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Attn: Michelle Hughes
Transportation and Planning Group

Re: Route 46, Sand Shore Road / Naughtright Road to Old Wolfe Road (EB and WB)
Mount Olive Township, Morris County
Project Limits: M.P. 24.6 to 27.11
NJDOT Project No. 1407505

Dear Mr. Saunders:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate the Section 106 process per 36CFR800.3; establish an agreed upon Area of Potential Effects and identify historic properties per 36CFR800.4; propose participants of a public involvement plan per 36CFR800.2; and assess the effects of the proposed undertaking per 36CFR800.3 and .5.

Project Description

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is proposing within the project limits the following: re-pavement, upgrade of ADA ramps and curbs at signals conforming to federal regulations and storm water run-off cross slope improvement. The proposed project limits extend from M.P. 24.6 to M.P. 27.11, of Route 46 in Morris County. The proposed project area is listed on the Pavement Management System statewide priority list for repairs.

Pursuant to 36CFR800.3 and 36CFR800.4 (a), NJDOT is submitting this letter to define the Areas of Potential Effect (APEs) for archaeology and historic architecture, the identification of Consulting and Interested Parties, and a proposed Public Involvement Plan.

Introduction

The Section 106 regulations allow for a level of effort for conducting and evaluating cultural resources to be commensurate with the undertaking. With the exception of the ADA ramp and curb upgrades, the proposed project improvements are on the *List of Undertakings Which Have Limited or No Effect on Cultural Resources in New Jersey* which is discussed in detail below.

We are providing the following documents for the purpose of completing Section 106 consultation:

1. Project Location Map
2. Straight Line Diagrams for Project
3. Project Area of Potential Effect (10 aerial views)

Identification of Consulting/Interested Parties and Public Involvement (36CFR800.2)

The following have been identified as consulting parties or those with an interest in history or historic preservation; these groups/individuals may participate in the Section 106 process:

Consulting Parties:

- 1.) FHWA
- 2.) SHPO
- 3.) NJDOT

Interested Parties:

Morris County Historical Society

68 Morris Ave
Morristown, NJ 07960

Morris County Heritage Commission

P.O. BOX 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

Mount Olive Township Historical Society

P.O. Box 450
Budd Lake, NJ 07828

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Public Involvement:

Our Section 106 public involvement action plan for this project is consistent with the NJDOT's Public Involvement Action Plan procedures.

Delineation of the Area of Potential Effects (36CFR800.3)

Archaeological APE:

The archaeological APE will be the area of proposed ground disturbance within the project's proposed limits from M.P. 24.6 to M.P. 27.11. Due to the nature of the project, there will be ground disturbance at

the existing signals in order to make roadway ramps and curbs ADA compliant. The projected ground disturbance will occur for the ADA upgrades. Any changes above ground level fall on the *List of Undertakings Which Have Limited or No Effect on Cultural Resources in New Jersey*. All subsurface disturbance are slated to occur in areas of previous ground disturbance.

Architectural APE:

The proposed resurfacing project is limited to the roadway from curb to curb, any sidewalk or signal replacement needed will be in-kind or materials that are similar to the materials already in place. The proposed project does not have any or a very limited potential for visual effects on adjacent architectural resources. As a result of this, the APE will be limited to 25 feet of the Route 46 ROW, as well as, the lack of known historic districts the APE will be limited. These APE's are a result of consultation with Michelle Hughes of your office held on June 26, 2014.

Identification of Historic Properties (36CFR800.4)

Review of available information, including the NJ Historic Preservation Office's web site, indicated that there were no known historic properties within the project limits that has a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) opinion or a determination of eligibility.

Eligibility and Effects Finding (36CFR800.3)

With the exception of the ADA upgrades, the proposed project improvements described herein, are listed on the programmatic agreement between FHWA, SHPO, and NJDOT that determines certain activities as exempt from review under the NJ Register of Historic Places Act (N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.1).

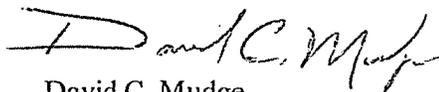
Conclusion

The NJDOT believes that the Level of Effort is one of reasonable and good faith effort to carry out appropriate identification efforts commensurate with the proposed project scope, as stated in 36CFR800.4 (b)(1). The NJDOT concludes that the project will have *No Effect* on any archaeological or architectural resources within the APE. The proposed project improvements are on the *List of Undertakings Which Have Limited or No Effect on Cultural Resources in New Jersey* the NJDOT are pavement milling and resurfacing, pavement repair within the pavement box, pavement markings, and installation of other roadway accommodations to make them ADA complaint within existing sidewalk system and pavement box (#48). Because all proposed areas of ground disturbance are within areas of previous ground disturbance, no further archeological investigations are proposed. Our findings concluded no structures over fifty years of age are located in the architectural APE. If the project scope is altered to include guiderail installation, additional consultation with SHPO will be necessary.

