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Subject: RT 30 Solar Farm Project, 117 Bliss Road, Town of Schoharie, New York
Preliminary results of Phase I archeological investigation
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Dear Mr. Albrecht,

Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. (Hartgen) completed Phase I archeological fieldwork for the proposed Route 30 Solar Project (Project) located at 117 Bliss Road in the Town of Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York. The archeological field reconnaissance was conducted between August 21 and August 27, 2019. A total of 333 shovel tests were excavated in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) standards for solar array projects. Tests were typically excavated at 15-meter intervals; 24 tests were excavated at 1- and 3-meter intervals in the vicinity of archeological finds to assess their significance.

One precontact flake was recovered. Radial tests at 1- and 3-meter intervals in cardinal directions around this test did not recover any additional cultural materials. No further work is recommended in this area.

Historic materials were recovered from seven shovel tests in the central-eastern portion of the Project, comprising two separate low-density historic scatters and an isolated cut nail. Such small scatters of historic materials are common in agricultural fields and do not constitute an archeological site.

A Phase I report adhering to the SHPO standards is currently being prepared. Hartgen recommends no further work and anticipates that the SHPO will determine that the project will have no effect on historic properties.

Regards,


Justin DiVirgilio
President