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Subject: Department of Corrections Solar Projects Archaeological Survey Report
900 Highland Avenue in Cheshire, Connecticut
42 Jarvis Street in Cheshire, Connecticut
289 & 391 Shaker Road in Enfield, Connecticut
335 Bilton Road in Somers, Connecticut

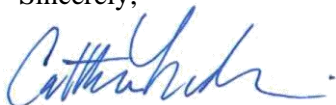
Dear Mr. Coon:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the interim report titled, *Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey Connecticut Department of Corrections Solar Projects* prepared by Archaeological Consulting Services (ACS). The project consists of four ground-mounted solar facilities at the referenced locations. The archaeological survey was completed at the request of this office in a letter dated February 7, 2022. The methods described in the interim report meet the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

As part of the requested investigation, ACS completed background research to develop an informed stratified-systematic survey plan. During the archaeological survey, shovel test pits were excavated at 50-foot intervals on a grid pattern. A total of 245 shovel tests were excavated in total at the four facilities: Highland Avenue (n=80), Jarvis Street (n=55), Shaker Road (n=36), and Bilton Road (n=74). Although shovel testing confirmed a largely intact stratigraphy with some areas of prior disturbance, no evidence of cultural features or significant archaeological deposits were recovered. SHPO concurs with ACS that no additional archaeological investigation of the project area is warranted and that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed undertaking. SHPO also supports the recommendation made by ACS to contact our office should project plans change to include impacts closer to Jarvis Street or archaeological Site 25-12 at the Cheshire sites, or closer to Shaker or Taylor Roads at the Enfield facility. This office requests two bound copies of the final report; one will be kept for use in the office and the other will be transferred to the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut (Storrs) for permanent archiving and public accessibility.

SHPO appreciates the cooperation of all interested parties in the professional management of Connecticut's archeological resources. This letter supersedes all prior communications. For additional information, please contact me at (860) 500-2329 or catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Catherine Labadia
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Walwer, ACS