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Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Philip A. Perazio  
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Re: Avoidance Plan of the Pine Bush Precontact Site (USN 00140.004748), Albany Landfill Expansion, Restorative Grading, City of Albany, Village of Colonie, Town of Guilderland, Albany County. 06PR01161, HAA 3850-22

Dear Mr. Perazio,

In response to your e-mail on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 regarding the Albany Landfill Expansion Avoidance Plan, construction within the area of the precontact site involves grading to create wetland. This area and all the surrounding land is to be restored to Pine Bush habitat and protected as part of the Pine Bush Preserve. The grading near the precontact site is likely to occur this fall as part of Phase 1 of the restoration plan. This Phase is likely to take approximately 2 years to complete. The landfill expansion area will involve construction of a new landfill cell in two phases. The first phase will not extend beyond the current landfill operations area and will provide a couple years of capacity. Construction of the second phase in the new area is likely to begin in 2011. The landfill will remain in operation for approximately 6-7 years after which it will be closed and the last phase of restoration will occur that will involve conversion of the remaining landfill into Pine Barrens habitat. The habitat work will likely be overseen by Applied Ecological Services, an internationally recognized ecological restoration firm.

As per the formal protection plan outlined with the Avoidance Plan of the Pine Bush Precontact Site (USN 00140.004748) Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. (HAA, Inc.) will oversee the archeological monitoring (Section 4) of the project, in which:

- a. An archeologist will direct the installation of the fencing by flagging the area of the precontact finds. The fence will be placed at a minimum 15-meter (50-ft) beyond positive shovel tests 1072 and 1072N.

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- b. An archeologist will visit the site following grading to document that the site was preserved in place.

During the site visit, the conditions of the Pine Bush Precontact Site (USN 00140.004748) will be assessed and documented with photographs. Upon completion of the site visit, a letter report will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) within one week of the completion of the site visit.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy M. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy M. Wilson  
Field Director