



VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

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Jennifer B. Leynes, M.H.P.
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

**RE: PARK DEVELOPMENT OF ZABRISKIE-SCHEDLER PROPERTY
VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PROJECT AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION (HPO #20-0608-29)**

Dear Ms. Leynes:

Please accept this letter as a follow-up to the Historic Sites Council meetings held on July 21 and August 21, 2025, with regard to the Zabriskie-Schedler Park Development application in the Village of Ridgewood ("Village"). The Village wishes to share the following documents and materials with the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office ("HPO") following inquiries made at both hearings:

- Ridgewood Village Council Resolution 25-346, which was unanimously adopted on August 13, 2025, committing the necessary resources and funding to establish the History & Cultural Center of Bergen County ("Center") at the Zabriskie-Schedler House.
- Ridgewood Public Library Board Resolution 25-15, which was unanimously adopted on July 22, 2025, partnering with the Village, on behalf of the Bolger Heritage Center, to support and participate in the establishment of the Center.
- A letter dated July 28, 2025, from the Ridgewood Historical Society acknowledging their support and participation in creating the Center.
- A programming and contribution proposal from the Ridgewood Public Library for the Center.

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- An on-site alternative plan and a concept rendering for the placement of the artificial field at the Zabriskie-Schedler Park.

The on-site alternative was created in response to an inquiry by Historic Sites Council Member Marilou Ehrler at the July 21, 2025 meeting. This option, which was offered as an agreeable condition at the August 21, 2025 meeting, moves the field farther away from the house. Details of the new concept are listed below:

- The field is 171 feet away from the house, compared to 63 feet in the original site plan submitted with the project application in April.
- The landscaped, natural buffer area between the house and park is substantially increased.
- The restrooms have been relocated to the parking lot area, away from neighborhood homes. This is an issue that has recently been raised by residents.
- A second row of trees has been added to the north side of the property, providing a more substantial buffer between the park and the homes.
- The number of parking spaces in the lot has increased from 41 to 53, but in a more centralized area.
- The temporary bleachers have been removed from the plan.
- The moving of the field reduces any impact to Core Area 1 identified in the completed archaeological surveys. Therefore, the condition for monitoring and recovery would not be warranted with this option.

All of these changes were made based on resident feedback and concerns, along with addressing comments, questions, and inquiries made by the members of the Historic Sites Council.

We respectfully submit these documents for review and to complete your file.

Best Regards,



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cc: Elizabeth Dragon, Assistant Commissioner
Dr. Katherine J. Marcopul, Administrator and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer