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Subject: Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of a Proposed Solar Development
140 Nod Road
Simsbury, Connecticut

Dear David George,

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the technical report titled *Phase IB Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey of a Proposed Solar Center at 140 Nod Road in Simsbury, Connecticut* prepared by Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage), dated August 2025. The submitted technical report meets the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*. SHPO understands that the proposed project entails the construction of a solar array with associated infrastructure within an extant gold course area at the referenced address. The project will require a stormwater discharge permit issued by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection through the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency; therefore, it is subject to review by this office pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

A cultural resources reconnaissance survey of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the project was completed by Heritage in July of 2025. The investigation included comprehensive background research that examined historic maps and aerial imagery as well as previously identified cultural resources located in proximity to the APE. The review identified 10 previously recorded archaeological sites, two properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and two properties listed on the State Register of Historic Places within a mile of the APE. The report concluded that there will be no impacts to any previously identified cultural resources in proximity to the APE.

During survey, 83 planned shovel tests were excavated at 20-meter intervals along transects placed 20 meters apart throughout the APE. The effort resulted in the identification of 21 Postcontact Period artifacts and a single Precontact Period artifact from fill and plowzone contexts across 10 shovel tests. Recovered Postcontact materials included three whiteware sherds, three yellowware sherds, a pearlware sherd, three porcelain sherds, five bottle glass shards, two window glass shards, three machine-cut nails, and a coal fragment. The lone Precontact artifact consisted of a single chalcedony flake. No evidence of cultural features was recorded. The report concluded that the identified deposits were not eligible for listing on the NRHP and recommended no further examination prior to construction. Based on the information submitted to this office, it is the opinion of SHPO that no historic properties will be affected by the project and no additional archaeological investigation is warranted. Comments are conditional upon the submission of 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.

This office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. 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

