

Appendix F
Agency Correspondence

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

DASNY /SEQRA-M 04/30/07
PROJECT NUMBER DATE RECEIVED

PROJECT

NYU COGENERATION FACILITY:

- No architectural significance
- No archaeological significance
- Designated New York City Landmark or Within Designated Historic District
- Listed on National Register of Historic Places
- Appears to be eligible for National Register Listing and/or New York City Landmark Designation
- May be archaeologically significant; requesting additional materials

COMMENTS

The LPC is in receipt of the EAF dated 4/12/07. Archaeology comments are under separate cover. The text of the EAF for architecture is acceptable with the following changes to Table A-2 on page A-9. Items 8 (Silver Towers) and 25 (Washington Square Village Apartments) both appear eligible for LPC designation. Item 17, King Juan Carlos I Center, is a designated LPC landmark.

cc: SHPO

Gina Santucci 05/21/07
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Office of the Vice President
Facilities & Construction Management
Received 05/11/07



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December 19, 2008

Council Member Alan J. Gerson
District Office
49-51 Chambers Street, Suite 429
New York, NY 10007

Re: Washington Square Village, Mercer Street, 3rd Street, LaGuardia Place and Bleecker Street,
Manhattan

Dear Council Member Alan J. Gerson:

In response to the information you submitted concerning the property referenced above, a senior staff committee of the Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed the property for consideration as a potential landmark. After a careful review of the property's current condition and architectural integrity, the committee found that the property has been altered, these alterations include the re-cladding of the ends of the buildings. We also note that Hilary Ballon in a recent essay does not cite the property as one of Robert Moses' most important projects. For these reasons, the property will not be recommended to the full Commission for further consideration as an individual New York City Landmark at this time.

The decision not to recommend further consideration is based on our current priorities. This decision could be reconsidered at a later date by the Commission should additional information about the property's significance become available.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation and in the works of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Betts

RESOURCE EVALUATION

Date:	February 23, 2011	Staff:	Kathy Howe
Property:	Washington Square Village	MCD:	Manhattan
Address:	Bounded by W. 3rd, Bleecker St., Mercer St. & LaGuardia Place	County:	New York
Project Ref. No.:	10PR03999	USN:	06101.016170

- I. Property is individually listed on SR/NR :
 Name of listing :
 Property is a contributing component of a SR/NR district:
 Name of District:
- II. Property meets eligibility criteria
 Property contributes to a district which appears to meet eligibility criteria.
 Pre SRB: Post SRB: SRB Date

Criteria for inclusion in the National Register.

- A **Associated** with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B **Associated** with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; or represents the work of a master; or possess high artistic values; or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose component may lack individual distinction;
- D **Have** yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The SHPO concurs with the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission's finding of 5/21/07 that Washington Square Village appears to be eligible for National Register listing. It is the opinion of the SHPO that the superblock complex of two residential towers, elevated landscaped plaza, commercial strip, and below-grade parking meets Criterion C as an impressive example of postwar urban renewal planning and design. Paul Lester Wiener working with S.J. Kesler & Sons Architects designed the complex which was constructed between 1956 and 1958. The towers are notable for their vibrant blue, yellow, and red glazed brickwork that contrasts with the field of grey glazed brick. Corbusian influences are shown by the sculptural elements hiding mechanical equipment on the roof and the pilotis forms at the base. Sasaki, Walker & Associates were responsible for the landscape which is one of the earliest parking structure roof gardens in the country.

If you have any questions concerning this Determination of Eligibility, please call Kathy Howe at 518-237-8643. ext 3266



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March 11, 2011

Denise Langer
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New York University
Elmer Holmes Bobst Library
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New York, NY 10012-1091

Re: DASNY
NYU in NYC University Village
Washington Square Village
New York County
10PR03999

Dear Ms. Langer:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York State Field Services Bureau of the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the additional information regarding the Washington Square Village Site (WSV Site) in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Field Services Bureau and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include other environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

Our architectural historian for New York City has determined that the WSV Site is eligible for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The Resource Evaluation is enclosed for your use. We understand that the original plan to construct a fourth tower on the University Village site will not proceed. We request to review any proposed work at the site when plans are available.

If you have any questions or if you wish to discuss our comments I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3282. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Cumming
Historic Site Restoration Coordinator
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cc: R. Derico – DASNY
J. Homkow – DASNY
Enc: Resource Evaluation

via e-mail

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING/77DCP035M

3/2/2011

Project number

Date received

Project: NYU CORE

Comments:

The LPC is in receipt of the preliminary scope of work for EIS and the draft EAS of 2/9/11. The scope of work is acceptable for historic and cultural resources.

Architecture:

Silver Towers (University Village, LPC designated) is within the proposed development area. The Brown Building, 23 Washington Place (LPC designated) is within the additional rezoning area. Potential impacts to this property as a result of this project should be noted and disclosed in the EIS. Adjacent to the project area:

LPC and S/NR listed: Soho HD and Soho HD Extension; Greenwich Village HD; and the Judson Memorial Church.

LPC heard and S/NR eligible: 160 Bleecker St.

LPC and S/NR eligible: Greenwich Village HD extension; Noho West HD.

Archaeology:

LPC review of archaeological sensitivity models and historic maps indicates that there is potential for the recovery of remains from 19th Century occupation for the following right of ways and Borough, Block and Lot location(s) within the study area:

Mercer Street right of way between Bleecker and Great Jones Streets

LaGuardia Place right of way between Bleecker and W3rd Streets

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1005350008

Accordingly, the Commission recommends that an archaeological documentary study be performed for these location(s) to clarify these initial findings and provide the threshold for the next level of review, if such review is necessary (see CEQR Technical Manual 2010).

There are no further archeological concerns for the following right of ways and Borough, Block and Lot location(s) within the study area:

Mercer Street between W3 and W4 Streets
Mercer Street between Houston and Bleecker Streets
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Gina Santucci

3/14/2011

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DATE

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Project number: DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING / 77DCP035M
Project: NYU CORE
Date received: 3/24/2011

Comments: The LPC is in receipt of the revised draft scope of work dated 3/16/11. Since the issuance of LPC comments of 3/11/11, new information on historic resource identification has been received by LPC.

Washington Square Village does not appear LPC eligible as per LPC Request for Evaluation (RFE) comments of 12/19/08 issued by the LPC Research Department.

Additionally, LPC is in receipt of the SHPO determination of eligibility for Washington Square Village dated 2/23/11.



3/24/2011

SIGNATURE
Gina Santucci, Environmental Review Coordinator

DATE

File Name: 27584_FSO_GS_03242011.doc



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April 6, 2011

ISSUED TO:

Martin Dorph
New York University
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New York, NY 10012

Re: **STATUS UPDATE LETTER**
LPC - 117194
SUL 11-8395
100-110 BLEECKER STREET
University Village
INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK
Borough of Manhattan
Block/Lot: 524 / 66

This letter is to inform you that at the Public Meeting of April 5, 2011, following the Public Hearing of the same date, the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to approve a proposal to modify the landscape and install a playground and assorted fixtures, at the subject premises. The approval will expire on April 5, 2017.

However, the Commission made its determination subject to the following stipulations: that the transition between the plaza and the northwest corner of the proposed playground be softened; and that two signed and sealed copies of the Department of Buildings drawings for the approved work be submitted to the staff of the Commission for review and approval. Upon receipt, review, and approval of two sets of drawings showing the required changes, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued.

Please note that all drawings, including amendments which are to be filed at the Department of Buildings, must be approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Thank you for your cooperation.

Joshua Speakman

Please Note: THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

cc: C. Kane Levy- Deputy Director of Preservation; Elise Quasebarth,
Higgins Quasebarth & Partners



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April 8, 2011

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Re: DASNY
NYU Core
University Village
New York County
10PR03999

Dear Ms. Langer:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York State Field Services Bureau of the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted documents for the proposed modifications of the site known as University Village. We have continued to review this information in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Field Services Bureau and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include other environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

We are pleased to see that the historic seating area and playground will be retained and repurposed in the site modifications. We would like to offer a few comments regarding the proposed design:

1. We would prefer that the new playground take it's inspiration in form from the existing historic layout. Historically, this site has hard rectangular spaces. The proposed playground does not reflect this design characteristic.
2. We would suggest that the axial pattern to the historic seating area be retained and emphasized. In the proposed plan, it appears to blend in with the surrounding playground and lose its axial pathway.

Otherwise, we have no other substantive comments at this time. We look forward to further details of the full project. If you have any questions or if you wish to discuss our comments I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3282. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Cumming
Historic Site Restoration Coordinator
e-mail: Beth.cumming@oprhp.state.ny.us

cc: R. Derico – DASNY
J. Homkow – DASNY

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April 26, 2011

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Environmental Assessment and Review Division
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Re: DASNY
NYU Core
University Village
New York County
10PR03999

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York State Field Services Bureau of the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for the proposed project known as NYU Core. We have reviewed the submitted Draft EAS and DSOW documents in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law).

Based upon our review, we note that both the Draft EAS and the Scope of work do not include University Village as an historic resource. Given the number of questions our office has received regarding the historic evaluation of University Village, we assume these documents have been corrected. To be clear, University Village is eligible for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Otherwise, we have no substantive comments on these documents and look forward to continuing to review the proposed work.

. If you have any questions or if you wish to discuss our comments I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3282. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Cumming
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D. Langer - NYU



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PERMIT

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

ISSUE DATE: 07/27/2011	EXPIRATION DATE: 04/05/2017	DOCKET #: 12-2680	COFA #: COFA 12-3095
ADDRESS 100-110 BLEECKER STREET		BOROUGH: MANHATTAN	BLOCK/LOT: 524/66
INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK UNIVERSITY VILLAGE			

Display This Permit While Work Is In Progress

ISSUED TO:

Martin Dorph
New York University
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Pursuant to Section 25-307 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, at the Public Meeting of April 5, 2011 following the Public Hearing of the same date, voted to approve with modifications a proposal for work at the subject premises, as put forward in your application completed on March 10, 2011, and as you were informed in the Status Update Letter issued on April 6, 2011 (SUL 11-8395, LPC 11-7194). This approval will expire on April 5, 2017.

The proposed work, as approved, consists of removing non-historic fences, light fixtures, diagonal pathway, and dumpster enclosure; installing new light fixtures on the plaza to match the original fixtures; repairing or replacing in-kind the concrete bollards on the plaza; constructing a new playground and dog run in the southeast corner of the site, including light fixtures, metal fences, concrete benches, play surface, wood deck, and play equipment; installing new light fixtures and perimeter fencing throughout the site; planting new trees along Houston Street; planting trees and vegetation within the northern Oak Grove and the new playground. The work was shown in presentation drawings 1 through 5 dated April 5, 2011, submitted as components of the application and presented at the Public Meeting and Public Hearing.

In reviewing this proposal, the Commission noted that the University Village designation report describes 100-110 Bleecker Street as a Brutalist style residential complex designed by James Ingo Freed of I. M. Pei & Associates and built in 1964-67; and that the landscaping, plantings, pathways, site plan, and relationship of the towers to the landscaping and site elements are significant and character defining components of the Le Corbusier influenced Brutalist style and are among the features which contribute to the special architectural and historic character of this Individual Landmark.

With regard to this proposal, the Commission found that the removal of the non-historic fences, light fixtures, diagonal pathway, and dumpster enclosure will eliminate unsympathetic alterations that detract from the

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 drawings are reviewed and approved.

significant architectural features of the building, without causing the removal of any historic fabric; that the restoration of the historic globe pole lights and concrete bollards will return these elements to their historic appearance; that the removal of the concrete pathways in the southeast corner will not result in the loss of a significant amount of historic fabric; that the southeast corner of the site has historically been altered as the needs of the residents have evolved, including the addition of an historic playground in 1967, therefore the presence of the proposed new playground is in keeping with the developmental history and character of the site; that the original features of the historic playground and circular seating area will be repaired and reused in the new site design, thereby retaining these significant features; that the pattern of the proposed play surface within the playground will recall the historic east-west pathway; that the installation of the proposed light fixtures, metal fences, concrete benches, play surface, wood deck, and play equipment will not result in damage to any significant historic fabric will not call undue attention to themselves and are easily reversible; that the proposed lighting fixtures will be discreetly located in vegetation, beneath overhangs, and within existing elements and therefore will not detract from the special character of the site; that the replacement of the tall non-historic fences at the perimeter with lower, simpler fences will be more in keeping with the original open character of the site; that the proposed additional trees along Houston Street will be in keeping with the historic method of using trees to define the perimeter of the site; that proposed trees and planting around the playground will be in keeping with the informal plantings historically found in the southeast corner of the site; and that the proposed work will restore elements of the original design, thereby enhancing the special character of this Individual Landmark. Based on these findings, the Commission determined the proposed work to be appropriate to the building and the historic district, and voted to approve the proposal with modifications.

However, the Commission made its determination subject to the following stipulations: that the transition between the plaza and the northwest corner of the proposed playground be softened; and that two signed and sealed copies of the Department of Buildings drawings for the approved work be submitted to the staff of the Commission for review and approval.

Subsequently, the Landmarks Preservation Commission received presentation drawings 2 through 17, 19, 20, 22 through 27, 29 through 32, 34, 35, 36, and 39 through 52, and appendix drawings 1 through 11, 15, 16, 17, and 20 through 24 all dated April 27, 2011 and presentation drawings 1, 18, 21, 28, 33, 37, and 38, and appendix drawings 12, 13, 14, 18, and 19 all dated revised June 14, 2011. The work also includes repairing concrete benches, walls, gutters, and paving; repairing the Belgian block driveway; repairing the damaged taxi call lights; and replacing free-standing trash cans and dog litter bins.

The Commission reviewed the drawings and found that the fence originally proposed at the outer edge of the northern playground area has been relocated to be recessed from the edge of the plaza, behind the proposed vegetation; that the concrete, driveway, and call light repairs work will return these elements to a condition more in keeping with their original appearance; that the installation of the trash cans and dog litter bins will not result in damage to or loss of any significant historic fabric; that the proposal approved by the Commission has been maintained, and that the requirements made by the Commission have been incorporated into the design. Based on this and the above findings, the drawings have been marked approved with a perforated seal and Certificate of Appropriateness 12-3005 is being issued.

The Commission notes that the applicant is applying to the City Planning Commission for certain variances. Any changes to the design required by the City Planning Commission approval must be submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for review and approval prior to the issuance of the final approval letter.

PLEASE NOTE: This permit is issued contingent upon the Commission's review and approval of the final Department of Buildings filing set of drawings. No work can begin until the final drawings have been marked approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission with a perforated seal. Please submit these drawings to the Landmarks Preservation Commission staff when they become available.

This permit is issued on the basis of the building and site conditions described in the application and disclosed during the review process. By accepting this permit, the applicant agrees to notify the Commission if the actual building or site conditions vary or if original or historic building fabric is discovered. The Commission reserves

the right to amend or revoke this permit, upon written notice to the applicant, in the event that the actual building or site conditions are materially different from those described in the application or disclosed during the review process.

All approved drawings are marked approved by the Commission with a perforated seal indicating the date of approval. The work is limited to what is contained in the perforated documents. Other work or amendments to this filing must be reviewed and approved separately. The applicant is hereby put on notice that performing or maintaining any work not explicitly authorized by this permit may make the applicant liable for criminal and/or civil penalties, including imprisonment and fines. This letter constitutes the permit; a copy must be prominently displayed at the site while work is in progress. Please direct inquiries to Joshua Speakman.



Robert B. Tierney
Chair

**PLEASE NOTE: PERFORATED DRAWINGS AND A COPY OF THIS PERMIT HAVE BEEN SENT TO:
Elise Quasebarth, Higgins Quasebarth & Partners**

cc: C. Kane Levy- Deputy Director of Preservation

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September 14, 2011

Elizabeth Meade
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Dear Ms. Meade;

Re: DASNY
New York University
2031 Redevelopment Plan
Multiple Lots
Manhattan, New York County, NY
10PR03999

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) with regard to the potential for this project to affect significant historical/cultural resources. OPRHP has reviewed the document "*Phase 1A Archaeological Documentary Study, New York University Core, Blocks 524 and 633 and the Streetbeds of Mercer Street Between Bleecker and West Third Streets and LaGuardia Place Between West Houston and West Third Streets, New York, New York*", which was prepared by your firm in June 2011. Based on this review, OPRHP concurs with the recommendations of the report for Phase 1B archaeological testing in limited areas as they are defined by the report, and where actual construction work is proposed.

Please contact me at extension 3291, or by e-mail at douglas.mackey@oprhp.state.ny.us, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely

Douglas P. Mackey
Historic Preservation Program Analyst
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December 28, 2011

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Re: DASNY
NYU Core
Washington Square Village (North Block)
New York County
11PR07961

Dear Mr. Dobruskin:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York State Field Services Bureau of the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). Based upon our conversations, this Undertaking (the North Block) has been given a new project number as seen above (old project number 10PR03999). The South Block will now be considered a separate Undertaking and will be reviewed under the new project number 11PR07985. We have reviewed the alternatives analysis for the proposed work at the North Block in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Field Services Bureau and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include other environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

Based upon our review of the Alternatives Analysis dated November 28, 2011, OPRHP concurs that there are no Prudent and Feasible alternatives to placing the needed university space within the North Block. We understand that locating the academic spaces within the existing boundaries of NYU's central Washington Square campus is a key requirement that the existing space at the North Block provides. We further acknowledge that while this proposed work is an Adverse Impact to the existing North Block, we believe that this construction will reduce academic development pressure on the surrounding historic districts; in particular, minimizing the need to expend further into the Greenwich Village Historic District.

We can now begin discussions that may minimize harm to the existing historic resources. At this time, we can also begin development of a Letter of Resolution (LOR) that will document the alternatives explored and the mitigation measures to be implemented. If you have any questions or if you wish to discuss our comments I can be reached at

(518) 237-8643, ext. 3282. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth A. Cumming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

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Historic Site Restoration Coordinator
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cc: R. Derico
D. McCarthy – NYC
D. Langer – NYU

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Re: DASNY
NYU Core
University Village (South Block)
New York County
11PR07985

Dear Mr. Dobruskin:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York State Field Services Bureau of the Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). Based upon our conversations, this South Block project will be considered an Undertaking under project 11PR07985. We have reviewed the proposed work at the South Block in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Field Services Bureau and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include other environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617).

Douglas Mackey of our Archeology Unit notes that the project area contains three lots which have been identified as having archeological potential; 84 West Houston Street, 136 and 138 Bleecker Street. From the currently available design plans it appears that 84 West Houston Street and 138 Bleecker Street will be left as open space and therefore ground disturbance is likely to be minimal. At 136 Bleecker Street work is proposed directly adjacent to the proposed work at the "Morton Williams Building Site" and this lot may be impacted by the proposed work.

As you know, Silver Towers aka University Village on the South Block is eligible for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Site work is planned within this historic complex and new construction is proposed close by which have the potential to impact this historic resource.

Based upon our review of the submitted documents regarding the proposed work at the South Block, it is OPRHP's opinion that the proposed work will have No Adverse Impact upon historic resources provided the following conditions are met:

1. OPRHP will be provided with preliminary and pre-final construction foundation plans for the new construction so that we may continue to consult regarding potential archeological impacts due to the proposed new construction.
2. A monitoring plan for archeological resources during construction must be prepared and approved by OPRHP prior to any construction.
3. A construction protection plan shall be put in place for all historic resources with 90 feet of the proposed construction. The plan should be developed in accordance with the New York City Department of Buildings “Technical Policy Procedure Notice #10/88” and the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission guidelines described in “Protection Programs for Landmarked Buildings”.

If you have any questions or if you wish to discuss our comments I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3282. Please refer to the Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,



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