

NT SUBMISSION PACKET – FCC FORM 620
PROJECT NAME: St. Matthew Church-Avon

Attachment 1: Résumés / Vitae

LYLE C. TORP, RPA

Principal Investigator

EDUCATION

Catholic University of America, ABD, Anthropology
University of South Florida, M.A., Anthropology (Public Archeology), 1992
Wake Forest University, B.A., Anthropology, 1988

EXPERIENCE

Lyle Torp has 20 years of experience in Cultural Resource Management. He consults on issues related to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), conducts environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and performs a variety of services related to archeological and historical assessments and historic preservation planning. He has extensive experience performing Phase I, Phase II and Phase III cultural resource investigations, and has served as Principal Investigator on numerous compliance-related projects. He has extensive experience in compliance-related studies for telecommunications projects, and has developed procedures for compliance with NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA for a variety of clients in the telecommunications industry. Mr. Torp is fully-qualified under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archeology and Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 61, and is certified in archeology by ROPA.

EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

1998 – Present Managing Director, The Ottery Group

Since 1998, Mr. Torp has directed the operations of a consulting firm with a staff of fourteen cultural resource and environmental professionals. In this capacity he has augmented his prior work experience in conducting Phase I and Phase II ESAs, natural resource planning, and other environmental services with a diverse professional staff serving clients throughout the eastern United States.

CHRISTOPHER I. SPERLING

Archeologist/Historian

EDUCATION

George Mason University, Master of Arts, American History, 2005
George Mason University, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, 1996

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Sperling has thirteen years archeological experience including Phase I, II, and III terrestrial excavation, underwater remote sensing, underwater mapping, historical research, and historical and prehistoric artifact analysis. Mr. Sperling meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (Archeology and History), under 36 CFR 61.

EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

2004 – Present Sr. Archeologist/Historian, The Ottery Group

Mr. Sperling serves as a Field Director for archaeological projects. Duties include the oversight of all archaeological and historical research, fieldwork, laboratory, and report preparation. He prepares historic contexts for use in archaeological and architectural history reports, and performs spatial analyses of archeological assemblages. He has conducted extensive historical research for a variety of projects as well as Phase II evaluations and Phase III data recovery projects. For telecommunications projects, Mr. Sperling has supervised numerous Phase I-A assessments and Phase I surveys throughout the Mid-Atlantic states.

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STACY C. PATTERSON

Architectural Historian

EDUCATION

Florida International University, Bachelor of Arts in History, 2004

University of Maryland, Masters in Historic Preservation, 2007

EXPERIENCE

Ms. Patterson is a 2007 graduate of the Historic Preservation graduate program at the University of Maryland. Ms. Patterson has completed several architectural assessments and surveys throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. She has experience photographing and mapping historic resources, the identification of character-defining architectural features, landscape assessments, archival research at several state historic preservation offices, development of historic contexts, and the preparation and submittal of Section 106 reports to SHPOs.

EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

2007 – Present Architectural Historian, The Ottery Group, Inc.

Duties include conducting architectural surveys and field investigations, completion of evaluations and Determination of Eligibility forms for historic properties, performing archival research, and the preparation of National Register nominations.

2007 Intern, Montgomery County Historic Preservation Office

Worked with the staff and commission for the purpose of developing an Education and Outreach Plan for the immediate implementation. Served as the primary researcher and author of the plan, *Education and Outreach Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County (2007)*, during her time there.

COMPLETE CURRICULUM VITAE FOR PROJECT STAFF ARE ON FILE AT THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE. THE OTTERY GROUP IS LISTED ON THE STATE LIST OF PRESERVATION CONSULTANTS.

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March 20, 2009

Mr. Lyle Torp
The Ottery Group
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Silver Spring, MD 20902

RE: AT&T
Box Turtle Survey – 224 Lovely Street, Avon, CT
St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Dear Mr. Torp:

The following information was compiled and is now complete as of Friday, March 20th, 2009. Michael Klemens book Amphibians and Reptiles of Connecticut and Adjacent s Regions was used as a reference for this survey as well as over 25 years of field experience finding Box Turtles in the wild.

“Eastern Box Turtles require old field and deciduous forest habitats, which can include power-lines and logged woodlands. They are often found near small streams and ponds, the adults are completely terrestrial but the young may be semi aquatic, and hibernate on land by digging down in the soil from October to April. They have an extremely small home range and can usually be found in the same area year after year.”¹

I visited this site once on March 7th 2009. During this visit no Box Turtles were found. This site visit was done out side of the active season, this is a habitat assessment rather than actual survey. The most common trees were White Pine (*Pinuse Strobus*) followed Spruce (*Picea*), Birch (*Betula*) and Oak (*Quercus*).

The area where this proposed tower would go is in the backyard of a church, a portion of this area is mowed regularly during the active season. There is a small cluster of trees on this property that would most likely have to be removed. With the 50'X50' footprint of this project there would not be a large area impacted. The only concern I had at first was if this might negatively impact an egg laying area. This lawn is bordered by a thin tree line that is bordered by Roaring Brook. The sides of this brook

¹ State of CT Department of Environmental Protection

are sandy and would make a good substrate for nesting turtles. The current problem with this area for a nesting site is that the trees block out most of the sun. This tree line that borders the brook will most likely not be disrupted during the project. Further up the brook, the adjacent property is a backyard to a house. The backyard of this house looks like favorable nesting habitat. I spoke to one of the residence from this property and they confirmed that in fact this past summer they had more than one turtle try to nest in their yard and these turtles were returned back to the brook with the use of a shovel. The description of these turtles did not fit the description of Box Turtles (*Terrapene Carolina*) but rather they were most likely Snapping Turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*).

If this project is approved, depending on how many trees are removed this could open up the canopy and let the sun hit the ground and may open up some nesting spots for any turtles in the area. Since this site is in close proximity to a brook, a silt fence will most likely be used. This silt fence will help keep any wondering turtles out of harms way.

Please contact me for any further information you may need.

Kind regards,

Chuck Annicelli
President