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Re: EPA/NYCDEP **CRO-3120S**  
Jerome Park Reservoir  
South Ramp  
B/Bronx, Bronx County  
SHPO #06PR02855

Dear Ms. Schneiderman-Fox:

Thank you for your letter of April 8th, by which you submitted detailed plans and photographs in clarification of the proposed construction of vehicle access ramp at the southern end of the Jerome Park Reservoir. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed these supplemental documents in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement governing work at the Jerome Park facility and provides the following comment.

The SHPO recognizes the need to provide access by vehicles and personnel to the interior of the Jerome Park Reservoir south basin for the continued operation and maintenance of this vital component of the New York City water system.

Our concern is that the ramp installation be designed to minimize damage to the reservoir walls and to be, in theory, reversible. Based on the additional information you have provided, these goals have been met and we can support the ramp installation as proposed. We note that the areas of the inner reservoir walls that will be obscured by the ramp are of uncoursed fieldstone and not the ashlar masonry found elsewhere above the water line and on the reservoir's exterior. In addition, the detailed drawings show that care has been taken to avoid attachments to the historic masonry wall and to isolate the poured concrete road surface from the reservoir wall by an expansion joint.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please call me at (518) 237-8643, extension 3283 or email me at james.warren@oprhp.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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