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Claudia Cooney  
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Re: DEC  
AMS Yonkers Downtown Redevelopment  
20PR07275

Dear Ms. Cooney:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials 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). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6NYCRR Part 617).

As part of a previous project reviewed under SEQRA in 2011, the historic Yonkers Teutonia Hall was demolished and the façade was stored on site for potential reuse. We understand that the previous (2011) project has since been abandoned. We note that the two projects are unrelated and that our opinion regarding the treatment of the historic façade in the current project, is being sought. Our office recommends that reuse options be explored that could incorporate the remnants of the historic Teutonia Hall façade into the plans for the current project as they are being developed at this site.

From the preliminary materials provided, we note that the proposed North Broadway site is adjacent to the State and National Register listed Bell Place-Locust Avenue Historic District. The proposed North Broadway site is also within the boundary of the State and National Register eligible Yonkers Downtown Historic District. Please note that our Survey and National Register Unit has requested a building survey of all buildings within the discontinuous project boundary. Our Archaeology Unit has no archaeological concerns.

It is our understanding from email and telephone communications, that a more detailed work scope and plans for the three sites associated with this project are forthcoming. We look forward to the continued review of this project. If you have any questions, I can be reached by email.

Sincerely,

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