

Appendix H –SHPO Review Letter

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Nick Granata
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Subject: Town of Groton Landfill Solar PV Development Project
685 Flanders Road
Groton, Connecticut

Dear Nick Granata:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed your request for information concerning the potential effects to historic properties associated with the referenced project. SHPO understands that the Town of Groton plans to construct a 6.55 MW concrete ballast-mounted solar voltaic facility consisting of approximately 14,088 panels in a project area measuring 26.5 acres at the referenced address. The project will a stormwater permit issued by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection through the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency. As a result, it is subject to review by this office pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.

There are no properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the project. There have been 21 previously reported archaeological sites recorded within a mile of the project parcel. Further, SHPO considers areas around the APE to retain archaeological sensitivity. However, project plans indicate that the proposed activities will be confined to previously disturbed areas associated with a former landfill location. As a result, it is unlikely that significant archaeological resources will be impacted by the proposed actions. Therefore, based on the information provided to our office, it is SHPO's opinion that no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking.

SHPO appreciates the opportunity to comment upon this project and we look forward to continuing consultation. Do not hesitate to contact Cory Atkinson, Staff Archaeologist and Environmental Reviewer, for additional information at (860) 500-2458 or cory.atkinson@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Kinney
State Historic Preservation Officer