Please indicate your opinion on the proposed project on the line below within 30 days. If you have any questions, please contact me at (609)530-2987 or Cecilia Gervasi at (609)530-2997.

To the parties listed below, if you disagree with the findings and conclusions within this letter, please respond to the NJDOT with your comments within 15 days. Comments can be sent to or emailed to me at the addresses below. Also, whether or not you provide comments, if you would like to receive notification of the SHPO's concurrence, please let me know that as well.

Sincerely,



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_____ Based on the information provided, I concur with proposed APE's for the Route 46 repaving project.

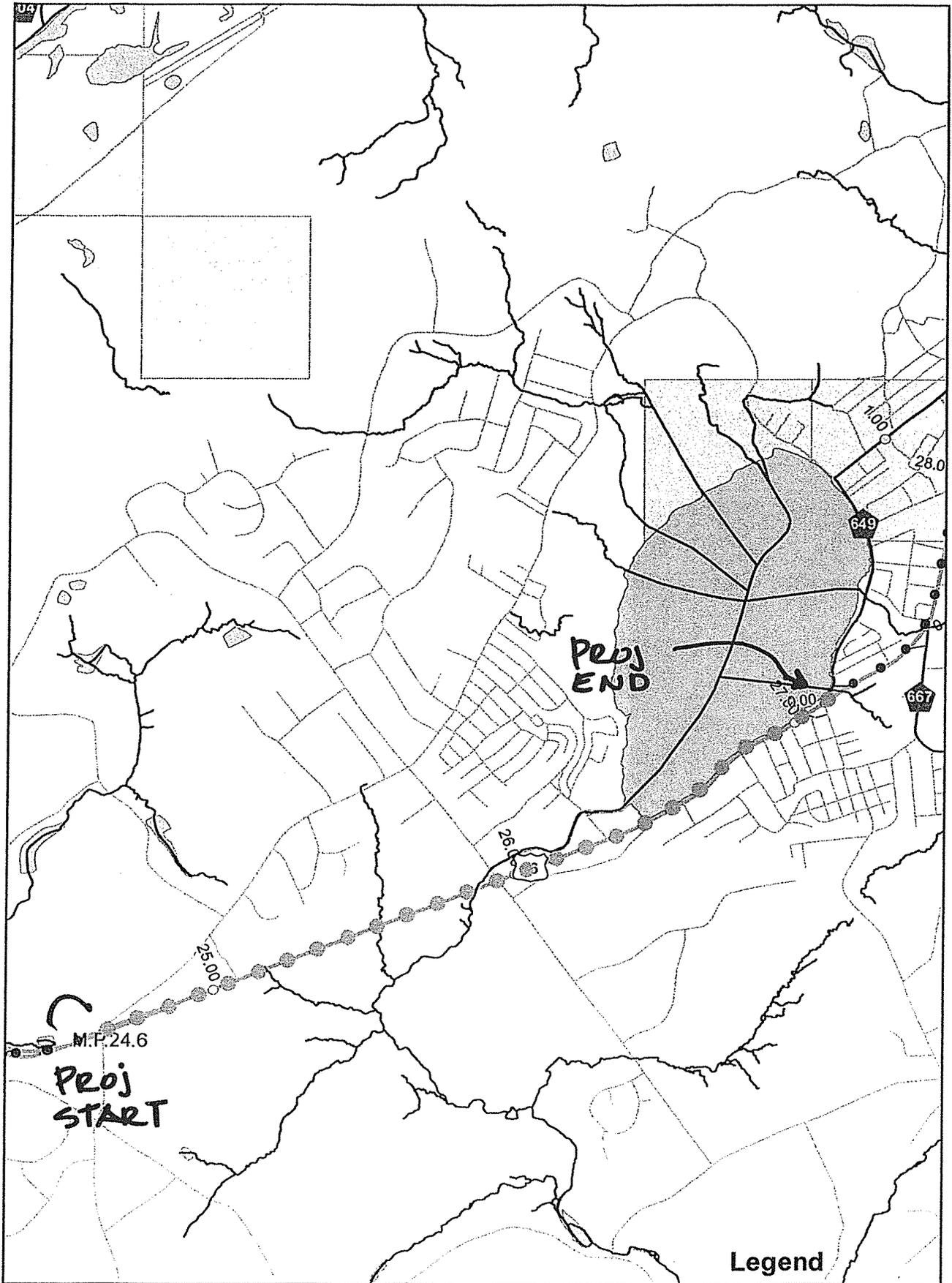
_____ I do not concur with the proposed APE's for the following reason(s):

