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Subject: Archaeological Assessment of a Proposed BESS Project  
40 Norwich Road  
Waterford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. George:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) received the technical memorandum prepared by Heritage Consultants (Heritage) titled *Preliminary Archaeological Assessment of a Proposed Battery Storage Facility at 40 Norwich Road in Waterford, Connecticut* dated February 8, 2024. The submitted fieldwork appears to meet the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*. SHPO understands that the proposed project consists of the construction of a battery energy storage system (BESS) with associated site improvements. The project will require approval from the Connecticut Siting Council. As a result, it is subject to review by this office.

The archaeological assessment survey consisted of comprehensive background research that examined historic maps and aerial imagery as well as previously identified cultural resources in proximity to the project location. The assessment survey failed to identify any previously recorded archaeological sites or properties listed on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within one mile of the project area. A pedestrian survey of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) was completed by Heritage in January of 2024. The results of the survey indicate that the APE is characterized by significant prior disturbance related to prior development activity. As a result, Heritage concluded that APE has a no/low potential to yield intact archaeological deposits. Based on the information provided to our office, it is the opinion of SHPO that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed BESS project and no additional archeological investigations are warranted.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact Cory Atkinson, Staff Archaeologist and Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2458 or [cory.atkinson@ct.gov](mailto:cory.atkinson@ct.gov).

Sincerely,



Jonathan Kinney  
State Historic Preservation Officer