



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
1776 NIAGARA STREET  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

Environmental Analysis Team

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To all interested parties:

The purpose of this letter is to invite your comments on a planned Federal undertaking at the Buffalo District Headquarters of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) located in Erie County, New York. The proposed project would involve the design and redevelopment of the 3.45-acre reservation into a more safe, functional, sustainable and productive facility. In consideration of the nature and scope of the planned undertaking, USACE has proposed a determination of adverse effect on a property that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places [i.e., Black Rock Lock and Canal Historic District (Eligible)]. In compliance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.11(e), the enclosed Determination of Effects presents the basis for this assessment (Enclosure 1). The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will be notified of this adverse effect at the conclusion of this initial consultation and invited to participate. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office is concurrently underway and their views on the effects of this undertaking have also been invited.

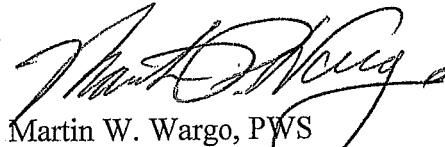
Through this consultation process, we invite your participation as a consulting party in developing and evaluating appropriate measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate anticipated adverse effects to the Black Rock Lock and Canal Historic District. If interested, we can also offer you the opportunity to assume a specific role or responsibility in the resolution of adverse effects resulting from the planned Federal undertaking. A plan to resolve these adverse effects may include measures such as the compilation and preservation of archival of documentation, photographs and/or engineering drawings of the affected structures, time-lapse video recording of the removal of contributing resources, and opportunities for public interpretation and education (e.g., interpretive markers, displays, and/or websites).

To help in your understanding of your role in this review process, a copy of the ACHP's *A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* is enclosed for your information (Enclosure 2).

If you wish to comment on the proposed undertaking, please submit your views in writing to the above address no later than thirty days from your receipt of this letter. If you have any

questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. William Butler of my staff at 716.879.4268 or via email at [william.e.butler@usace.army.mil](mailto:william.e.butler@usace.army.mil)).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Determination of Effects
2. ACHP, *A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review*

The attached letter and enclosures have been sent to the following:

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A copy of this letter has been provided to:

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