



# Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

ANDREW M. CUOMO  
Governor

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Commissioner

June 19, 2018

Buffalo Common Council  
City Hall  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: SEQRA  
School Construction Project  
102 Buffum Street, City of Buffalo, Erie County, NY  
18PR03776

Dear Members of the Buffalo Common Council:

The Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has received a copy of a June 18, 2018 letter by Mr. Raymond C. Vaughan. Mr. Vaughan has correctly noted the high cultural, historic and archaeological sensitivity of the parcel at 102 Buffum Street. This parcel is the likely location of the Mission House (school) of the Buffalo Creek Indian Reservation and lies adjacent to the Buffum Street Native American site which has been granted local landmark status. Given the unique history of the Buffum Street area, the OPRHP strongly encourages the Buffalo Common Council to require a *Phase IA Literature Search and Sensitivity Study* as part of its SEQRA review to help summarize the history of this parcel and to adequately plan for a Phase IB archaeological field survey.

Please be aware that if this project will involve state or federal permits, funding or licenses it may be subject to review by those agencies for impacts to historic and archaeological resources under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or Section 14.09 of NYS Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

Native American consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800 and is the responsibility of the federal agency. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the OPRHP also have Native American consultation policies and I am available to facilitate Indian Nation consultation.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 268-2179.

Sincerely,

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Archaeology Unity Program Coordinator

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