

## Determination of Effect on Historic Properties

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<b>Project:</b>	State No.: 0161-0147 F.A.P. No.: 0034(124) Project Title: Replacement of Bridge No. 04986 Sugar Hollow Road over the Norwalk River Town: Wilton		
<b>Finding of Effect:</b>	<b>No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties with Conditions</b>		

### ***Project Description:***

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), with funding support from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with funding support from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes the replacement of State Bridge Number 04986. The bridge formerly carried bi-directional traffic on Sugar Hollow Road over the Norwalk River, approximately 100 feet northwest of the southernly intersection of Sugar Hollow Road and US Route 7, in the municipality of Wilton. However, it has been closed to traffic since 2018 due to deterioration observed in the concrete superstructure, resulting in the inability of the bridge to carry legal loads. The bridge, which was constructed in 1930, is a single span structure that is approximately 26 feet in total length; Sugar Hollow Road is 23 feet, one-inch wide, curb to curb, at the bridge. The superstructure of Bridge No. 04986 is comprised of a concrete T-beams with a bituminous concrete overlay, which is supported by stone masonry abutments.

This project proposes to remove the existing bridge and replace it with a new single span bridge. Work associated with the project will include:

- The removal of the existing bridge superstructure and masonry abutments.
- Installation of cofferdams to remove existing abutments and for construction of new abutments and wingwalls with micropile foundations for the proposed new bridge in the dry.
- Installation of a new bridge superstructure comprising of prestressed concrete deck units with a concrete topping slab.
- Completion of backfill behind the superstructure.

- Installation of subbase and pavement over the bridge.
- Installation of an aesthetically pleasing, open bridge rail system that meets current safety standards.
- New guiderails will be installed at all four approach corners, to meet current design standards.
- The roadway will be reconstructed approximately 185 feet along the north approach and 115 feet along the south approach to the bridge resulting in total project length of 350 feet. Sunset Pass will be reconstructed to approximately 100 feet in length.
- The intersection of Sugar Hollow Road, Sunset Pass, and Route 7 (Danbury Road) will be realigned to improve vehicle sight distance.
- Drainage improvements.

The project will include ground disturbance outside of the existing bridge footprint and may include either temporary or permanent right-of-way (ROW) acquisition.

Under the provisions of the Programmatic Agreement executed between CTDOT, FHWA, the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Officer (CT SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regarding compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for minor transportation projects<sup>1</sup>, the Office of Environmental Planning (OEP) intends to make a determination of effect on historic properties for the described undertaking.

***Resources Potentially Affected:***

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project is the footprint of the project, including up to 200 feet and 125 feet along the road on both the north and south approaches respectively, and approximately 75 feet in total width from east to west including the bridge and existing road, to accommodate cofferdam construction and construction access for earthmoving activities associated with bridge replacement.

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<sup>1</sup> *Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Transportation Programs in Connecticut* (signed May 5, 2025). Accessible online at: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/bureaus/policy-and-planning/environmental-planning/cultural-resources>

## Aboveground Resources

Both the National Park Service's digital asset record system and ConnCRIS, the online cultural resource geodatabase maintained by the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (CTSHPO), were consulted for the purpose of locating any properties listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in the project vicinity. Additionally, internal records from CTDOT were consulted to determine the NRHP-status of bridges associated with the project.

According to OEP's most recent historic structures inventory research, State Bridge Number 04986 was constructed in 1930. It was not evaluated for NRHP eligibility during the Historic Bridge Inventory, completed in 2020. Bridge No. 04986 appears to be a common type of concrete bridge that was constructed atop older stone masonry abutments; based on the lack of unique design features and issues with integrity of the bridge, OEP recommends the bridge as ineligible for the NRHP.

There are no previously recorded aboveground resources within the APE for the project. The Batterson House, a circa 1820 residence at 973 Danbury Road, is located approximately 60 feet south of the Project APE. The one-and-one-half-story, side-gabled, frame house was recorded during a 1989 survey of Wilton but was not evaluated for NRHP eligibility.<sup>2</sup> This house corresponds with the A. Batterson/Patterson residence that is depicted on the 1856 Chace map of Fairfield County and the Wilton map in the 1867 *Atlas of New York and Vicinity*. This resource appears to retain sufficient integrity to be eligible for the NRHP. Based on the current plans, the replacement of Bridge No. 04986 will have no adverse effect on the Batterson House. However, if alignment of either Sunset Pass shifts during project development, or if ROW acquisition is required from the parcel containing the Batterson House, the project effects would need to be reevaluated.

There are four previously recorded aboveground resources located along Sunset Pass, to the west of the Project APE. These resources (12 Sunset Pass, 17 Sunset Pass, 20 Sunset Pass, and 30 Sunset Pass) are early twentieth century residences that were developed as part of the Own Home Heights subdivision, the first subdivision in Wilton. These resources were surveyed in 2018. However, due to issues of integrity with individual resources and infill throughout the original subdivision

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<sup>2</sup> Mary Elizabeth McCahon and the Wilton Historical Society, *Cultural Resource Survey of Wilton, Connecticut* (August 1989). Available online at: <https://wiltonhistorical.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/1989-Survey-Narrative.pdf>.  
McCahon, "Batterson House", *Historic Resources Inventory – Buildings and Structures* form (1989). Available online at: <https://wiltonhistorical.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Danbury-Road-973.pdf>.

boundaries, Own Home Heights is unlikely to be eligible for the NRHP and none of the structures appear to be individually NRHP eligible.<sup>3</sup>

The NRHP-listed Georgetown Historic District is located 325 feet to the east of the Project APE; it was listed on the NRHP in 1987 under Criterion A, for its association with industrial development and the Gilbert and Bennett Manufacturing Company, and under Criterion C, for its architecture, with a period of significance between 1820 and 1936. The Georgetown Historic District will not be affected by the bridge replacement.

There are also four previously unrecorded structures greater than 50 years of age adjacent to the Project APE. These resources, which are located at 9 Sunset Pass, 13 Sunset Pass, 14 Sunset Pass, and 16 Sunset Pass, are early twentieth century residences that were built in association with the Own Home Heights subdivision. None of these structures have been evaluated for NRHP eligibility, but they do not appear to retain sufficient integrity to be individually eligible for the NRHP.

Approximately 400 feet south of the project area, on the west side of US Route 7, is a cemetery identified as “Old Cemetery” in survey records; a sign at the cemetery identifies it as the Batterson Cemetery, dating its burials from between 1817 and 1881. The cemetery is far enough from the project area that it will not be affected by the bridge replacement.

A series of historic maps and aerial photographs obtained from the University of Connecticut Map and Geographical Information Center (MAGIC) were examined to assess the potential for previously unidentified historic properties to be located within the project’s APE. The Griswold/Speiss Map of reconstructed Native settlements in Connecticut circa 1625 (1930) shows the Rampo settlement concentration to the northwest of the project area, which is depicted along the Berkshire Path. The Warren Map of Connecticut (1811) does not show settlement concentrations within the vicinity of the project area. The Chace map of Fairfield County (1856) depicts buildings along the course of present-day US Route 7, with A. Batterson identified as the closest landowner, near the southwest corner of the project area. The map of Wilton from the 1867 *Atlas of New York and Vicinity* also shows this house, identified as A. Patterson’s residence (Figure 1). During the first half of the twentieth century, an aerial photograph from 1934 shows that the area surrounding the bridge was undeveloped land, with residential development beginning on nearby connecting roads (Figure 2).

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<sup>3</sup> Stacey Vairo and Lucas Karmazinas, *Historic and Architectural Resources Inventory for the Town of Wilton, Connecticut, Phase II* (August 2018). Available online at: <https://wiltonhistorical.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Wilton-Survey-Narrative-2018.pdf>.

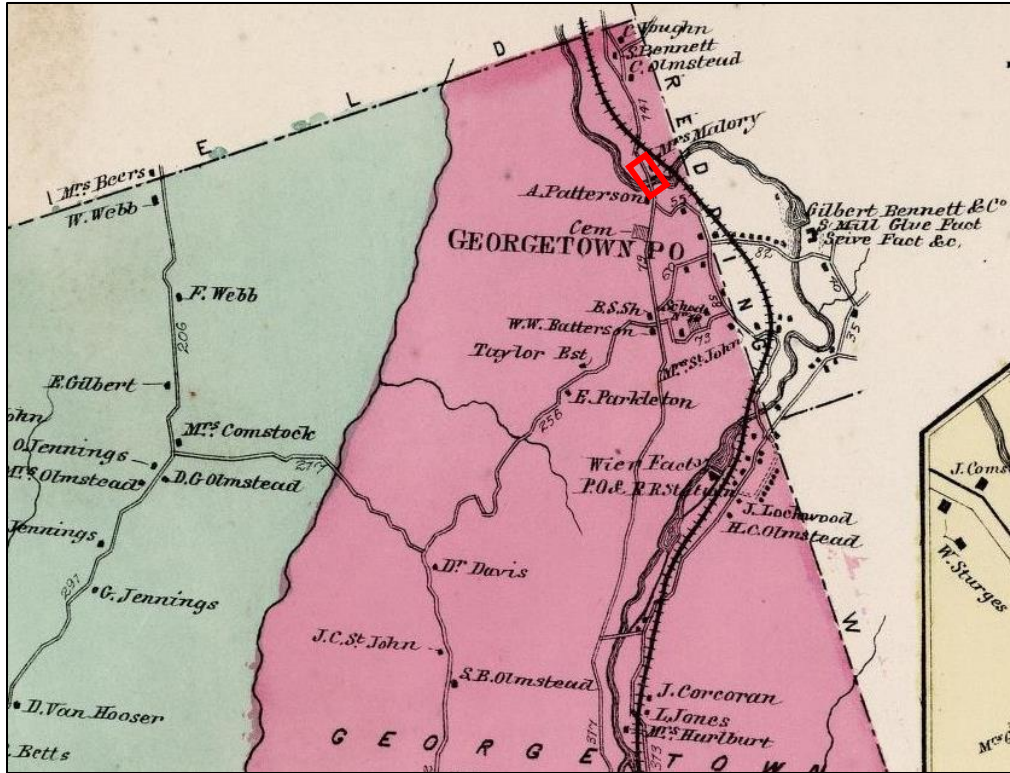


Figure 1: Portion of map of Wilton, Atlas of New York and Vicinity (1867), showing approximate project area.

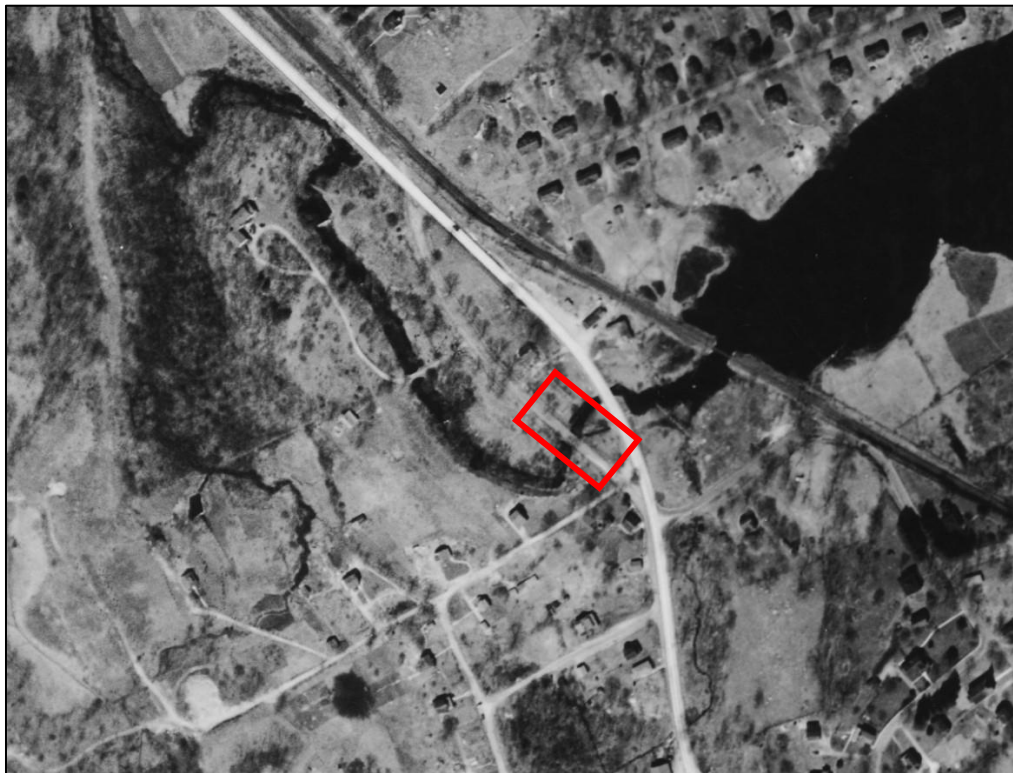


Figure 2: Fairchild Series aerial photograph from 1934, showing approximate project area.

## Archaeological Resources

Digital site records from ConnCRIS and the internal files of CTDOT were consulted for the purpose of identifying previously known archaeological sites within the APE. The closest recorded sites are located approximately 0.2-mile to the southeast of the project APE. Archaeological site 117-153, which was recorded in 2014, is a collection of four archaeological concentrations (Bennett Store, B. Bennett House, Smith House, and Gilbert House) that are located within the proposed Gilbert and Bennett Redevelopment site. The four sites were all nineteenth- through twentieth-century commercial and residential sites; none of the locations were evaluated for NRHP eligibility. There have been no previous archaeological surveys within the Project APE, with the closest surveys being the 2002 Cultural Resources Assessment for a proposed Electric Transmission Line between the Plumtree and Norwalk Substations, which is located approximately 0.6-mile to the east of the project area, and a 2008 Archaeological Overview Assessment for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, which is located approximately 0.65-mile to the west.

The predictive site model developed internally by the Office of Environmental Planning (OEP), based upon U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service soil classifications, was consulted to assess the potential of the project area to contain as yet undocumented archaeological resources. The soil survey identifies the soils within the APE as Hinckley-Urban Land Complex, which is a non-wetland soil having between 3 and 15 percent slope; this soil type is classified as having high potential for containing undocumented archaeological sites. Recent project area photography, aerial photography, and LiDAR imagery shows that the western portion of the project APE appears to contain undisturbed soils that could contain stratified archaeological deposits (Figure 3).

On July 21, 2025, during consultation with Federally recognized Native American Tribal authorities, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) requested a Phase I archaeological survey of the project area, due to known resources in the vicinity and the extent of the proposed work for the project. Heritage Consultants completed a Phase IA Cultural Resources Assessment and Phase IB Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey of the project area and submitted a draft report in October 2025. During the reconnaissance survey, archaeologists dug 15 shovel test pits and recovered eight artifacts; all eight artifacts were from the post-European contact period, and all were recovered from disturbed fill soils. The survey did not find significant archaeological deposits and recommended that no additional archaeological investigations were necessary. The Phase IA/B report was submitted for review to Tribal authorities in November 2025; both the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Mohegan Tribe responded that they had no archaeological concerns with the project.



Figure 3: LIDAR image (2023), showing approximate project area.

**Determination of Effect:**

State Bridge No. 04986, which was constructed in 1930 as a concrete bridge on top of older stone masonry abutments, is not considered eligible for the NRHP. There are five previously recorded structures and four previously unrecorded structures adjacent to the project's APE. Of these, nine are considered ineligible for the NRHP. However, the Batterson House, located at 973 Danbury Road, appears to retain sufficient integrity to be eligible for the NRHP. This resource is located approximately 60 feet from the project area boundary. Based on current project plans, the southwest corner of the intersection of Sunset Pass and Danbury Road (US Route 7) will be reconfigured. This will result in a larger radius at the road intersection and an existing paved area adjacent to the house will be converted into grass by removing the pavement and covering the area with topsoil and seed. This area is within the existing CTDOT ROW and will not require property acquisition from the parcel on which the Batterson House stands. As currently proposed, the conversion of pavement to grassed area will not adversely affect the Batterson House.

There are no previously recorded archaeological sites within the Project APE. Although the characteristics of the soils in the western portion of the APE indicate that the area has the potential to contain previously undocumented archaeological sites, further investigations indicate that there are no significant archaeological sites within the project area. During a June 2025 field visit, OEP found previous ground disturbance within the planned temporary construction easement to the northwest of the bridge. Additionally, a Phase IA/B Cultural Resources Assessment and Reconnaissance Survey did not identify intact archaeological deposits in the shovel test pits excavated within the project area. Therefore, OEP believes that the project does not have the potential to adversely affect NRHP-eligible archaeological sites.

Consultation was carried out with Federally recognized Native American Tribal authorities with ancestral ties to the State of Connecticut for this undertaking in July 2025 and November 2025 through January 2026. During initial Tribal consultation, the Stockbridge Munsee Community expressed concerns about the potential for undocumented archaeological deposits in the area and requested an archaeological survey. The results of the Phase IA/B survey were submitted to Tribal authorities in November 2025; both the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Mohegan Tribe expressed no concerns about the project. None of other the solicited Tribes expressed any concerns with the undertaking within the allotted time frame.

Based on the factors detailed above, OEP hereby determines a finding of *No Adverse to Historic Properties* for this undertaking so long as the following *condition* is met:

- Construction activities remain within the existing ROW in the vicinity of the Batterson House and no acquisition of additional ROW or easements from the Batterson House parcel are necessary.

If project plans change, OEP will need to reevaluate the project for Section 106 considerations.

No further consultation with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Officer (CTSHPO) is required. A copy of this determination will be included in the quarterly report of Minor Transportation projects that is submitted to CTSHPO and FHWA.

With this determination, FHWA, through OEP, has concluded its responsibility to consider the potential effects of the described project on cultural resources under Section 106 of the NHPA via the provisions of the Programmatic Agreement referenced above.



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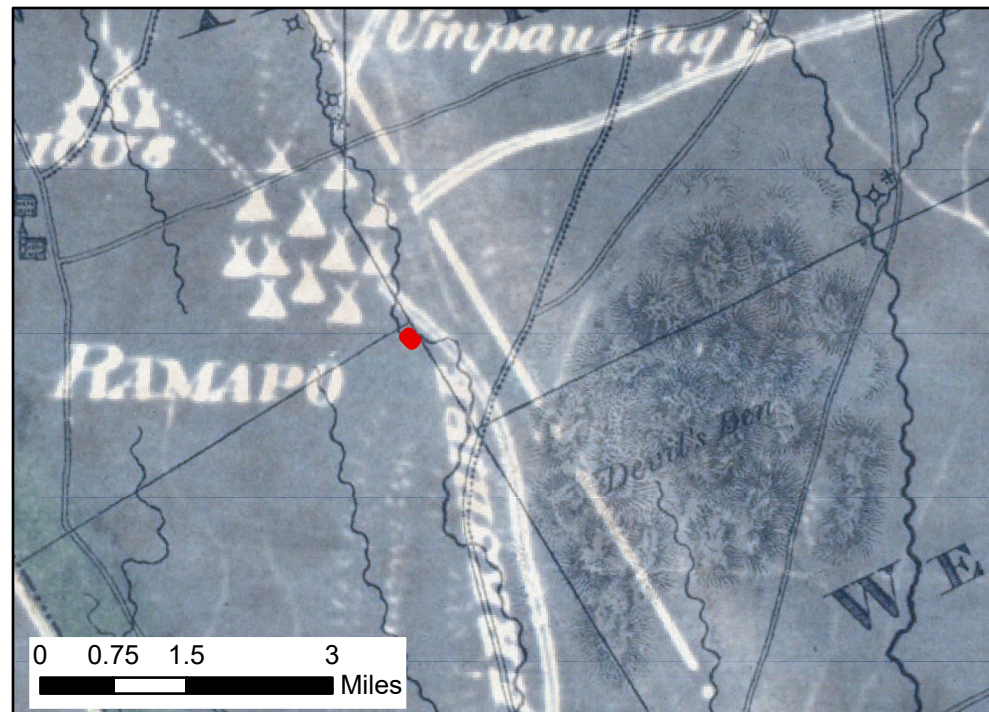
Recent Aerial Photography (with Soil Sensitivity Overlay)



