



October 12, 2017

Mr. Jonathan Haynes  
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Dear Jonathan,

I write to provide a succinct summary of the results of my Phase 1 archaeological survey of the 550 Union Avenue project in the City of Saratoga Springs, New York. Briefly, my report has found that:

- (1) The portions of the project site along Union Avenue were previously surveyed by the New York State Museum (NYSM). The NYSM recorded areas of prior disturbance and a lack of archaeological sites in the low-lying section of the project site. The NYSM identified a precontact (prehistoric) period archaeological site called the Friers site on the elevated terrain in the north section of the project.
- (2) My survey documented extensive prior disturbance in the low-lying portion of the project site. Prior disturbance is documented in the report through a discussion of the known history of prior disturbance, a series of photographs showing the present-day condition of the project site, and a series of shovel test pits that documented disturbed soils.
- (3) My survey also found additional evidence of the Friers site on the elevated, northern portion of the project site.
- (4) My survey and the NYSM survey are in agreement in finding no evidence of archaeological sites in the low southern and central sections of the project site. There also is no potential for archaeological sites to occur on the steep slopes. My recommendation for these areas is for no additional archaeological investigation.
- (5) With regard to the Friers site, it is recommended that a Phase 2 survey is warranted prior to developing this portion of the project site.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information for this project. Please let me know if I may answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward V. Curtin".

Edward V. Curtin, Ph. D.  
Chief Archaeologist