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VIA EMAIL, kkazmark@ridgewoodnj.net

**RE: Bergen County, Ridgewood Village
Site Remediation Program
460 West Saddle River Road
Block 4704, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12
Application for Project Authorization
New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act Review
John A.L. Zabriskie House Archaeological site, Site Core 1 (28-Be-232)
John A.L. Zabriskie House (SR: 8/14/2019; NR: 11/22/2019)
CLARIFICATION**

Dear Mr. Kazmark,

Please note that this letter serves as a clarification to HPO C 2026-039. The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) is in receipt of an Application for Project Authorization (Application) under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act for the proposed above-referenced project (HPO project # 26-0709-1,-2), which involves tree removal for access followed by a program of soil remediation through excavation and/or chemical treatment. The Project is proposed as a response to the site remediation project.

Upon review by the HPO, the Application for Project Authorization pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act (NJAC7:4-7) was technically and professionally complete and sufficient pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.1(d), on March 3, 2026.

The HPO has determined that the Zabriskie-Schedler House site remediation program is in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation* as work avoids the John A.L. Zabriskie House Archaeological site, Site Core 1 (28-Be-232). Therefore, the project (HPO Project # 26-0709) will **not constitute an**

encroachment upon the John A.L. Zabriskie House which is listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(d), the project may proceed as documented. The site remediation program is therefore approved as proposed under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act (NJAC 7:4-7).

Please note the “remediation” of this site is on a parallel track through NJAC 7:26C, which involves decisions being made by a Licensed Site Remediation Professional as well as solid waste corrective actions being managed by DEP’s Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement pursuant to NJAC 7:26. While the HPO’s authorization does not supersede the site remediation or corrective action requirements pursuant to NJAC 7:26C nor NJAC 7:26 respectively nor any associated permit conditions that may be required by other DEP programs or regulatory entities, it is expected that the various regulatory Programs will communicate to ensure that there are no conflicting requirements for this project.


Please contact the HPO for additional guidance and review under NJAC 7:4-7 if any of your project plans change.

In accordance with 7:4-7.2(e)10, if an authorized, or conditionally authorized, project is not undertaken within five years of the date of authorization, the authorization shall automatically expire.

Additional Comments

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vincent Maresca of my staff at Vincent.Maresca@dep.nj.gov with any questions regarding archaeology or Jennifer Leynes of my staff at jennifer.leynes@dep.nj.gov with questions regarding historic architecture. Please reference HPO project number **26-0709** in any future calls, emails, or written correspondence to help expedite our review and response. Thank you for your cooperation with this review.

Sincerely,


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