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Re: Mill Cove/Bayside Sewer Project
Warwick, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moraff,

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the information that you submitted for the above-referenced project. In 2012, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended, and RIHPHC concurred, that the sewer project's area of potential effect (APE) be considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

In your letter of February 3, 2016, the EPA stated its determination that the Mill Cove/Bayside sewer project will have an adverse effect on a National Register-eligible archaeological site, RI 2415, also known as the Mill Cove site. Based on additional archaeological survey in the APE, it has become clear that the project has the potential to adversely affect elements of RI 2415.

The RIHPHC will continue to work with EPA, the City of Warwick, and the Narraganset Indian Tribe to reach agreement on measures to avoid, reduce, or mitigate adverse effects of the project.

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Taylor, Senior Archaeologist of this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Sanderson
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