

National Endowment of the Humanities
Public Notice of Availability of the
Final Environmental Assessment and Section 106 Determination
of No Adverse Effect
for the
Historic Hudson Valley
Philipsburg Manor Millpond Restoration
(CHA-295061)

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) implementing guidance, NEH has determined that that NEH federally assisted project by the Historic Hudson Valley, Inc., will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment. A draft Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was made available to the public for 30 days. No comments were received, and the documents are now final. Furthermore, because NEH has determined there will be no significant impact, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The Historic Hudson Valley, Inc. will restore the historic Philipsburg Manor millpond through dredging. The proposed project will remove approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris from the PMMP, restoring the property to its original function and historic appearance and reservoir capacity. Utilizing both mechanical and hydraulic dredging methods, the sediment will be dewatered using geotubes that retain the dredged sediments and allow the water to return to the Pocantico River. The sediments in the pond were sampled and tested using a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) approved protocol. The chemical analysis was reviewed by the NYSDEC, and the sediments have been categorized as general fill. The sediments will be dewatered on the Village of Sleepy Hollow Commons in the area used for overflow parking by Historic Hudson Valley. The solids will be removed from the site post dewatering and will be disposed of at the facility permitted to compost organic matter and produce landscaping soils.

The final EA, signed FONSI, and Public Notice are available online at <https://www.neh.gov/our-work/historic-preservation-environmental>. Questions regarding the EA and FONSI may be addressed to Ann Piesen, NEH Federal Preservation and Environmental Officer at apiesen@neh.gov.