's understanding that the Coast Guard has jurisdiction of areas within 75' of an

existing bridge structure. Ernie Morton from the Coast Guard is in charge of homeland security issues and the Project Team will contact him to set up a meeting on this matter.

7. The next step with the USACE will be to submit the Joint Application and supporting materials. Follow up meetings with the USACE will be scheduled soon thereafter. The USACE will provide a 30-day public comment period once they have issued a notice of complete application. The level of public comment will determine the amount of supplemental review required before a permit is issued.
8. The project is now scheduled for a contract letting in July 2006.

Meeting Minutes Prepared By Bernard Kalus of Chas. H. Sells, Inc.

cc: All Attendees
File



City of New York
Parks & Recreation

The Arsenal
Central Park
New York, New York 10021

Adrian Benepe
Commissioner

February 17, 2005

Douglas A. Currey, P.E.
Regional Director
New York State Department of Transportation
Hunters Point Plaza
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, New York 11101

Re: Bronx River Greenway

Dear Mr. Currey:

New York City Department of Parks & Recreation has been advised that New York State Department of Transportation's above-referenced project will include construction of the Bronx River greenway, including the previously approved Starlight Park.


It is our understanding that much of the proposed work under this contract will take place within an area of parkland in the Bronx, along the Bronx River and including the park lands of Starlight Park. We further understand that construction staging for these projects will take place within park lands, including access for construction vehicles along the route of the planned greenway.

NYSDOT, through drawing submittals, presentations, meetings, on-site surveys and a tree inventory, has made Parks aware of the project scope and its impacts. These will include a permanent multiuse path that will extend from Westchester Avenue to East Tremont Avenue that will extend through park lands. As mitigation, NYSDOT is proposing a package that includes planting, restoration and/or construction of specific park features.

NYSDOT and Parks are currently defining the specific elements of the park restoration and project mitigation package. Parks is confident that the final plan will adequately compensate for any construction impacts, including temporary lost use of the areas under construction, and result in a desired amenity for the enjoyment of our park patrons. We consider greenways a park use and understand its implementation to be a beneficial addition to the Bronx Park system. In the unlikely event that it is determined parkland will be permanently alienated, we will discuss additional mitigation requirements.

Given these understandings, it is our opinion that construction of the Bronx River Greenway from Westchester Ave. to E. Tremont Ave. in the Bronx, including reconstruction of Starlight Park, will have no long-term negative impacts on park property or public use of the parks. We concur with NYSDOT's Section 4(f) evaluation, subject to review of the final plans when available.

Sincerely,



Joshua Laird



New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau
Peebles Island, PO Box 189, Waterford, New York 12188-0189

518-237-8643

March 24, 2005

Nathan Riddle
Senior Historian
AKRF
440 Park Avenue South, 7th Floor
New York, New York 10016

RE: Eligibility Determination Evaluation Request
Bronx River Greenway
Bronx, Bronx County
05PR01491 (formerly 01PR02836)

Dear Mr. Riddle:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, Section 14.09.

It is my understanding that you are specifically requesting National Register eligibility determination evaluations for the three properties documented in your submission. Based upon a review of the information provided, it is the OPRHP's opinion that the bascule bridge (00501.001362) over the Bronx River that serves the AMTRAK Northeast Corridor Line and the IRT No. 6 subway truss bridge (00501.001363) both appear to meet the criteria for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. A Resource Evaluation is attached for the two eligible bridges.

The former Westchester Avenue Station (00501.001297) of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Rail Road was previously determined to not meet the National Register criteria due to its deteriorated state and loss of some historic features.

As you noted, a complete copy of the draft EA will be sent to our office under separate cover from NYSDOT. If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Howe
Historic Preservation Specialist

cc. R. Lavarie, NYSDOT Region 11

enc.



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Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau
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RESOURCE EVALUATION

DATE: 3/24/05

STAFF: Kathy Howe

PROPERTY: (see below)

MCD: Bronx

PROJECT REF: 05PR01491 (formerly 01PR02836)

COUNTY: Bronx

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:

Based on the information currently available, the following properties meet the criteria for listing to the State and National Registers:

AMTRAK Northeast Corridor Line Bascule Bridge (00501.001362)

This steel railroad bridge over the Bronx River, constructed in 1907, meets Criterion C in the area of engineering as an example of a surviving early 20th-century Scherzer-type bascule bridge. It is one of twelve bascule bridges in New York City. The Scherzer-type rolling-lift bascule was developed in the 1890s and has double leaves that rest on curved supports that roll in their tracks backwards and forwards to raise and lower the leaves.

IRT No. 6 Subway Truss Bridge (00501.001363)

This multiple-span steel truss bridge, part of the IRT. No. 6 subway viaduct, was constructed ca. 1920 and meets Criterion C in the area of engineering. It runs above and parallel to Westchester Avenue. The western span crosses over the AMTRAK right of way and is an example of a Pratt through-truss while the eastern span, over the Bronx River, is a Parker truss. The common Pratt truss system uses its verticals in compression and its diagonals in tensions. The Parker truss is an adaptation of the Pratt truss with a polygonal top chord. The diagonals in the Parker originate at the lower corner and radiate upwards away from the center panel.

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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COMMENTS

Archaeology Review only

The LPC is in receipt of the "Archaeological Documentary Study for the Bronx River Pedestrian Greenway DOT PIN X027," prepared by Historical Perspectives and dated December 2004.

The LPC concurs with the recommendations. Please submit another bound copy to the Commission for archival distribution.

The LPC is also in receipt of the Environmental Assessment which accurately conveys the Documentary Study findings.

Frank Stephens

03/24/05

SIGNATURE

DATE

THE CITY OF NEW YORK LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
1 Centre St., 9N, New York, NY 10007 (212) 669-7700

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COMMENTS

Architectural resources only. In order to complete the review, please provide photographs of the three potential architectural resources listed on page IV-11-7 of the Draft Design Report EAS.

Guia Santucci
SIGNATURE

03/24/05
DATE



STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
41 STATE STREET
ALBANY, NY 12231-0001

GEORGE E. PATAKI
GOVERNOR

December 9, 2004

RANDY A. DANIELS
SECRETARY OF STATE

Elizabeth Nemeth
AKRF
117 East 29th Street
New York, NY 10016

Re: F-2004-0958
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/New York District Permit
Application - NYS Department of Transportation - Construct a
bikeway; (3) pedestrian bridges over the river (1) pedestrian
bridge over the Amtrak railroad tracks; floating dock; dredge
Bronx River, New York City, Bronx County

General Concurrence

Dear Ms. Nemeth:

The Department of State received your Federal Consistency Assessment Form and consistency certification and supporting information for this proposal on November 9, 2004.

The Department of State has determined that this proposal meets the Department's general consistency concurrence criteria. Therefore, further review of the proposed activity by the Department of State, and the Department's concurrence with an individual consistency certification, are not required.

When communicating with us regarding this matter, please contact us at (518) 474-6000 and refer to our file #F-2004-0958.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zappieri
Supervisor of Consistency Review and Analysis
Division of Coastal Resources

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cc: COE/New York District - Michael Vissichelli
NYS DEC Region 2- John Cryan
NYC LWRP - Eddie Greenfield

