

APPENDIX 4

Historic Resources

- Correspondence



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February 5, 2007

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Re: Wyandanch Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) Grant Services for the Town of Babylon

Dear Ms. Pierpont:

AKRF, Inc. is preparing a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for the Town of Babylon under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for a proposed Urban Renewal Plan for an approximately 112-acre proposed Urban Renewal Area in downtown Wyandanch, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York. The project site largely comprises the downtown area of Wyandanch hamlet extending approximately 300 feet east and west of Straight Path from 10th Street on the north to Garrison Avenue/Essex Street on the south, and several lots along Long Island Avenue roughly stretching from Elk Street on the east to 22nd Street on the west. The project involves state funding from the New York State Department of State under the BOA Program. At this time, we are preparing the existing conditions sections of the GEIS. The details of the proposed Urban Renewal Plan have not yet been developed. It is anticipated that the Urban Renewal Plan will include recommendations for development or redevelopment of several "strategic sites," including vacant or underutilized parcels or deteriorating buildings.

In order to properly assess the project's potential impacts on historic resources and to comply with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (SHPA), we are seeking to identify all historic resources that are listed on or determined eligible for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places (S/NR) within a ¼-mile radius of the project site, as well as archeologically sensitive areas on the project site, and to initiate the required consultation with your office. After careful review of the NYSHPO website, we have determined that a portion of the project site is within an archeo-sensitive area. To this end, we have not identified any historic resources listed on or eligible for listing on the S/NR. A working draft of Chapter 1, "Project Description," of the GEIS, as well as maps and photographs of the project site, are included with this letter for your reference, along with a Project Review Cover Form. Please note that the tax lot numbers referenced in the photographs are depicted on most of the enclosed maps.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (631) 285-6980. Thank you.

Sincerely,

AKRF, INC.

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Lorianne DeFalco
Environmental Planner

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February 12, 2007

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Re: DOS, DEC
Wyandanch Brownfield Grant/Wyandanch
Rising
Straight Path/Garrison/Essex/Elk
BABYLON, Suffolk County
07PR00676

Dear Ms. DeFalco:

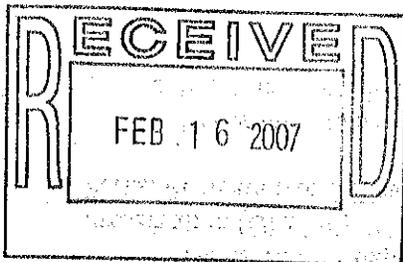
Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, Section 14.09.

Based upon this review, it is the OPRHP's opinion that your project will have No Impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont
Director





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October 16, 2008

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Re: SEQRA, DOS, DEC
Wyandanch Brownfield Grant / Wyandanch
Rising
Straight Path / Garrison / Essex / Elk
BABYLON, Suffolk County
07PR00676 / 08PR04663

Dear Ms. DeFalco:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

Based upon this review, it is the SHPO's opinion that your project will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Registers of Historic Places.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

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September 10, 2009

Ms. Sloane Bullough
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Re: **Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility
Strategic Site A of Wyandanch Revitalization Plan
Wyandanch, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, NY
07PR00676/ 08PR04663**

Dear Ms. Bullough:

The Town of Babylon proposes to design and construct the Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility in the hamlet of Wyandanch, Suffolk County, New York. The Town proposes to use funds administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for development of the proposed project. Therefore, AKRF is in the process of assisting FTA and the Town in preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) 42 USC §§ 4321, et seq., and its implementing regulations, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended; Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966; Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations; and other applicable Federal statutes, rules, and regulations. The main proposed project elements would include a new structured parking facility (5 stories), new public open space, a new street network to provide access to these facilities, and roadway and streetscape improvements. The included figure depicts the project site as well as the identified study area.

This facility, on the same site, was previously reviewed by your office in compliance with the State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in February 2007. At that time, AKRF submitted a Project Review Cover Form to your office, regarding the Wyandanch Brownfield Opportunities (BOA) Program for a proposed Urban Renewal Plan for an approximately 112-acre proposed Urban Renewal Area in downtown Wyandanch in the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, Long Island. In a letter dated February 12, 2007, your office responded that the proposed project would have no impact on cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Subsequently, The Town of Babylon submitted an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and a lead agency letter to your office for review and comment. In a letter dated October 16, 2008, your office replied, confirming that the proposed project "will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Registers of Historic Places." In April 2009, the Town of Babylon submitted a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for the Urban Renewal Plan and the *Wyandanch Downtown Revitalization Plan* (AKRF 2009) to your office in compliance with SEQRA and SHPA.

This project would be located on Strategic Site A identified in the *Wyandanch Downtown Revitalization Plan*; it is currently occupied by a surface parking lot and retail, commercial, and industrial structures. The *Wyandanch Downtown Revitalization Plan* included an analysis of a new intermodal facility at this site. As described above, SHPO has previously determined that the *Wyandanch Downtown Revitalization Plan* would have no adverse impacts on architectural or archaeological resources in the identified study area. Therefore, we are seeking comments under Section 106 that the proposed Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility project would have no adverse effect on architectural or archaeological resources.

Please contact me any time if you have any questions or require further information at (646) 388-9810.

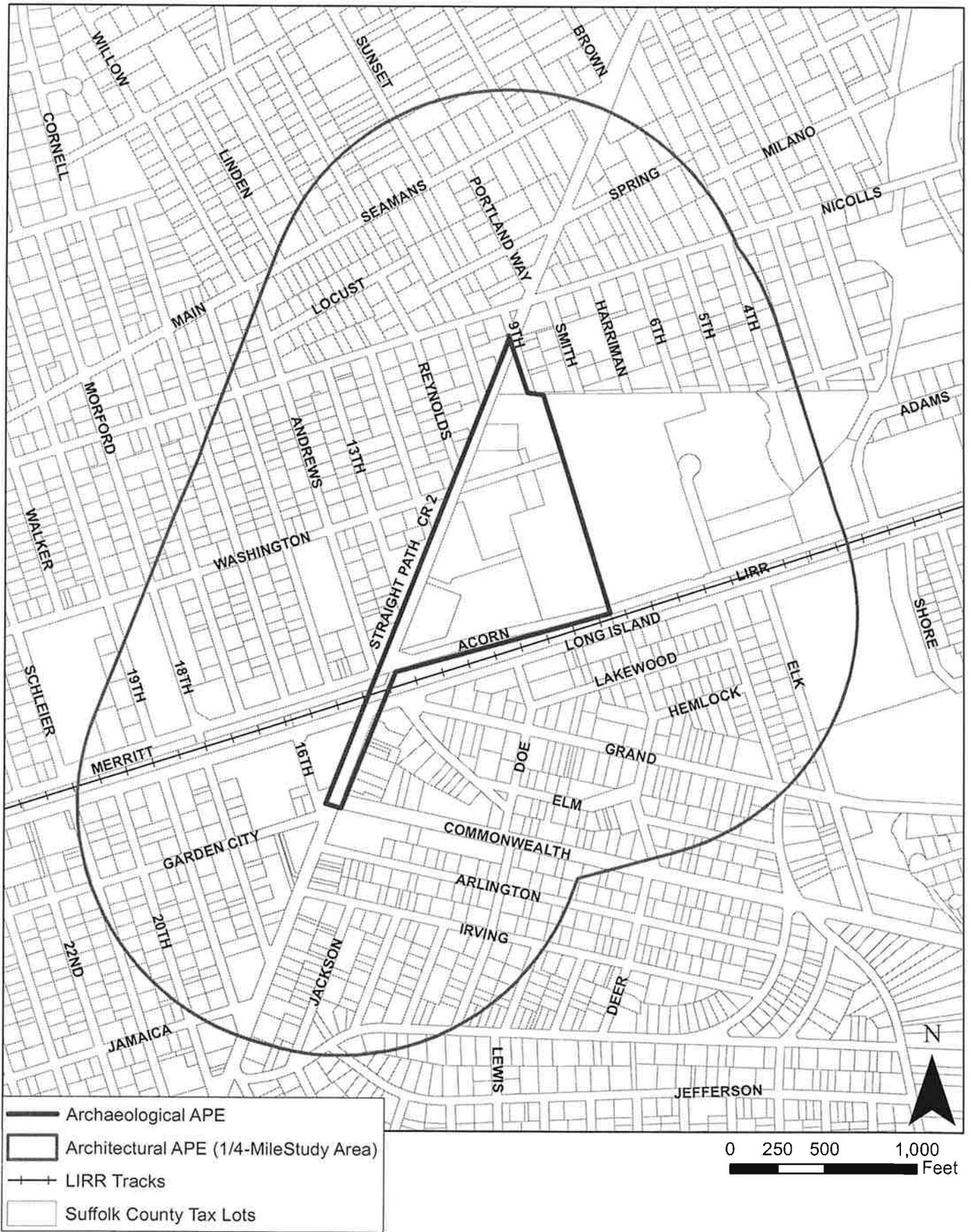
Sincerely,

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Molly McDonald, RPA
Archaeologist and Architectural Historian

cc: Jessica Zanca; Lorianne DeFalco, AKRF
Vanessa Pugh, Town of Babylon
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Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility

**Cultural Resources
Area of Potential Effect (APE)**



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September 18, 2009

Ms. Elizabeth Martin
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Re: **Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility
Strategic Site A of Wyandanch Revitalization Plan
Wyandanch, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, NY
07PR00676/ 08PR04663**

Dear Ms. Martin:

This letter provides a minor revision to my letter of September 10, 2009 regarding the Town of Babylon proposed Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility in the hamlet of Wyandanch, Suffolk County, New York, for which the Town proposes to use funds administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for development of the proposed project.

Since the time of my previous letter, the project site has changed very slightly due to recent revisions to the traffic plan for the development (see the updated project site and APE map attached as **Figure 1**). Whereas its original southern boundary was Commonwealth Avenue, its new southern boundary is the Long Island Rail Road tracks. The archaeological and architectural APEs have therefore been made smaller to the south. To the north, the project site has been extended for the distance of one block, from 9th Street (the former northern terminus) to Nicolls Street (the new northern terminus). The archaeological and architectural APEs have been extended northward commensurate with this change. Project activities in this new portion of the APE could include street widening and sidewalk reconstruction.

As stated in my previous letter, SHPO has previously determined that the *Wyandanch Downtown Revitalization Plan* would have no adverse impacts on architectural or archaeological resources in this area. Therefore, we are seeking comments under Section 106 that the proposed Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility project would have no adverse effect on architectural or archaeological resources.

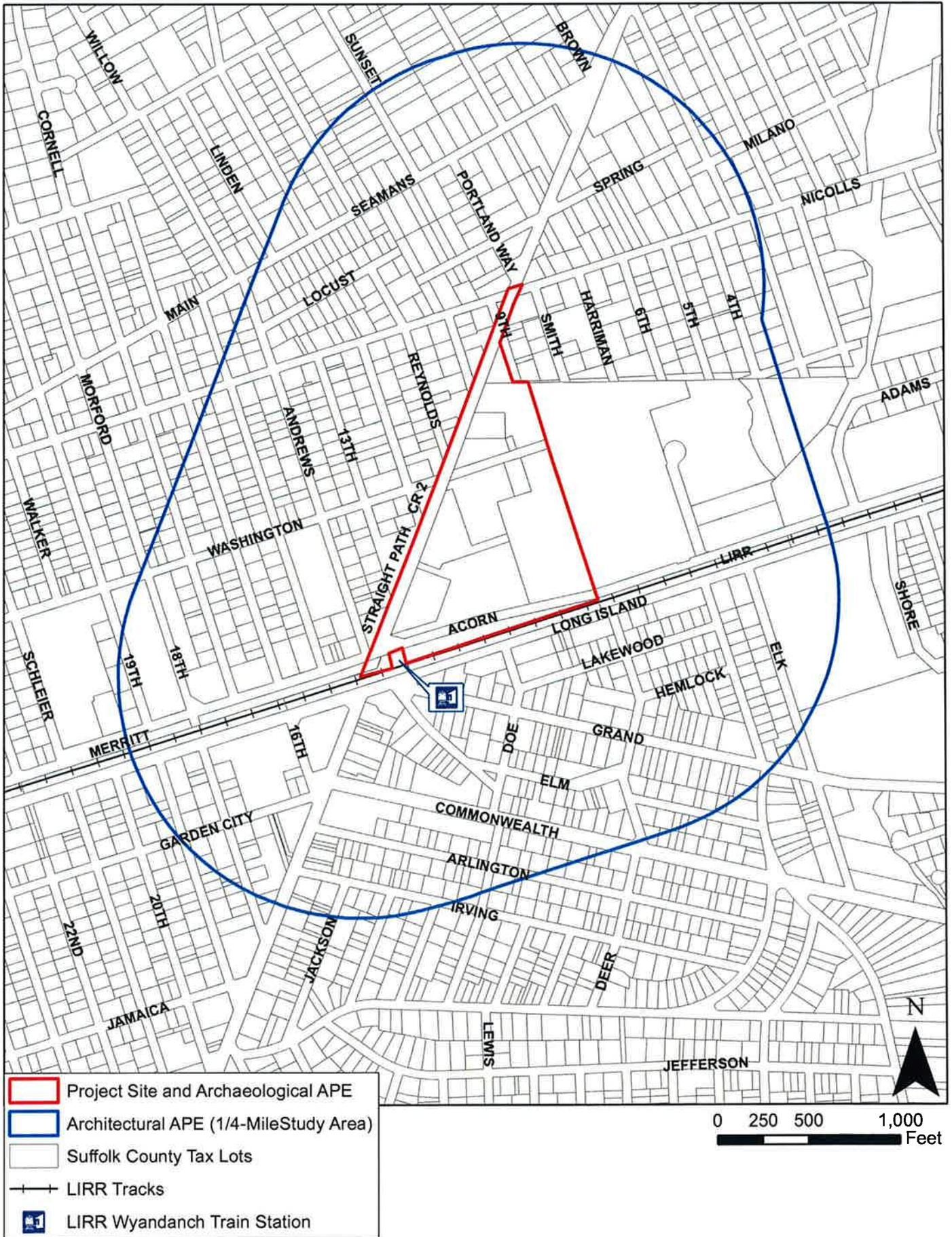
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Wyandanch Intermodal Transit Facility

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September 21, 2009

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Re: FTA
Expanded footprint
Intermodal Transportation Facility
Straight Path/Garrison
Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, NY
07PR00676

Dear Ms. McDonald:

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