



**New York State  
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Barbara Campagna  
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2495 Main Street, Suite 402  
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Re: ARPA  
Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens Masterplan Addition  
2655 S Park Ave, Lackawanna, NY 14218  
23PR09155

Dear Barbara Campagna:

Thank you for your ongoing consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the provided documentation 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.

We have reviewed the October 1, 2024, response to our September 6, 2024, comment letter and follow-up discussions regarding the proposed addition at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. It is our understanding that this project intends to use American Rescue Plan funding, which is set to expire at the end of this calendar year. Based upon our review of the materials provided, it is the SHPO's opinion that this project will have No Adverse Effect on historic or archaeological resources, provided the following conditions are met:

1. Consultation regarding the design and materials of the proposed addition must continue. While our office supports the continued use and additional programming proposed at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, we remain concerned with the compatibility of the proposed addition and in particular the appropriateness of the proposed faux wood and stone fiber cement panels, given the special character of the historic Conservatory buildings.
2. Additional renderings and elevation drawings of the proposed addition and existing buildings must be provided to our office for review and comment. The renderings and drawings should provide an accurate representation of the proposed addition's various facades and connection points as they would be viewed in context with the historic conservatory building.

If these conditions cannot be met, or if there are substantive changes to the proposed work, consultation with our office must resume. If you have any questions, I am best reached by email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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