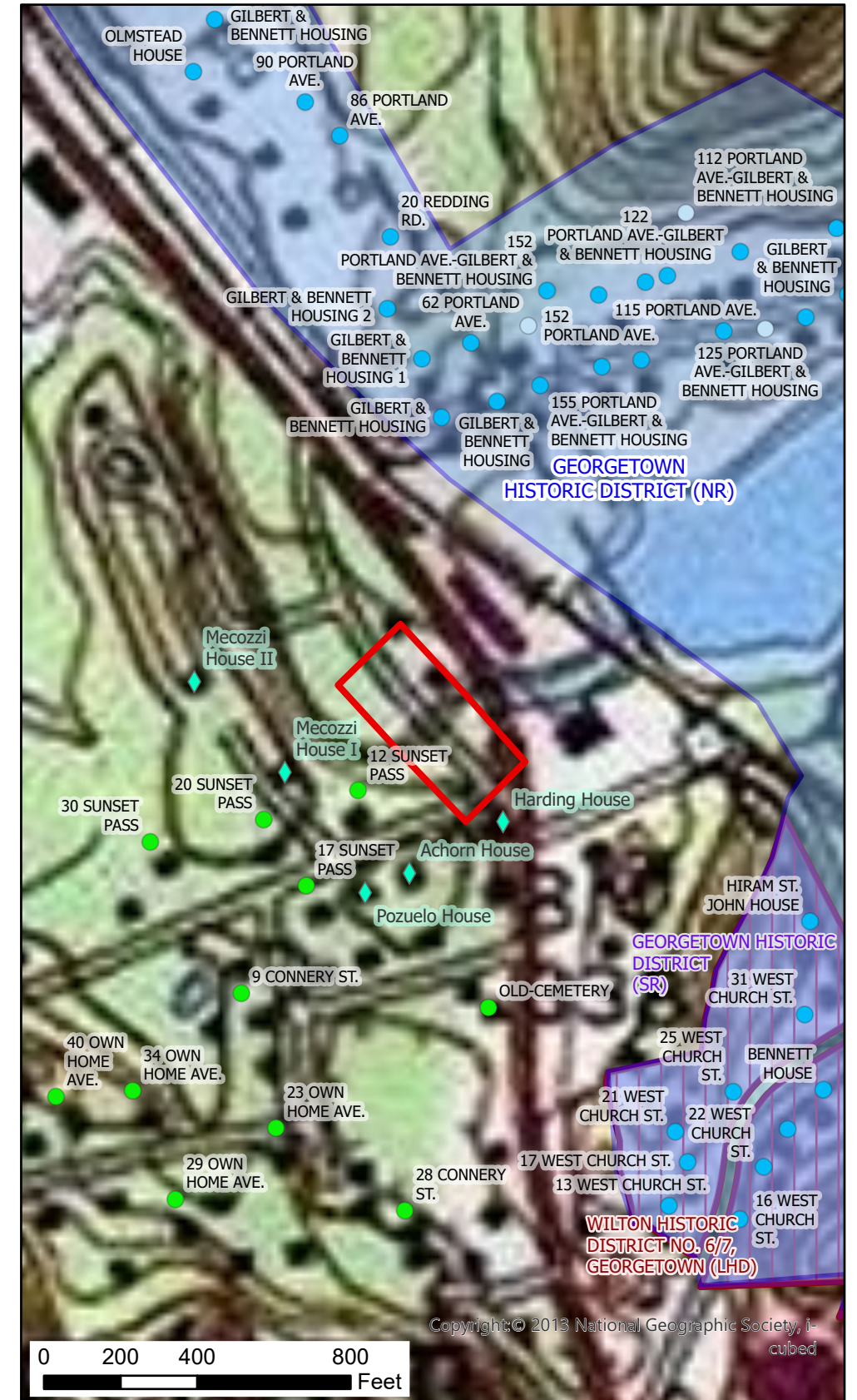
Detail of 1856 Chace Map of Fairfield County



1811 Warren Map with Overlay of Griswold/Spiess Map of Contact Period Native Settlement circa 1625



Detail of USGS Topo Map (with Historic Resources Overlay)



**Legend**

- Project Area
- Bridge
- Soil Sensitivity**
  - High
  - Low
  - Variable
  - Unknown
- Above Ground Resources**
  - National Register
  - National Register Non-Contributing
  - Inventoried
  - ◆ Unrecorded Structures > 50 years
- National Register District**
  - National Register District
  - State Register District
  - Local Historic District

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State Project No: 0161-0147  
Replacement of Bridge No. 04986  
Sugar Hollow Road over Norwalk River  
Wilton, CT



May 28, 2025





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Dear CTDOT Cultural Resources Unit:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has conducted and concluded tribal consultation for transportation undertakings, as requested by your office. On July 10, 2025, FHWA electronically delivered information about applicable undertakings to those Federally recognized Indian tribes which have an identified area of interest including the project area.

Response was received, as indicated below, from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Please see attached copies of this communication and note any requested further action from the THPO.

**The following undertakings have undergone tribal consultation:**

State Project Number	Description	Summary Comments Received from Tribe(s)
0054-0087	Roundabout Improvements at Route 4 and Route 63 (Goshen, Litchfield County). [FAP #1054(003)].	Anticipate Exempt under PA. SMC THPO – email no concerns 7/21/2025. No additional responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
0118-0191	Sidewalk and Intersection Improvements Route 99 at I-91, Exit 24 (Rocky Hill, Hartford County). [FAP #TBD].	Anticipate Exempt under PA. No responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
0142-0156	Replacement of Bridge #06975 (Tolland, Tolland County). [FAP #6142(003)].	Anticipate Exempt under PA. No responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
0142-0158	Replacement of Bridge #06977 (Tolland, Tolland County). [FAP #6142(003)].	Anticipate Exempt under PA. No responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
0146-0205	Rehabilitation of Bridge #04275 (Vernon, Tolland County) [FAP #6146(023)]	Anticipate No Historic Properties Affected. No responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
<b>0161-0147</b>	<b>Replacement of Bridge #04986 (Wilton, Fairfield County). [FAP #6161(012)].</b>	<b>NAE anticipated. SMC THPO – email requesting Phase I on 7/21/2025. No additional responses received. CTDOT actively planning for Phase I &amp; additional consultation will occur when complete.</b>
0169-0131	Replacement of Bridge #04814 (Woodstock, Windham County). [FAP #6169(001)].	NAE anticipated. No responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.

With this letter, the 30-day Tribal consultation period is concluded for the submitted documents related to undertakings identified herein. FHWA has continuing consultation responsibilities to respond to comments and requests for information received from the Tribes, as well as providing opportunities for Tribal review and comment on reports and documents relating to projects for which they are identified as consulting or concurring parties.

We look forward to working with your office to resolve any comments provided by Tribes. FHWA appreciates your continued cooperation in tracking Tribal consultation outcomes and your assistance in ensuring that commitments made to Tribes are met. If you have any questions, please contact me telephone at 860-494-7577 or by email at [emilie.holland@dot.gov](mailto:emilie.holland@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2025 4:40:00 PM

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Good Afternoon Mandy,

Please see the following communication received from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community THPO.

The THPO has concurred in the determination of effect for 0054-0087.

The THPO is recommending a Phase I archaeological survey for 0161-0147, based on the proximity of known resources in the vicinity and the extent of the proposed work associated with a full bridge replacement at this location.

If you wish to discuss the THPO's comments, I am available to meet tomorrow or Wednesday this week.

-Emilie

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Dear Emily,

Thank you for the notice regarding 2 proposed projects: 1) SPN 0054-0087 Roundabout Improvements at Route 4 and Route 63 (Goshen, Litchfield County, CT) and 2) SPN 0161-0147

Replacement of Bridge #04986 (Wilton, Fairfield County, CT).

1. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation Office concurs with the finding of “*No Adverse Effect*” for the first project, the Roundabout Improvements at Route 4 and Route 63, Town of Goshen, Litchfield County, CT and has no issue with the project moving forward with the following standard stipulations:
  - If previously undocumented archaeological resources are encountered, please contact me promptly and follow the Inadvertent Discovery Policy on the Stockbridge-Munsee Community website: <https://www.mohican.com/mt-content/uploads/2022/09/smc-inadvertent-discovery-policy.pdf>.
  - Please give due attention to the incidental or routine movement of heavy machinery both inside and outside the stated area of potential effects (APE) that may cause unintended or inadvertent impacts to cultural resources.
  - Should the proposed work be altered to expand beyond the current scope of work and/or APE, we ask to be notified.
2. However, regarding the second project, Replacement of Bridge #04986, Town of Wilton, Fairfield County, CT, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation Office has concerns and recommends a Phase 1 archaeological survey. Without more information on the degree of prior disturbance and the fact that “characteristics of the soils in the western portion of the APE indicate that the area has the potential to contain previously undocumented archaeological sites,” it seems prudent to investigate the possibility of extant cultural resources in this APE prior to construction.

Regards,  
Jeff

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Dear Tribal representatives,

Please see consultation documents attached. There are 2 projects included in this submission, as follows:

SPN 0054-0087 Roundabout Improvements at Route 4 and Route 63 (Goshen, Litchfield County). CTDOT, with funding support from FHWA, proposes improvements to the existing roundabout at the intersection of Routes 4 and 63 [FAP #1054(003)].

SPN 0161-0147 Replacement of Bridge #04986 (Wilton, Fairfield County). CTDOT, with funding support from FHWA, proposes the full replacement of State Bridge #04986, which carries Sugar Hollow Road over the Norwalk River [FAP #6161(012)].

Your non-response after 30 days will be considered to indicate no concerns with

the projects as proposed. Where no adverse effect is anticipated, this will conclude our project level consultation.

If you wish to discuss these projects in more detail, please contact me to schedule a call or a meeting.

Thank You,

-Emilie

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### 3 PDFs

July 2025 Tribal Consultation - Monthly Letter to Initiate western.pdf, Goshen 0054-0087 Tribal Consult Package July 2025.pdf, Wilton 0161-0147 Tribal Consult Package July 2025.pdf

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Good morning Emilie,

Lucas just shared your question/comment about the Phase I requested by SMC on July 21. We are working on getting the Phase I scoped and tasked through our design consultant. Let me know if you need additional information from CTDOT to share with SMC or if SMC would like to schedule something to talk about the Phase I.

Thanks,

Heather

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Dear CTDOT Cultural Resources Unit:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has conducted and concluded tribal consultation for transportation undertakings, as requested by your office. On November 13, 2025, FHWA electronically delivered information about applicable undertakings to those Federally recognized Indian tribes which have an identified area of interest including the project area.

Response was received, as indicated below, from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Mohegan Tribe. Please see attached copies of this communication and note any requested further action from the THPO's.

**The following undertakings have undergone tribal consultation:**

SPN	Description	Summary Comments Received from Tribe(s)
0004-0136	Replacement of Bridge #02112 (Avon, Hartford County). [FAP # 0010(131)].	Anticipate PA Exempt. Mohegan THPO – email no concerns 11/26/2025. No additional responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
0011-0161	Replacement of Bridge #01488 (Bloomfield, Hartford, County). [FAP #0178(004)].	Anticipate PA Exempt. Anticipate PA Exempt. Mohegan THPO – email no concerns 11/26/2025. No additional responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
0174-0478	Detection Upgrades in the Danbury Urban Area (Various Municipalities, Fairfield County). [FAP # 000T(485)].	Anticipate PA Exempt. SMC THPO – email no concerns 11/17/2025. Mohegan THPO – email no concerns 11/26/2025. No additional responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
0173-0551	<b>District 3 - Traffic Control Signal Replacement (Various Municipalities, Fairfield and New Haven Counties). [FAP #TBD]</b>	Anticipated NAE. SMC THPO – email no concerns 11/17/2025. Mohegan THPO – email <u>w/concerns</u> 11/26/2025. No additional responses received. <b>Additional consultation coordination anticipated for this project.</b>
0174-0481	<b>District 4 - Installation and Revision of Traffic Control Signals (Various Municipalities, Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties). [FAP #TBD].</b>	<b>Conditional</b> NAE anticipated. SMC THPO – email no concerns 11/17/2025. Mohegan THPO – email <u>w/concerns</u> 11/26/2025. No additional responses received. <b>Additional consultation coordination anticipated for this project..</b>
0058-0341	Intersection Improvements - Route 614 at I-95 Ramps (Groton, New London County). [FAP #0954(117)].	Anticipated no effect. Mohegan THPO – email no concerns 12/12/2025. No additional responses received. No further consultation anticipated for this project as proposed.
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With this letter, the 30-day Tribal consultation period is concluded for the submitted documents related to undertakings identified herein. FHWA has continuing consultation responsibilities to respond to comments and requests for information received from the Tribes, as well as providing opportunities for Tribal review and comment on reports and documents relating to projects for which they are identified as consulting or concurring parties.

We look forward to working with your office to resolve any comments provided by Tribes. FHWA appreciates your continued cooperation in tracking Tribal consultation outcomes and your assistance in ensuring that commitments made to Tribes are met. If you have any questions, please contact me telephone at 860-494-7577 or by email at [emilie.holland@dot.gov](mailto:emilie.holland@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation Office has no issue with the following projects moving forward:

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SPN 0173-0551  
SPN 0174-0481  
SPN 0161-0147  
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With regard to SPN 0174-0470 , the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal historic Preservation Office

concur that there is “little potential for impact to unidentified archaeological resources so long as the project remains confined to the existing previously disturbed transportation/bridge ROW.” Please inform us if this will be the case with these four bridge rehabilitation projects and observe the following:

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- Should the proposed work be altered to expand beyond the current scope of work and/or APE, we ask to be notified.

Regards,  
Jeff

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### 8 PDFs

November 2025 Tribal Consultation - Monthly Letter to Initiate northwest.pdf, Danbury 0174-0478 Tribal Consult Package Nov 2025.pdf, District 4 0174-0481 Tribal Consult Package Nov 2025.pdf, District 3 0173-0551 Tribal Consult Package Nov 2025.pdf, Thomaston\_Litchfield\_Harwinton 0174-0470 Tribal Consult Nov 2025.pdf, Waterbury 0174-0479 Tribal Consult Package Nov 2025.pdf, Wilton 0161-0147 Tribal Consult Phase 1AB draft report Nov 2025.pdf, Section106 PA Quarterly Report Jan to Mar 2025 Full Report.pdf

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Nov 26, 2025, 10:00 AM

To: emilie.holland@dot.gov

No attachments

Hi Emilie,

I am sending over determinations, and a few other comments regarding the November FHWA packet.

SPN 0004-0136 - No Adverse Effects

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SPN 0174-0478 - No Historic Properties Affected

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There is the 051-017 archaeological site not too far away, and is noted as being a burial site.

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Best,

Evan

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Dec 2, 2025, 9:58 AM

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Evan,

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I believe this response adequately addresses the issues you raised, however, if you wish to schedule a call or meeting to discuss the matter in more detail, please let me know.

I am cc'ing David Williams, also of the FHWA Connecticut Division, because I am scheduled to be on leave for much of the remainder of this month. Please include him on any response if you are looking to set anything up before January.

Thank you,

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-Emilie

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Hi Emilie,

Thank you for sharing this! The response does address our concerns; we just ask as always that if there is a discovery of archaeological remains or resources during the work construction halts immediately, and notice is sent to the Tribe and appropriate Federal Agency.

-Evan

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Evan,

Please see the attached response from CTDOT regarding the apparent inconsistencies in the data records at this site.

I believe this response adequately addresses the issues you raised, however, if you wish to schedule a call or meeting to discuss the matter in more detail, please let me know.

I am cc'ing David Williams, also of the FHWA Connecticut Division, because I am scheduled to be on leave for much of the remainder of this month. Please include him on any response if you are looking to set anything up before January.

Thank you,

-Emilie

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Hi Emilie,

I am following up about the final projects I have yet to send you comments on. Here they are:

SPN 0130-0196

No Historic Properties Affected. We would just ask, as mentioned in the project description, that the existing ROW is utilized due to the nature of

soils with high potential.

SPN 0115-0124

No Adverse effect to historic properties. Similar to the project above while we understand rain events have lowered the likelihood, we would ask for caution to be exercised, as the project sits on top of soils with high potential to yield archaeological resources.

SPN 0058-0341

For this project we came across a couple of things that raised concern. While searching through CONNCRIS there is an archaeological site that is not referenced in the project plans, or maps. Site 059-037 "English Approach" sits roughly .15 miles from the APE, and is noted at the corner of Algonquin Dr. and Pequot Ave. With this site, and the Pequot Fort site roughly .3 miles away from the APE, we do have concerns about the potential of undocumented archaeological resources during this project. Along with that the CONNCRIS soil maps seem to have a bit of discrepancy from what was found using the NRCS soil maps. We are noting the project, particularly the Southern part of the APE sitting on Charlton, and Canton Fine Sandy Loam, as well as Woodbridge Fine Sandy Loam. Those would have a higher potential, than the moderate potential soils referenced in the project description. For this project would you, or the applicant, be able to help provide any information about the exclusion of archaeological site 059-037 from the plans, as well as the soil discrepancies between ConnCris, and NRCS?

Best,  
Evan

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*SPN 0011-0161 Replacement of Bridge #01488 (Bloomfield, Hartford, County) - Route 178 (Mountain Avenue) over Wash Brook [FAP #0178(004)].*

*SPN 0174-0478 Detection Upgrades in the Danbury Urban Area (Various Municipalities, Fairfield County) - twelve (12) locations within the municipalities of Bethel, Brookfield, and Danbury [FAP # 000T(485)].*

*SPN 0173-0551 District 3 - Traffic Control Signal Replacement (Various Municipalities, Fairfield and New Haven Counties) - 49 locations across the southwest part of the state. [FAP #TBD].*

*SPN 0174-0481 District 4 - Installation and Revision of Traffic Control Signals (Various Municipalities, Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven Counties) - 11 locations within central region of the State. [FAP #TBD].*

*SPN 0058-0341 Intersection Improvements - Route 614 at I-95 Ramps (Groton, New London County) - Route 614 at the I-95 Northbound and Southbound Ramps [FAP #0954(117)].*

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