

December 15, 2017

Mr. Nelson Tereso
Department of Economic and Community Development
450 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, CT 06103

Subject: Industrial Park Expansion
Great Hill Road/South Main Street
Naugatuck and Waterbury, Connecticut.

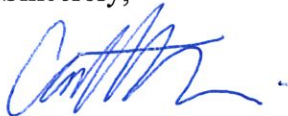
Dear Mr. Tereso:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the referenced project in response to a Scoping Notice posted on the Environmental Monitor. SHPO understands that Urban Act funds have been requested for infrastructural developments within approximately 163 acres of vacant land straddling the City of Waterbury and the Borough of Naugatuck to facilitate the extension of an existing industrial Park. The funding will be administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)

The proposed project area roughly is situated between the Naugatuck River to its west and an unnamed wetland along its eastern edge. The topography ranges from gently to steeply sloping and, in places, is comprised of soil types frequently associated with archeological sites. Based on the environmental characteristics of the project site, it is SHPO's opinion that intact and well-drained soils within the project area have an elevated potential to contain significant archaeological resources. We are therefore requesting that a professional archaeological survey be completed prior to construction. Subsurface testing need only assess areas of anticipated ground disturbance identified as having a moderate to high probability for containing significant archeological deposits. All work should be in compliance with our *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources* and no construction or other project-related ground disturbance should be initiated until SHPO has had an opportunity to review and comment upon the requested survey. A list of qualified consultants is attached for your convenience.

This office appreciates your cooperation and we look forward to continuing consultation. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. For additional information, please contact me at (860) 500-2329 or catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Catherine Labadia
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer