



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

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James Candiloro
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New York State Canal Corporation
30 South Pear Street
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(via email)

Re: DEC/NYSCC
Scuttling Vessels/Various Locations/Long Island Coast
18PR02770

Dear Mr. Candiloro:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). The project involves the scuttling of 7 vessels now in NYSCC's fleet that will supplement 3 artificial reefs at Shinnecock, Smithtown and Hempstead. We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the OPRHP and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

This undertaking involves the New York State Canal Corporation ("NYSCC") and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"). It is our understanding that NYSCC will be serving as the lead agency for this review, as outlined in 9 NYCRR Section 428.3(b) (NYSPRHPL).

After reviewing the submitted materials, we concur with your agency's finding that Tenders 7 and 8 are eligible for inclusion in the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places. We agree that Derrick Boat 1 was previously determined to meet the Register criteria. We also agree that the Reliable, Tender 6, Ward's Island and Dump Scow 106 are not Register eligible.

We also concur with your agency's determination that the scuttling will have an adverse impact on the three identified historic resources.

If I can be of any further assistance, I can be reached at john.bonafide@parks.ny.gov or (518) 268-2166.

Sincerely,

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