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Mr. Ben Tripp  
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Farmington, CT 06032  
(via email only to [btripp@metro-realty.com](mailto:btripp@metro-realty.com))

Subject: Multifamily Housing Development  
0, 823, and 833 Deming Road  
Berlin, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Tripp,

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the referenced project in response to a request for our comments regarding potential effects to historic properties. SHPO understands that the proposed project will be partially funded through the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA). As a result, the project is subject to review pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. The proposed undertaking entails the demolition of two existing residential structures, the demolition of two storage structures, and the construction of 88 multifamily apartment units.

There are no previously reported archeological sites or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) situated within or in close proximity to the project parcel. The city assessor reports that the residential buildings scheduled for demolition were constructed in 1955 and 1994. These buildings and their associated storage structures are of common types with no known association of transcending importance. It is the opinion of this office that the buildings planned for demolition are not eligible for listing on the NRHP. Although this parcel has not been subjected to previous archeological investigations, a survey was completed on the neighboring parcel (Bacon Lane Residential Development, CHPC #1857). No cultural material was recovered as part of that investigation. The currently proposed development parcel possesses similar environmental characteristics and has experienced substantially more ground disturbing activities. No archaeological investigation is warranted because it is unlikely the proposed housing development will impact significant archeological deposits. Based on the information provided to our office, it is SHPO's opinion that no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. For additional information, please contact Catherine Labadia, Staff Archaeologist and Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2329 or [catherine.labadia@ct.gov](mailto:catherine.labadia@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Kinney".

Jonathan Kinney  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer