



## Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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October 23, 2015

Nicholas W. Minoia  
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EFG/DRA Heritage, LLC  
47 River Road  
Summit, NJ 07901

Re: Hudson River State Hospital Redevelopment Plan  
Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County  
15PR04253

Dear Mr. Minoia:

Thank you for hosting the recent meeting where our office and the development team could gain a more thorough understanding of the project plan and our previous comments.

Your letter of October 22 provides a clear overview of what was discussed concerning this transformational mid-Hudson Valley project. We were very pleased to learn that you have committed to the retention and eventual adaptive reuse of the Administration Wing (Central Core of Building 51), the Library (Building 73), the Amusement Hall (Building 38), the Protestant Chapel (Building 35) and the Director's Residence (Building 59). In addition, we are also encouraged to see that your team has committed to the retention and possible restoration of the Olmsted Great Lawn and the North Tower.

The decision to retain and reuse these important resources demonstrates your company's clear commitment to the historic importance of the former state hospital and National Historic Landmark. Furthermore, the plan fulfills the preservation comments we had provided the local lead agency under SEQRA in our letters of July 16 and August 11, 2015. In those letters we also concurred with your assessment that the remaining historic buildings on the property have become structurally unsound due to vandalism, fire and/or extensive deterioration as a result of previous abandonment.

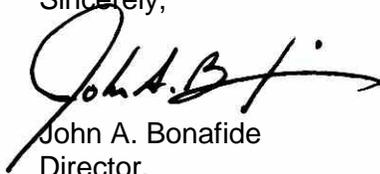
At this time we are not aware of any state or federal permit or funding involvement that might require additional review from this office. However, if such involvement does occur in the future we are confident that the consultation and commitments you have made will meet the requirements of such reviews and can be supported by this office.

Lastly, we thank you for offering to pull together documentation photography that was previously completed on the buildings throughout the campus. These images will be used to create a documentation package of the former state hospital that will remain with our office.

In closing, we offer our assistance to help with any technical preservation issues that may arise as the reuse of the historic buildings moves forward. We will also continue to seek information about the design of the "great lawn" and pass along any material that may be uncovered.

If I or my staff can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 268-2166 or [john.bonafide@parks.ny.gov](mailto:john.bonafide@parks.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Bonafide". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John A. Bonafide  
Director,  
Technical Preservation Services Bureau

cc: Jonathan Stein  
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