

**Appendix D**  
**Pertinent Agency Correspondence**



State of New Jersey

Richard J. Codey,  
Acting Governor

Department of Environmental Protection  
Natural and Historic Resources  
Office of Engineering & Construction

Bradley M. Campbell  
Commissioner

FEB 23 2005

Mr. Paul Tumminello, P.E.  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District  
Jacob J. Javits Federal Building  
New York, NY 10278-0090

Re: Passaic River Floodway Buyout Study

Dear Mr. Tumminello:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Passaic River Floodway Buyout Study, Limited Update Report and Environmental Assessment. We concur with the findings and recommendations contained in this draft report and have funds available to support this project.

The State of New Jersey has also conditionally approved a grant to the Township of Wayne to purchase and demolish additional flood damaged floodway homes along the Passaic and Pompton Rivers which will further reduce future flood losses.

We look forward to working with the Corps of Engineers and Wayne Township to implement these worthwhile projects.

The Department of Environmental Protection fully supports the Corps of Engineers Passaic River Floodway Buyout Project and is willing to enter into a Project Cooperative Agreement (PCA) and meet all the requirements of the non-federal sponsor to implement this project.

Should you have further questions please contact Clark D. Gilman, P.E. at (609) 292-2296.

Sincerely,

John H. Moyle, P.E.  
Manager  
Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control

V:/NHRG/FM/Passaic River Floodway Buyout Study

# township of Wayne

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**Scott T. Rumana**  
Mayor

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August 5, 2005

Mr. Paul Tumminello  
Project Manager  
NY District Corps of Engineers  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10278-0090

Re: Passaic River Floodway Buyout

Dear Mr. Tumminello:

I am writing to endorse the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed voluntary buyout of twenty homes in the Hoffman Grove section of Wayne Township. As you are undoubtedly aware, Hoffman Grove is one of the areas with the Township that historically suffers the most damage during any type of flooding incident. Over the years, the cost of responding to a flood, in both terms of human suffering and loss of personal property, has been exorbitant and the removal of any houses within the State defined floodway can only be seen as a positive step for the Township of Wayne, the State of New Jersey, and the Federal Government. As a point of clarification, please confirm that the NJDEP will be responsible for funding the non-federal portion of the buyout program.

We look forward with great anticipation to the commencement of this long awaited flood buyout program.

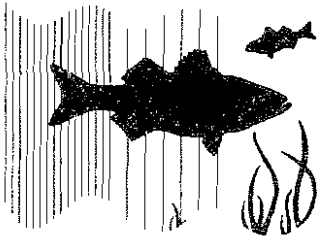
Please feel free to contact my office if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
SCOTT T. RUMANA  
Mayor

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c. Congressman William J. Pascrell  
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George Holzapfel  
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## PASSAIC RIVER COALITION

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August 3, 2005

Mr. Paul Tumminello  
Project Manager  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10278

Dear Mr. Tumminello:

Re: Passaic River Basin, Flood Management (Floodway Buy-out) New Jersey

The Passaic River Coalition has for many years advocated the vacating of structures from the floodway of the Passaic River Basin, especially in those areas which are flooded more and more frequently. Your selection of houses in Pompton Lakes and the Hoffman Grove Section of Wayne meets these criteria extremely well.

We support the recommendation to move forward with the acquisition of the 30 houses, which your funding makes possible. We believe this project will exceed the projections in your report in benefits to the greater public good.

We acknowledge the statement made in the Syllabus of this report as being straightforward and mindful of the plight of the flood victims in the Passaic River Basin. You are to be commended for undertaking this environmentally, well thought out project.

Very truly yours,

Ella F. Filippone  
Executive Director

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c: Frelinghuysen  
Pascrell



REPLY TO  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**NEW YORK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**JACOB K. JAVITS FEDERAL BUILDING**  
**NEW YORK, N.Y. 10278-0090**

January 5, 2005


Environmental Assessment Section  
Environmental Analysis Branch

Ms. Dorothy P. Guzzo  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Historic Preservation Office  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
CN 404  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0404

Dear Ms. Guzzo:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (Corps), is pleased to furnish you with a draft of the report entitled *Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation, Lower Passaic River Floodway Buyouts Project, Pompton and Ramapo Rivers, Wayne Township and Borough of Pompton Lakes, Passaic County, New Jersey* by Carissa (DeRooy) Scarpa (Enclosure). As part of this investigation, historical research and the collection of background material was conducted for the project areas of Hoffman Grove, Wayne Township and River Edge Drive, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. The project consists of the removal of twenty houses in Hoffman Grove and ten houses along River Edge Drive as a floodway clearing effort. Because of the nature of the project, no subsurface testing was performed at this time.

Background research suggested that sensitivity for prehistoric cultural resources in undisturbed deposits in the Hoffman Grove project area is low. Research into the historical records revealed that Hoffman Grove once served as a remote vacation spot in the early twentieth century. The community eventually evolved from a grouping of vacation bungalows and camping grounds to year-round residences as people migrated in from New York City and began occupying their summer houses year-round. The bungalow style of the earlier period is prevalent throughout Hoffman Grove; however, all of the bungalows in the area have been altered over the last seventy to one hundred years. Most structures no longer possess the integrity of that style and because of this, the community, as a unit cannot purvey the appearance of a summer bungalow community. It is the opinion of the Corps that Hoffman Grove is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as a historic district. However, it is recommended that, when the twenty houses are selected for demolition, a separate evaluation will be undertaken of selected individual houses that maintain some bungalow characteristics for their eligibility for the NRHP. Removal of houses is expected to consist of excavation of basements when present and removal of septic tanks. Any disturbances generated during demolition will only replicate the disturbance generated during house construction. Because of the low potential for buried prehistoric deposits and the low impact the project is expected to have, no further work beyond the evaluation of houses will be necessary.



The River Edge Drive project area has a low potential for prehistoric resources. There are no historic sites or properties within the APE and the houses proposed for demolition are not considered eligible for the NRHP either individually or as a district. Like in Hoffman Grove, any disturbances generated during demolition will only replicate the disturbance generated during house construction. Because of the area's low potential for prehistoric archaeological remains and the low impact the project is expected to have on undisturbed deposits, no additional work will be warranted there.

Please review the draft report and provide any comments in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended. If you or your staff require additional information or have any questions, please contact Carissa (DeRooy) Scarpa, Project Archaeologist at (212) 264-5736. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Leonard Houston,  
Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch

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March 29, 2005  
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Corps of Engineers New York District  
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New York, NY 10278-0090

ATTN: Carissa DeRooy Scarpa

Dear Mr. Houston:

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published with amendments in the Federal Register on 6 July 2004 (69 FR 40544-40555), I am providing Consultation Comments for the following proposed undertaking:

**Passaic County, Wayne Township & Borough of Pompton Lakes  
Lower Passaic River Floodway Buyouts Project  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers**

**800.4 Identifying Historic Properties**

Thank you for submitting the January 2005 report *Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation, Lower Passaic River Floodway Buyouts Project, Pompton and Ramapo Rivers, Wayne Township and Borough of Pompton Lakes, Passaic County, New Jersey* by Carissa DeRooy Scarpa.

The early 20<sup>th</sup> century recreational bungalow communities, which frequently became full time homes as time passed, are an interesting phenomenon. The areas affected by the buyouts do not represent a well preserved or significant example of the type. I concur that none of the buildings in the project area are eligible for listing on the National Register.

Although the River Edge Drive and Hoffman Grove project areas are subject to periodic flooding, I believe that they possess reasonable potential to possess prehistoric sites eligible for

inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in areas undisturbed by construction of housing and subsequent modern period use.

#### **800.5 Assessing Effects**

The project will have **no effect** on architectural properties. At this time the potential for impact to Native American archaeological properties cannot be determined.

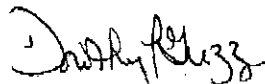
#### **Additional Comments**

In order for SHPO to provide further Section 106 comment either: 1) the River Edge Drive and Hoffman Grove project areas should be tested archaeologically to determine presence/absence and eligibility of archaeological properties; or 2) the project should be designed to ensure that demolition of structures, utilities, paved surfaces, etc. will not result in new ground disturbance and that buyout areas will remain undisturbed in perpetuity.

Thank you for providing this opportunity for review and comment. The report has been accessioned into HPO's library under designation Passaic A 232. Please note in future submissions that HPO guidelines require either original photographs or submission of a CD with the photographic images included in the report.

Please contact Dan Saunders if you have any questions regarding historic districts, buildings, and structures (phone 609 633 2397 or [dan.saunders@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:dan.saunders@dep.state.nj.us)) or Deborah Fimbel regarding archaeological sites (phone 609 984-6019 or [deborah.fimbel@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:deborah.fimbel@dep.state.nj.us)).

Sincerely,



Dorothy P. Guzzo  
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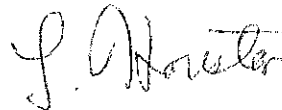
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In a letter dated March 29, 2005, your office provided comments on the findings of this cultural resources survey. In concurrence with your comments, the Corps has altered the recommendations in the following way:

- 1) It is believed that there exists a reasonable potential for prehistoric cultural resources to exist in undisturbed deposits in the Hoffman Grove and River Edge Drive project areas. Therefore, when the individual houses have been selected for demolition, a determination will be made at that time as to the extent of present ground disturbance and the amount of additional disturbance that will be generated during demolition. We will coordinate with your office at that time regarding archaeological testing that may be required or, if necessary, the monitoring of demolition activities by a qualified archaeologist.
- 2) The report finds that the houses that remain in Hoffman Grove do not represent a well preserved or significant example of the summer bungalow type and therefore are not eligible for listing on the NRHP. The Corps recommends that no additional evaluation of these houses will be necessary prior to demolition.

Please review the final report and provide any additional comments in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended. The Corps will continue to update and coordinate with your office as the project plans are developed. We appreciated receiving the Section 106 comments that you provided on the draft report. If you or your staff require additional information or have any questions, please contact Carissa (DeRooy) Scarpa, Project Archaeologist at (917) 790-8612. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Houston", written in a cursive style.

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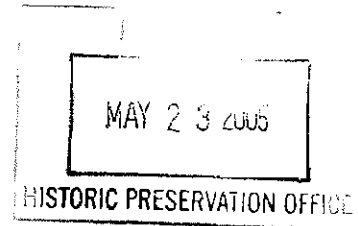
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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains.

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