



Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

May 9, 2006

Mr. David R. George
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Subject: Telecommunications Facilities
Sandy Hollow Road
West Mystic (Groton), CT
EBI #61052697, CTNL053A

Dear Mr. George:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the reconnaissance survey prepared by Heritage Consultants LLC concerning the above-named project. In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, the archival and archaeological methodologies employed by Heritage Consultants LLC are consistent with our *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

The State Historic Preservation Office concurs with Heritage Consultants LLC that no further archaeological investigations appear warranted with respect to the proposed undertaking. This office believes that the proposed undertaking will have no effect upon Connecticut's archaeological heritage.

This office recommends that Heritage Consultants LLC consult with the Office of State Archaeology at the University of Connecticut (Storrs) concerning the professional transferal of all field notes, photographs, and artifactual materials generated by the archaeological investigations.

This comment updates and supersedes all previous correspondence regarding the proposed project. For further information please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Loether
Division Director and Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Bellantoni, Knowles, Mackey



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May 26, 2006

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Mr. James R. Kodlick
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Subject: Telecommunications Facilities
237 Sandy Hollow Road
Groton, CT
BL #06L0968, EBI #61052697, CTNL053A
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Dear Mr. Kodlick:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-named project. This office expects that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented upon the proposed undertaking.

This comment is provided in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

For further information please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Loether
Division Director and Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer



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Ms. Nicole E. Frazer
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Subject: Telecommunications Facilities
237 Sandy Hollow Road
Groton, CT
CHA #16109.1001.1106

Dear Ms. Frazer:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-named project. This office expects that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented upon the proposed undertaking.

This comment is provided in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

For further information, please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

Karen Senich
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 26, 2006

Connecticut Bureau of Natural Resources
Wildlife Division
Main Office
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

RE: T&E Species Review
MCF Groton Site
237 Sandy Hollow Road
New London County, Connecticut
BL Project No. 06L0869

To Whom It May Concern:

On Behalf of MCF Communications, Inc., BL Companies is performing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) site assessment for the MCF Groton Site located at 237 Sandy Hollow Road in Groton, New London County, Connecticut. A location map taken from the Mystic, Connecticut USGS quadrangle mapping is attached. The purpose of the review is to determine whether site construction activity will impact environmental resources. As a regulated utility licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), MCF Communications, Inc. is required to consider the effects of proposed actions as identified in the FCC regulations implementing NEPA (47 CFR 1.1307).

MCF Communications, Inc. is proposing to construct a telecommunications tower at 237 Sandy Hollow Road in Groton, New London County, Connecticut. The proposed site will consist of a 2,050-square-foot fenced compound containing a 120-foot tall monopole telecommunications tower and a 15- by 15-foot lease area for associated equipment. The site currently consists of an asphalt driveway and undeveloped wooded area. The proposed compound will be accessed via an existing paved driveway and parking area associated with the Mystic River Ambulance facility, which extends from Sandy Hollow Road.

Land use at the site currently consists of a paved parking lot and an undeveloped wooded area, with a canopy consisting of red maple (*Acer rubrum*) and white oak (*Quercus alba*) ranging in size from 15 to 30 feet tall and having 8 to 12 diameters at breast height. Land use within the vicinity of the site consists primarily of highway corridors, and private residences. Features indicative of wetland communities, including hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology, were not observed at the site.

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Connecticut Bureau of Natural Resources
Wildlife Division
BL Project No. 06L0869
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BL Companies is requesting information regarding potential threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitats at the site. Please contact me concerning the results of your search via mail, fax, or telephone. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BL Companies

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olivia A. Braun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Olivia A. Braun
Project Scientist

Attachment



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Natural Diversity Data Base

June 29, 2006

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Olivia A. Braun
Project Scientist
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Re: MCF Groton Site, 237 Sandy
Hollow Road, New London, BL Project
No. 0610869

Dear Ms. Braun :

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided and listed above. According to our information, there are no known extant populations of Federal or State Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species at the site in question.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biologic resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Environmental and Geographic Information Center's Geological and Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions regarding this information (424-3585). Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely,

Nancy Murray
Biologist/Senior Environmental Analyst
NDDDB Program Coordinator

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