_____ Based on the information provided for the Route 46 re-surfacing proposed project in Mount Olive Township Morris County, I concur that the project, as proposed, will have *No Effect* on archaeological or architectural resources.

_____ I do not concur with the project effects for the following reason(s):

Daniel Saunders, Administrator

Date

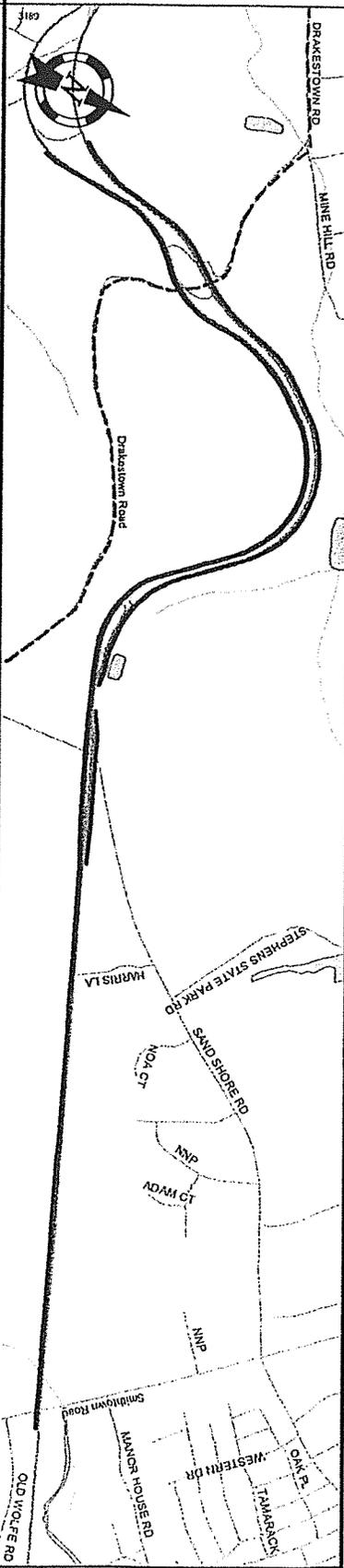


Pavement Resurfacing Project Project Location Map
 Mount Olive Township, Morris County
 Route 46, Sand Shore Rd/Naughtright Rd to Old Wolfe Rd

Legend

- historic_districts
- historic_sitegrid





Secondary Direction	Primary Direction	24.000	30.000	0.000	2.000	45.000	50.000	25.000	26.000
Pavement		Shoulder		Number of Lanes		Speed Limit		Street Name	
24.000		10.000		2		45		Washington, Mor. Co.	
United Spanish War Veterans Memorial Hwy		Mount Olive Twp, Morris Co		United Spanish War Veterans Memorial Hwy		Mount Olive Twp, Morris Co		United Spanish War Veterans Memorial Hwy	
Interstate Route		US Route		NJ Route		County Road		Interchange Number	
207		22		21		6889		2	
Grade Separated Interchange		Traffic Signal		Traffic Monitoring Sites		Road Underpass		Road Overpass	
23.000		24.000		25.000		26.000		23.000	
Washington, Mor. Co.		Mount Olive Twp, Morris Co		Mount Olive Twp, Morris Co		Mount Olive Twp, Morris Co		Mount Olive Twp, Morris Co	
Old Drakestown		Sand Shore Rd		Harris LA		Joy Drive		Wolf Rd	

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Functional Class	Control Section	Speed Limit	Number of Lanes	Med. Type	Med. Width	Pavement	Shoulder	Traffic Volume	Traffic Sta. ID	Structure No.	Enlarged Views
Urban Principal Arterial	NHS	45	2	Positive	VAR	24	4	21,854 (2007)	1-4-208		
Urban Principal Arterial	NHS	45	2	Unprotected	VAR	60	30	24,464 (2009)	1-1-051		
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