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ARCHAEOLOGY COMMENTS

Phase IA Archaeological Survey Recommendation
Project: Carleton (Wychoff) Villa
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Your project is in an archaeologically sensitive area. Therefore, the State Historic Preservation Office/Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO/OPRHP) recommends that a Phase IA Literature Search and Sensitivity Assessment survey is warranted. A Phase IA archaeological survey is designed to identify previously recorded archaeological sites and other cultural resources within or near the project area, to assess the archaeological sensitivity of the project area, to document previous ground disturbance and to make recommendations regarding the potential need for Phase IB subsurface archaeological testing.

Please note that the project is located in an unusually sensitive area in close proximity to the Fort Haldimand Site (USN 04505.000001). The fort was constructed by the British forces during the Revolutionary War and is known to contain a burial ground. Previous finds in the area have included a cannon, cannon balls and other military artifacts. In addition, a deliberately scuttled ship (likely the British ship named the Haldimand) is located in the waters not far from the project APE. Given the sensitivity of the location, OPRHP request that the Phase IA also include a detailed work scope incorporating methods that are appropriate to the archaeological investigation of a battlefield site such as a magnetometer survey.

Our office does not conduct archaeological surveys. A 36 CFR 61 qualified archaeologist should be retained to conduct the Phase IA archaeological survey.

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