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RE: Maxatawny Assemblage Maxatawny Township, Berks County, PA Cultural Resources Assessment

Dear Mike:

This letter report outlines the potential Cultural Resources Issues for the Maxatawny Assemblage Project in Maxatawny Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania (Figure 1). CHRS, Inc. examined the historic and archaeological site files of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, checked with Berks County and Maxatawny Township Planning Commissions, examined historic maps and historic aerial photographs, and field viewed the project. The following information was compiled.

Above Ground Historic Properties

Historic properties are properties that have been determined eligible for or listed in the National Register. Impacts to historic properties need to be considered when there are federal or state permits, funding, or other federal or state actions required for the project. While the County does not appear to have any ordinance applicable to this project, Maxatawny Township has an ordinance that requires that properties listed within their comprehensive plan be considered. An impact study may be required by the township for such properties. The following historic properties were identified (See Figure 2).

- Richmond-Maxatawny Rural Historic District (Key# 204039) Eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The entire project area lies within this historic district. This historic property is listed in Maxatawny's Comprehensive Plan.
- Hottenstein Rural Historic District (Key# 201042) Eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The central third of the project area lies within this historic district. The building at 15401 Kutztown Road are included within this district. This historic property is listed in Maxatawny's Comprehensive Plan.
- Kemp Farm (Key# 201043) Eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The western third of the project area lies within this historic district. This historic property is

listed in Maxatawny's Comprehensive Plan. The property contains a family cemetery which is a contributing element to the historic property.

- Hottenstein Mansion (Key# 000960) Listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not within the project area, but is adjacent and may need to be subjected to an impact study. This historic property is listed in Maxatawny's Comprehensive Plan.
- Hottenstein Schoolhouse (Key# 203195) This property has not been evaluated for the National Register of Historic Places. The Hottenstein Schoolhouse is adjacent to the project and may need to be subjected to an impact study. This historic property is listed in Maxatawny's Comprehensive Plan.

Archaeological Resources

No professional archaeological work has been performed within the project area. An archaeological survey undertaken by PennDOT was performed for an intersection improvement project southeast of the project area (Figure 3). Archaeological resources are considered as part of the permitting process for both previously identified archaeological sites as well as areas that have been evaluated as having archaeological potential. The entire project area has been assessed as having high prehistoric archaeological potential by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Historic maps and historical aerial photographs, as well as a walk over of portions of the property as part of the assessment indicate that historic archaeological sites are present, and there is potential for other historic archaeological sites on the property near the Kemp farmhouse and at locations where historic maps and aerials have indicated other historic dwelling that once were present on the property. It may be necessary to perform an archaeological survey on portions of the property. Generally in cases where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) is involved, the archaeological survey is limited to areas over which the USACOE has jurisdiction. The following prehistoric archaeological sites have been identified (see Figure 3). None of the archaeological sites have been evaluated for their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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- 36BK0357
- 36BK0363
- 36BK0458
- 36BK0459
- 36BK0460
- 36BK0550
- Kemp Family Cemetery The cemetery has not be identified as an archaeological site; however, it appears to contain 18 head stones dating from the eighteenth through late nineteenth centuries and will require archaeological methods to exhume the burials if they are to be removed. Rules and regulations relating to the removal and reburial of human remains other than those associated with the identification of archaeological remains eligible for listing in the National Register (notification of next of kin, orphan's court coordination, etc.) will need to be followed. Information obtained on-line indicates the names of 16 individuals, but lists two individuals twice. The cemetery is known by multiple names, including "Kemp Burial Ground" (Findagrave.com), "Kemp Graveyard" (Berks County Cemetery Records, Vol. 2 in the State Library of Pennsylvania, Call # F157.B3 Cm1002), and "Kemp Cemetery" (Strausstown Roots

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website: bergergirls.com). The name derives from the family who owned the farm of which the burial ground was a component through five generations, from the second quarter of the eighteenth century through the first decade of the twentieth century. The earliest owner, German immigrant Dewalt (Theobald) Kemp (1685-1760), is reported to have been buried in the graveyard. The latest burial recorded on Findagrave.com was Elizabeth Sharadin Kemp, who died on May 23, 1879. She was the mother of Nathan S. Kemp (1827-1910). Upon his death in March 1910, Nathan's body was buried not in the family burial ground but in Kutztown's Fairview Cemetery.

The cultural resources work that may be required will depend on the lead federal agency which is anticipated to be the USACOE. The USACOE does not ordinarily provide directions concerning the required cultural resources work until a permit has been applied for. The USACOE works in conjunction with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). To initiate coordination with the SHPO, a Project Review form is required to be submitted. A Project Review forms is appended to this document.

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