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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

October 7, 2020

Mr. Daniel Mackay,
Deputy Commissioner
New York State Division for Historic Preservation
Peebles Island State Park
P.O. Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Ref: New Consultation, USACE: West Point Audi Property Acquisition

Dear Mr. Mackay,

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (District) is preparing an Environmental Assessment on behalf of the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point for the acquisition of an 87.2 acre piece of private property that lies adjacent to the USMA at West Point. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) the District carried out a Phase 1A level cultural resources survey to identify cultural resources and historic properties eligible for, or listed on, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) (Enclosure).

The District has defined the APE as the 87.2 acre parcel of land. The proposed undertaking consists of the acquisition of the parcel to act as a buffer from future development in the area. No development is proposed for the parcel that might include ground disturbing activities and there are no extant structures located within the parcel. The cultural resources survey found that the APE is sensitive for both Historic and Precontact archaeological resources. The enclosed report makes the recommendation that the acquisition of the Audi parcel will not adversely affect cultural resources or historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the NRHP, however, should the USMA decide at a future date to carry out ground disturbing activities within this parcel, a Phase 1B archaeological investigation will be required due to the area's high potential for archaeological remains.

Please review the enclosed report and provide comments to Carissa Scarpa, Project Archaeologist (carissa.a.scarpa@usace.army.mil or 917-790-8612).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure