



### The Story Begins... by Laine Gilmore

This edition of Hills and Hollows has been planned for almost an entire year. ENHS member, Kevin Kennedy, approached the Hills and Hollows committee and suggested that since January of 2020 would be the 75th anniversary of the B-17 airplane crash in the Town of Nelson, perhaps we should write an article about it. ENHS members, Facebook friends, and others were approached to see if anyone had any information on the crash.

To our surprise, many people came forward who had done previous research or had witnessed the plane coming down on that fateful day. Folks like Tim Vater, Tim and Frank Sritter, Dave Brown and county historian, Matthew Urtz, had information to share. Matt Urtz had written an article on the crash in March of 2015, and eyewitnesses, including Ken Cody, Fay Lyon, Jim Burke, Don Stranshan and Jerry Davies, remember seeing the airplane flying low on that day. Jerry Davies shared with us a piece of the windshield he found when visiting the site shortly after the crash and before any officials were on the scene.

A serendipitous wave of events contributed to the cause, when pilot Alfred Kramer's nephew, who happened to be gathering information on his uncle's time in service during WWII, led him to Matt Urtz's B-17 article. He got in touch with Urtz, and we were then able to not only converse with the nephew, Chase Sebor, but to invite him to the crash site back in October to commemorate the anniversary of the crash. We also learned that Alfred Kramer, at the age of 99 is still living in Maine, and Chase had written Al's memories of the crash. We also learned that it was the second crash Kramer had been in, the first being when his plane was shot down in France.

The next wave of serendipity occurred when former Cazenovia and New Woodstock historian Sara Chevako informed us she had emails from 2010 from Thomas Boothby, the son of William Boothby, the "co-pilot". We were able to get in touch with Thomas Boothby who informed us that his father is still living at the age of 101. Several years ago, Tom had obtained his father's memories of the events on that fateful day.

Boothby also informed us that on that January day in 1945, the soldiers on that flight each signed a piece of parachute silk that William Boothby has had in his possession all these years. Thomas Boothby has donated the silk piece, as well as William Boothby's dog tags and a set of wings to ENHS.



*The "Fistful Ball,"  
the B-17 that crashed in Nelson on January 16, 1945.*

We were able to obtain the crash incident report which included the eyewitness accounts of all the soldiers on board with the exception of Lieutenant Charles F. Blanke, the sole casualty. After bailing out of the plane, his attitude was too low and his parachute did not open. It was said that his hand was still clenching the ripcord when he was found.

We have found it almost impossible to correctly re-create all of the events of that January day in 1945. Each eyewitness had his own perspective of the events of that day, and although most of the information is consistent, each perspective is a bit different. The memoirs written by both Kramer and Boothby differ from their original official crash reports written 75 years ago. Memories differ over time and stories are sometimes subject to change. Also, those on the ground who witnessed the airplane and visited the crash site were young children at the time, so their remembrances are in the eyes of children.

The ten soldiers who were flying in the B-17 are deserving of commemoration, and we salute them and have adopted them as "our" soldiers. They are a rotatable part of Nelson history.

We would also like to add that this edition is also dedicated to those soldiers who were from Nelson. Although we can't tell all of their stories on these pages, there are some incredible stories and many heroes, born or raised right here in Nelson. We commend them all.



### Our Journey to Erieville and the Georgetown Firetower Cabin By Miriam Barrows

After living, working and raising our two girls in Delphi Falls, George wanted to move "further out". We answered an ad in the local paper and arranged to meet saleslady Esther Smith from DeRuyter at the corner of Dugway and Lewis Roads on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1974. We drove up the Lewis Road with our tow truck, as there were snow drifts across the road and a car could not make it. When we made it to the top of the hill, approximately 1/2 mile, we saw the property consisting of bare land covered with scrub trees. George took one look around and said, "This is it". We signed a purchase offer for \$9,500 for 95 acres. When our lawyer looked into the title, he advised us not to buy the property as the title was vague, but that did not deter George and we ended up signing the deed in October of that year. The taxes were listed in the Town of Otselec, as the farm property originally was owned by Lewis and Jenne Williams on the Firetower Road. Because of that and the fact that there was no electricity available, and our daughter would have had to go to South Otselec school, we did not move there until 1981 after our youngest daughter graduated from school.

There was no road going through the property so in 1975 we hired Kenneth Vaas to pull trees, dig a ditch and put a road approximately 1/2 mile to where we were going to live. Everything we did was complicated by slippery, clay soil. If it started to rain we had to leave right away or we might not get out. We purchased the Georgetown Firetower cabin on May 21<sup>st</sup> 1975. In order to move it onto our property, George had to make a road through the woods about 1,000 feet long. He cut trees on the west side of the road and moved them to the east side to fill in a ravine to widen the road. Then he scraped as much soil as he could onto the road.

The cabin was 16' x 27' including the porch, standing on seven pillars made out of flat stones cemented together, three on each side and one under the chimney. He had



*Photo taken in 1950 showing Carl and Eloise Anderson on the porch of the firetower cabin. Eloise was the last person to man the lower. She would walk cross lots from her home on Erieville Road to man the station in the summer to check for wildfires. The cabin was sold when helicopters took over the job.*



*The cabin about 1982. Miriam Barrows, daughter Melonie, and Duke the dog.*



### The Nelson Swamp Unique Area by Ed Setliff

Nelson Swamp Unique Area is a northern white cedar (arbor vitae) swamp and a protected wetland. Many interesting flowering and nonflowering plants can be found here including one endangered flower species that is found nowhere else in New York State - the striped coralroot, a plant without chlorophyll that grows on and derives all of its nutrients from the roots/trunk of trees (fig. 1). This rare plant is sporadic in appearance and when it does bloom can be elusive in the understorey and among fallen trees. Another endangered plant found here is the globe flower, a member of the buttercup family (fig. 2). It reappears every year in an area rather far from roads, thus it usually escapes observation.

More common flowering plants include the early bloomers - marsh marigold, coltsfoot, and skunk cabbage. A little later in the season, wild flowers come into their full glory - trout lilies, violets of many colors, twin flower, trilliums, the yellow (fig. 3) and showy pink lady's slippers and blue flag. You can also see many non-flowering plants including horsetails, lycopodium, mosses and ferns. None of these plants should be picked; many populations are already threatened.

Our oldest heritage is the natural world, and we need to take care of it, if for no other reason than our spiritual well-being. Take a walk in the woods and see for yourself.

*"When we see land as a community to which we belong,  
we may begin to use it with love and respect".  
A. Leopold*



*Fig. 1: The striped coralroot in bloom*



*Fig. 2: The uncommon globeflower*



*Fig. 3: The yellow lady slipper*



*Looking east toward the Nelson Flats, the watering trough sits under the tree at the top of the west hill.*

### Overseers of the Highways by Marge Lyon

The landowners of Nelson today never have to worry about maintaining our roads, we just pay our taxes and leave it all up to our local government and the Highway Superintendent and his crew. It wasn't the same years ago. Each road had an overseer, who was called a path master, for a specified area or district.

Each overseer had to assess the landowners in his district and the number of days each would be required to work on the road,



*Another view of the Nelson Hill watering trough.*

based on the size of his property and personal estate. The overseer kept a record of the days worked, and if a landowner didn't complete his days of work, the overseer fined him. We have in our archives a road warrant to designate the overseer of the highway, David Lyon, for 1860. The warrant is for part of what is now Lyon Road from the corner of Erieville Road down through Nelson swamp. David Lyon was to work four days, David Case, eleven days, Merritt Lyon three days, John Mowry one day, Harley Wedge, one day and (unidentified) Jones, three and a half days.

What did the landowners have to do? They were required to cut down all noxious weeds on the highway before the first of July, and again, by the first of September, and also remove loose stones lying on the beaten track of the road at least once each month, from the first day of April to the first day of December. The overseer turned in his annual report, including days worked and fines for not working, before the annual town meeting. The overseer collected the fines and turned them in to the town supervisor or he, himself, would be fined five dollars. The system evidently did not work well. The old town meeting minutes reported that "so many overseers have neglected to make reports that they are unable to give any satisfactory amount of the labor expended on the highways or of the present condition of the roads." There was a commissioner of highways who was supposed to manage the overseers, but he mainly took care of building the needed local bridges.

In looking over the town meeting records over the years we can see the expansion of the town reflected by the number of overseers appointed. In 1807 there were 24 districts, by 1833, 52 districts and by 1860 68 districts.

This unreliable overseer method continued until the Civil War, when responsibilities changed to include "heavy male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years excepting all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who lost an arm or leg in service to the United States during the late war or who are unable to perform manual labor by manner of injuries in such service, members of any fire company within the town are exempt, persons seventy years of age, clergymen and priests, paupers, idiots and lunatics are exempt, the rest will serve one day." At the February 23, 1864 town meeting the number of days assessed for work on the highways was 1,788. Town meeting records show that again, the overseers of the highways made no reported returns.

According to the New York State Highway Laws the landowners had the additional responsibility of providing troughs filled with

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The project we seeking the grant for we are going to call our Archives Project.

The museum has been gathering items and has been given much archival information - including historic books, on Eaton's long history. We also have logs, surveys, lithographs. tax records, military rolls, church rolls and much more.

The project will be done by our museum volunteers and will be extensive... when completed it will insure the saftey of all this information, which we in turn will be able to digitize and put on line with pictures for the use of the public for research.

We are hoping to get this project up and running for our special Memorial Day 250th Celebration next year.

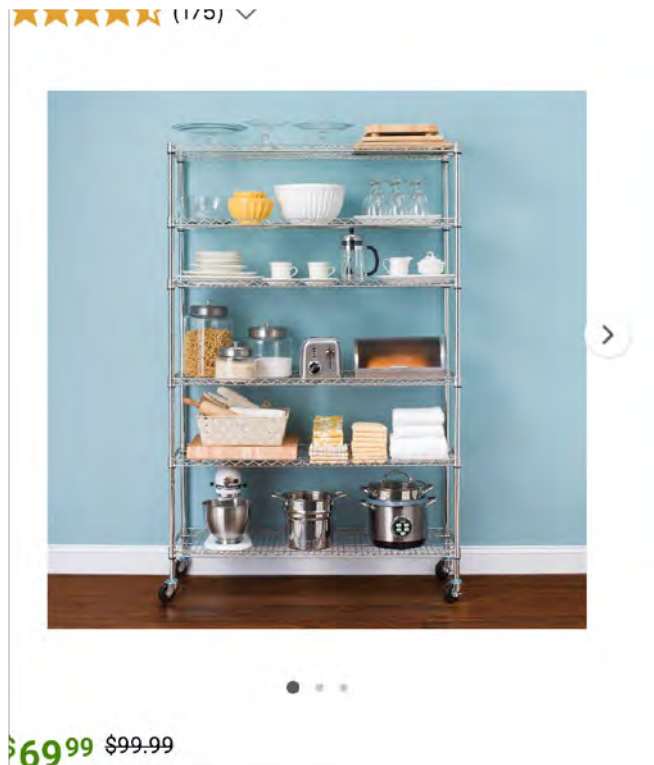
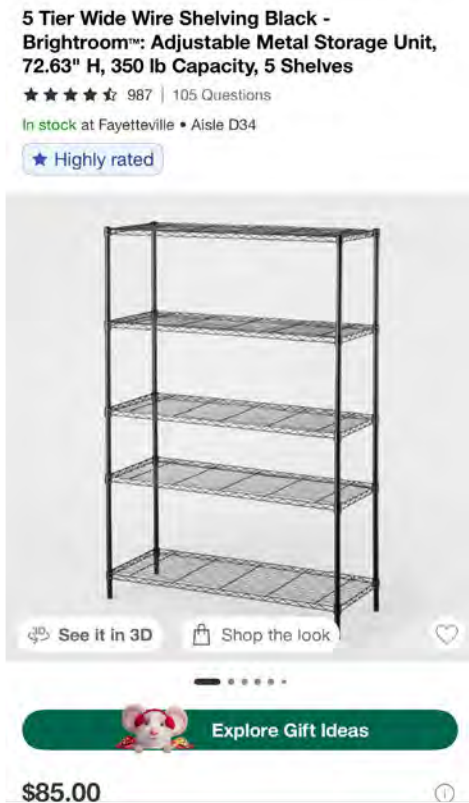
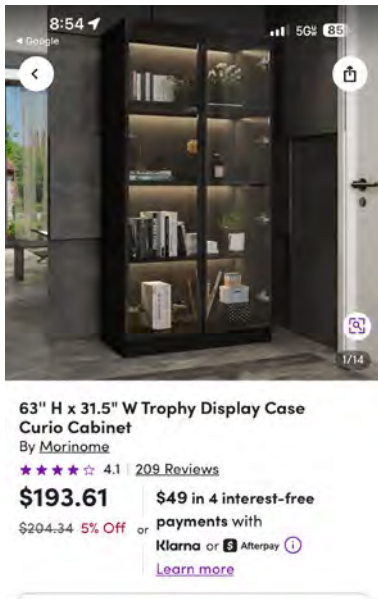
As the former historian for Madison County, I will supervise and lend a hand. [REDACTED]

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I hope this helps us stress our need for funds and that you can come and visit our museum sometime.

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November 19, 2025

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EDR Historic Preservation Project Manager  
EDR Hoffman Falls Wind Project  
Cultural Resources Mitigation and Offset Plan  
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Dear ██████████

Please consider this letter of request for funding from the Nelson Preservation Associates (NPA), a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization, to participate in the EDR Historic Preservation mitigation project for the Hoffman Falls Wind Project. We are specifically requesting funding to support any of three areas of critical restoration and maintenance repairs scheduled for a 200+ year old tavern building now known as the Old Drovers Tavern (ODT). Formerly owned by Assemblyman ██████████, this property was acquired by NPA to preserve not only its historical and architectural value, but also to restore its historic role as a community resource offering food, drink and entertainment to residents and visitors. Located on the designated NYS Scenic Byway of Route 20 within the Town of Nelson, in Madison County, this property is a major contributor to not only the architectural landscape but has already demonstrated its potential to be a strong economic engine for its community.

The Old Drovers Tavern (ODT) is physically located at 3307 State Route 20 East, intersecting with Erieville Road/Nelson Road, the busiest crossroads within the Town of Nelson. It has been determined eligible for listing in the S/NRHP by NYSHPO.





We have three projects for which we seek funding from the EDR, detailed below: (all costs noted below are based on personal quotes by qualified contractors or have been derived from the RS Means Construction Calculation Standards.)

- FURNACE CHIMNEY REPAIRS:** The heating plant for this building is 20 years old and was not adequately managed or maintained for several years. Each year, as time and money has allowed, we have conducted a series of preventative maintenance steps to improve its performance, cost effectiveness, and safety. This past month the chimney was inspected by a certified professional and found to have a heavily compromised ceramic liner, rendering it no longer code-compliant. Remediation options and cost estimates have been reviewed; projected repair expense is between \$3,800 (clay lining) to \$4,600 (stainless steel).

**SERVICE PROVIDER:**  
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**CUSTOMER:**  
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 Address: *Mon. Wood*  
 City: *Mon. Wood* State: *NY* Zip: *13408*  
 Phone: *(315) 279-2608*  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Directions to home: \_\_\_\_\_

Technician: *Jason Clark*  
 Service date: *10/27/25* Time: *1:30*

**SYSTEM INFORMATION**

Fireplaces, Number of: *1*  
 Construction:  Masonry  Factory-built  Modular  
 Fireplace opening sizes: 1. *18*" x *18*" 2. " x " 3. " x "

Heating Appliances, Number of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type:  Insert  Freestanding  Furnace  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fuel:  Wood  Coal  Gas  Oil  \_\_\_\_\_

Chimney  
 Construction:  Factory-built  Masonry  Other  
 Chimney height: *18* feet  
 Liner:  Flue tile  Stainless  Cast  Unlined  
 Flue sizes:  8" x 8"  8" x 13"  13" x 13"  8" x 17"  13" x 17"  
 6" Round  8" Round  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last cleaned: \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) ago  Never  Unknown

**COMMENT:**  
*NFPA 211 Level 2 Camera Inspection Reveals... Deteriorating Terra cotta Flue tile chimney liner at base of chimney. Chimney cannot safely contain the products of combustion to outside atmosphere safely. Chimney is no longer code compliant. Do not use until repairs are made. Estimate for repairs available upon request.*

**ANNUAL INSPECTION**  
 The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends annual inspection of all fireplaces, chimneys, and vents. The next inspection if your system is scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

**CUSTOMER VERIFICATION**  
 This report is the result of a visual inspection done at the time of cleaning. It is intended as a convenience to our customer, not as certification of fire worthiness or safety. Since conditions of use and hidden construction defects are beyond our control, no warranty is made the safety or function of any appliance and none is to be implied. I have read this form and understand the apparent condition of my place, appliance, chimney, and/or vent system. Furthermore I understand the limitations of this report as given in the paragraph above.  
 Signature: *[Signature]* Date: *10/27/25*

**INVOICE / RECEIPT**

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
<i>Sweep &amp; Masonry chimney</i>	
<i>Correction pipe Venting a</i>	
<i>Oil Fired Water boiler</i>	
<i>Uncovered base of chimney</i>	
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- DRAINAGE MITIGATION:** This property is in an area historically called the Nelson Flats, constructed through a small valley which includes a large wetland. Since the early 1800s, each generation of road improvement generated a loss in relative elevation for the tavern foundations, to the point where today it sits two feet well below grade. Combine that with additionally widening of lanes, corners and increased shoulder widths, current grading at the southwest corner of the tavern is wholly insufficient for the annual water load expected to drain. This has negatively affected the sills and foundation stonework for at least the last 150 years.



In July 2024, the west side of the tavern was struck by a speeding car. Damage assessments and subsequent repairs isolated to the crash site revealed extensive sill rot along the entire western wall, as well as extensive masonry damage from years of water penetration, freeze/thaw cycles and ground subsidence. Masonry problems have been addressed by a master preservation mason this past summer.





Our next critical care and structural stabilization are as follows:

### **DRAINAGE LINES**

Installation of inground drainage lines connecting the southwest property corner to an active drainage swale at the northwest end of the property. Estimates for material costs, excavations and regrading have been received, including consideration for some in-kind contribution of professional labor and equipment time: \$5,600.





## SILL PLATE REMEDIATION/REPLACEMENT

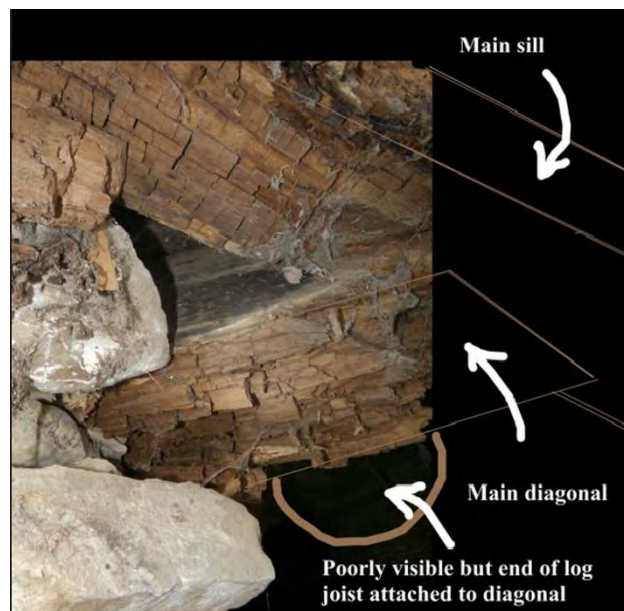
Several timber framing construction teams have been contacted, including local traditional Amish tradesmen and other members of the Timber Framers Guild concerning conditions. Cost estimates for 290 linear feet of suitable timber frame replacements are calculated to be between \$100-120/ft, an expected total of between \$29,000-35,000.

To access the south sill plate, we must first remove a concrete slab walkway installed across the main front facing Route 20 sometime in the 1920-30s. This feature is actively contributing to sill rot as it has rotated inward causing rain and snow to flow directly across the sill face. Cost estimate for removal and disposal by contractor: \$1,350.

Mortise joint of post above



The 1970's (?) triple 2 x 10 beam about 3 feet in from the outer wall. The rotted old sill beam seen top left.





3. **ENERGY CONSERVATION:** Over its history, the Old Drovers Tavern has installed a wide variety of window styles, sizes, shapes and locations. Our goal is to gradually restore them each to their appearance as documented in 1870 when the James family converted the tavern into a dry goods store and tin smith shop. Our first goal is to improve the energy efficiency of the first-floor windows; a grouping of three double hung sashes and five large multipaned commercial display windows. These are original single glazed windows which will be restored individually, but they do not have any exterior storms and require annual application of shrink plastic to create an airtight seal and heat loss buffer. Our goal is to outfit each first-floor window with interior pressure fitting inserts (such as Indow or others). Cost estimate for this is: \$7,640.





In the past few years, we have received three grants to address repair to a rear roof and a new gutter system to draw water away from the building, to remove lead paint, to address our water improvement plan on site, as well as numerous donations. We have also received outstanding pro bono support from local tree service companies, farm equipment suppliers, artisans, and individual volunteers who have participated in progressing the restoration as we work toward finalizing the national registry application. We applied for and received a Pomeroy historic places marker, we held a community paint color contest to guess the original colors of the building, and we applied the siding and trim coats. We repaired the rotted footers in the original Ell foundation, and we had part of the Ell wing base stones repointed and vented.

Thank you for considering this request and potentially for becoming one of our sponsors to help sustain Nelson's Renaissance through our revitalization effort. We look forward to your reply, and we welcome the opportunity to provide a guided tour of the building and to answer any questions you may have. Attached are some project images that show our progression at the Old Drovers Tavern.

Best Regards,

***The Officers of Nelson Preservation Associates Incorporated***

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For reference, below are the relevant details of our non-profit organization.

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Old Drovers Tavern Project Progression Since 2019












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A project of the Nelson Preservation Associates, Inc.  
and the Nelson Community

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## **Request for support**

Located at one of the highest elevations in Madison County, the views from atop the hill at Stone Quarry Art Park are a major draw for visitors of the 100-acre art space. Each year Stone Quarry welcomes around 10,000 visitors to its grounds, the former home of artist Dorothy Riester, to experience art and the outdoors. Stone Quarry provides funding and lodging to artists as they create experimental and thought-provoking works on the grounds. The work of these artists is what makes Stone Quarry a well-known and highly celebrated tourist destination, recreational resource, educational asset, historical site, and inspiration.

With prominent views of the current windmills located in Fenner and the water tower located in Nelson, it is very likely that many of the windmills constructed by the Hoffman Falls Wind Project will be visible from the hilltop at Stone Quarry Art Park and its National Register listed Dorothy Riester House and Studio.

Stone Quarry appreciates the opportunity to apply for mitigation funding. The project outlined below would allow Stone Quarry to catalog and digitize its Riester Archives and art collection. The project would provide public access to these resources through a web-based platform integrated with Stone Quarry's website.

Stone Quarry developed a digital catalog platform through CollectiveAccess in 2021 and has been working with a Museum Studies class at Syracuse University to digitize the archival material of its founder, artist Dorothy Rietser as well as to document all past and current outdoor artworks. However, with no dedicated staff for this project and intermittent offering of the digitization class, the project has been slow. Mitigation funding for this work would ensure the completion of the project.

- \$7,500- to hire a dedicated staff person to digitize the archival materials (30 weeks x 10 hours/week x \$25/hour)
- \$5,000- to develop the "front end" public facing digital catalog and integrate it with the Stone Quarry website with CollectiveAccess developer Whirl-i-gig
- \$2,500-project administration and supervision by Stone Quarry's existing CEO and Artistic Director

## Additional Historical context



*Aerial image of Stone Quarry Hill looking north toward Cazenovia Lake, photo credit: Laura Reeder*

Stone Quarry Art Park is a 501(c)3 private not-for-profit located in the Town of Cazenovia, about one mile east of the village of Cazenovia. Founded in 1991 by artist Dorothy Riester and her husband Robert Riester, Stone Quarry's land encompasses around 100-acres of meadows, forests, and hayfields and includes several historic resources. The property of Stone Quarry Art Park includes a small limestone quarry, utilized in the late 1800s for the stone foundations of several homes in the area. Further south on Stone Quarry Road and to the left of the entrance drive for Stone Quarry, are remnants of the Mary Hackley homestead. The foundation and cistern of this early 1900s dairy farm are visible to Park visitors and stand as a reminder of an era of history when single women were only allowed to purchase land as widows.

Dorothy and her husband Robert Riester purchased the land of Stone Quarry Hill in the late 1950s and established a summer home (Hilltop House) and artist studio (A-frame) at the property's highest elevation. Their home was and remains unique. Designed by Dorothy in the mid-century modern aesthetic, the Hilltop House and A-frame embrace rural, wooded surrounds. Large expanses of Northern facing windows celebrate the outdoors and look out on views of Oneida and Cazenovia Lake.



*View from the Hilltop House looking north at Cazenovia Lake, photo credit: Sayward Schoonmaker*

In 1991, the Riester's founded Stone Quarry Art Park as a means of transforming their private home and land into an outdoor art space for all. In 2014, the Hilltop House and A-frame were listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Dorothy Riester Home and Studio. In 2019, Stone Quarry was invited to join the Historic Artists' Homes and Studios, a program of the National Trust for Historic Places. (<https://artistshomes.org/sites/stone-quarry-art-park-dorothy-riester-house-and-studio/>)

Today, Stone Quarry utilizes the historic a-frame artist studio for its offices/visitor center and provides public access to the Hilltop House through summer art programs.



*The Hilltop House activated during a summer program, phot credit: Aurelio Aguirre*

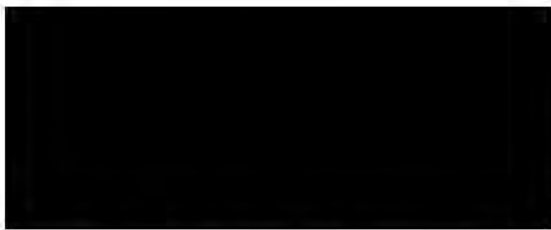


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December 12, 2025




Re: Hoffman Falls Wind Project - Historic Resources Mitigation Projects

Dear 

Thank you for the opportunity to submit project proposals for the Hoffman Falls Wind Project Historic Resources Mitigation Program. The Town of Cazenovia is pleased to submit two projects that we believe support your program goals. These include an upgrade for our historic South Cemetery and for signage at the New Woodstock Heritage Park.

Both projects would enhance public access to historic places, will meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and are ready for implementation. With assistance from the Cazenovia Area Community Development Association, the town has the added capacity necessary to complete both projects.

Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 

Sincerely,



Town Supervisor

cc: Town of Cazenovia Town Board (via e-mail)

## **South Cemetery**

The South Cemetery is owned by the Town of Cazenovia and located on Number Nine Road. Deterioration of the brick pillars marking entrances to the cemetery has been an ongoing concern for maintaining the hallowed ground. When reviewing options for repair of the pillars, it became clear the row of sugar maples looming large over them are in an equal state of decline. Mitigating the potential hazards from the trees to passing motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, as well as any newly constructed entrances, is an additional priority.

This project will include removal and replacement of the trees and repair of the historic brick pillars.

Total project cost is \$56,075. Quotes and photos are attached.

## **New Woodstock Heritage Park**

The New Woodstock Heritage Park is owned by the Town of Cazenovia and located at the site of the former New Woodstock Hotel built in 1818. The building served a variety of purposes and was ultimately torn down in 1973. The park includes signage that details the important history of the site. However, the sign requires a new structure in order to stand up to the elements and provide a more prominent display. The town has worked in phases to improve this park and this element will complement other recent and upcoming upgrades.

This project will include building a raised planter, framework, and roof for the existing sign.

Total project cost is \$5,500. Attachments include a photo of the existing sign, a model for the proposed new framework and roof (modeled after a similar display within the town), specifications for the structure, and a map that highlights the sign location.



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**Proposal For**

**Cazenovia, Town of**  
 Highway Department  
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 Cazenovia, NY 13035

main: [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]@townofcazenovia.org, [REDACTED]@townofcazenovia.org

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 Due on receipt

ACCEPT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH</b> <span style="background-color: #90EE90;">Optional</span> <span style="background-color: #808080;">Declined</span></p> <p>Option 1: Remove (10) trees</p> <p>There are (10) Maples lining the roadway along Number Nine Road at the South Cemetery.            (9) Sugar Maples            (1) Norway maple</p> <p>Removing all (10) trees is an option. To take down and remove all (1) trees chip brush and low cut stumps.</p>	1	\$ 21,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH</b> <span style="background-color: #90EE90;">Optional</span> <span style="background-color: #808080;">Declined</span></p> <p>Trim (2) Sugar Maples (B &amp; C) to balance crown, remove large deadwood and improve aesthetics.</p> <p>Trim (1) Norway maple (1) to remove large dead wood.</p> <p>Take down and remove (7) Maple trees which are in decline. Trees have obvious large dead wood, extensive decay, buttress injuries and girdling roots. *Most of the trees have obvious bark missing, expose decay sites and ganoderma.</p>	1	\$ 18,875.00

Remove Tree Take down with Large DBH and remove generated debris from the tree

Replacement Planting Optional Declined

1 \$ 2,200.00

Tree Replacement Planting: Prepare site and plant (2) 2" Caliper Red Maples on either side of brick pillars

Please use the checkbox to mark items as accepted.

Thank you for Choosing Walker Tree Care Inc.!

All work will be completed in accordance with these plans unless subsequent changes are agreed upon in writing.

Walker Tree Care Inc. assumes no responsibility for what may be underground in your yard or under paved driveways. Customer agrees that the Company shall not be responsible for repairing or compensating for any such damage, including but not limited to depressions in lawns or driveways, unless otherwise agreed to in writing. The Customer accepts full responsibility for any resulting restoration or repair. If the Customer requires the use of ground protection mats or other special protective measures, this must be requested in advance and may incur additional charges.

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Any changes to the job on site may result in a change of price. Prices are guaranteed if accepted within 30 Days. Invoice balances not paid by the due date are subject to late fees. By Signing this proposal, you are agreeing to these Terms & Conditions Walker Tree Care Inc. has outlined below.

SUBTOTAL	\$ 0.00
SALES TAX	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
DEPOSIT AMOUNT (25.0%)	\$ 0.00

## Signature

x

Date:

Please sign here to accept the terms and conditions

## Sales Reps

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## Photos

Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH



Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH



Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH



Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH



Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH



Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH



*Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH*



*Tree Take Down- Lg. DBH*



*Replacement Planting*



*Replacement Planting*





# Walker Tree Care, Inc.

P.O. Box 306, Chittenango, NY 13037 (315) 687-9649



TRIMMING • REMOVAL • PLANTING • DIAGNOSIS • SPRAYING • INJECTIONS

## Walker Tree Care Inc. Terms & Conditions

*It is agreed by and between Walker Tree Care Inc. and the authorizing party/client that the following provisions are made as part of any contract:*

### **1. Performance by Company:**

Walker Tree Care Inc. Crews shall arrive at the job unannounced unless otherwise noted herein.

**Walker Tree Care Inc. shall attempt to meet all performance dates but shall not be liable for damages or otherwise for delays because of inclement weather, labor, or any other cause beyond its control.**

### **2. Insurance:**

Walker Tree Care Inc. is insured for liability resulting from injury to persons or property, and all its employees are covered by NYS Workers Compensation Insurance. Walker Tree Care can provide documents for your records if needed by calling the office at 315-687-9649.

### **3. Workmanship:**

All work will be performed in a professional manner by experienced personnel outfitted with the appropriate tools and equipment to complete the job properly. Unless otherwise indicated herein, Walker Tree Care will remove wood, brush, and debris incidental to the work.

### **4. Limitation**

**Walker Tree Care Inc. assumes no responsibility for what may be underground in your yard or under paved driveways.** Walker Tree Care Inc. assumes **no responsibility** for the location of or damage to "private" underground utilities not clearly marked by the customer prior to commencement of site services. The customer must identify all private/non-public utilities. Stump grinding and removals as proposed will occur where public utilities allow. Damage to unnotified "private" underground utilities would not be Walker Tree Care Inc. responsibility to repair.

### **5. Proposals:**

Proposals are valid for three (3) months from the date proposed. Reactivating an expired or rejected proposal can and may require a second visit to your property. A \$65.00 nonrefundable fee to revisit is required to reactive an expired proposal. In the event weather, construction or other extenuating situations have made the work more challenging; service costs may be increased.

### **6. Deposits:**

The customer agrees to pay Walker Tree Care Inc. a non- refundable deposit of 25% of the contract price upon the acceptance of the proposal quoted as an authorization to proceed with the planned work. When Walker Tree Care Inc. has determined the work to be completed, Walker Tree Care Inc. will Invoice customer for the remaining 75% of the contract price.

### **7. Billing:**

All accounts are **net** payable upon receipt of invoice. Your proposal may contain multiple services and/or service dates. Please be advised that Walker Tree Care Inc. Invoices per completion of operation. Your Invoice will come via email unless otherwise specified or requested. A Late Fee charge of 1.5% after 15 days will be added to completed service accounts We accept the following forms of payment; Check by mail to PO Box 306, Chittenango NY 13037 or calling the office with credit card/debit a 3.5% Surcharge will be added to the credit card.

**\*\* Cash and checks can also be hand delivered to our secure drop box 24/7 for your convenience; 2472 State Route 5, Chittenango NY 13037. Once processed a receipt will be sent via email, text or ask WTCI to mail.**

### **8. Returned Check Fee:**

There will be a \$35.00 fee charged for all checks returned to our office for non-sufficient funds.

### **9. Limitation: Lawn & Surface Repair:**

Customer acknowledges that tree work often requires the use of heavy equipment, vehicles, and machinery that may need to access the work area by crossing the lawn or driveway. Walker Tree Care Inc. will attempt to make reasonable precautions to minimize damage; however, soft ground, weather conditions, or the weight of equipment may result in depressions, ruts, or surface damage to lawns, driveways, sidewalks, or other landscaped areas. It is expected during tree service to have some minor incidental damage in the yard during tree work as a result of falling debris wood & debris removal from service area. IE. Divots, impressions, scuff marks may occur and should be expected.

**This is especially true during removals or wet conditions.**

\* If there is any significant damage and/or ruts from equipment, we will repair the damage to the client's satisfaction.

**Customer agrees that the Company shall not be responsible for repairing or compensating for any such damage, including but not limited to depressions in lawns or driveways, unless otherwise agreed to in writing. The Customer accepts full responsibility for any resulting restoration or repair. If the Customer requires the use of ground protection mats or other special protective measures, this must be requested in advance and may incur additional charges.**

### **10. Stump Grinding:**

**Stump grinding is only included in this contract when specifically noted on this contract.** If work includes Stump Grinding services, the Client acknowledges that grinding will take place well below ground level. All grindings will remain neatly piled on property unless otherwise specified on the contract. Some lawn damage disturbance/ minor incidental damage may occur during the removal/grinding process. **Stump Grinding although in your contract may/may not be completed the day of service, if not completed stump grinding is subject to be completed within 7 days of service.**

**\* If stump grinding was NOT completed stump grinding will be removed from the full invoice and invoiced to client separately.**

**\*SEED: Due to varying forms of turf & grass species as well as uncontrollable light & weather conditions our company does not seed areas. We feel the client is best suited for this particular application.**



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**11. Safety:**

Walker Tree Care Inc. warrants that all arboricultural operations will follow the latest version of the ANSI Z133 industry safety standards. The authorizing party/client agrees to not enter the work area during arboricultural operations unless authorized by the crew leader on-site. Prior to commencement of work the client will have the opportunity to speak with the crew leader. Once the work starts, **PLEASE** do not enter the work zone, if communication with staff is required, please call the office and the leader will come out of the work zone to meet you. As a courtesy for the health and safety of our staff it is understood that the client will move personal belongings, trash, and animal debris from our service area prior to the crew's arrival. If our client is unable to perform the above, please plan by calling our office prior to the crew's arrival. If the crew arrives and areas need to be cleared of personal belongings, trash, or excrement an additional fee will be incurred. IE: Grills, trash bins, toys, and animal waste.

**12. Tree Risk:**

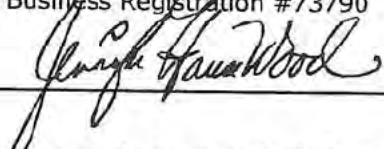
The Client acknowledges that trees can fail unpredictably, even if no defects or other conditions are apparent. Walker Tree Care Inc. will not be responsible for damages caused by subsequent failure of a tree, or tree part within or around the scope of the work due to defects or other preexisting structural or health conditions. Unless the work includes having Walker Tree Care Inc. perform a tree risk assessment for designated trees, the Client understands that in performing the work Walker Tree Care Inc. experts is not required to inspect and report to the Client on risks to, and risks posed by, trees on or near the Client's property. The Client also acknowledges that because trees are living organisms that change over time, the best protection against the risk associated with having trees on the Client's property is for the Client to arrange to have them inspected by a qualified arborist annually and after each major weather event to identify any defects or other conditions that present the risk of tree failure. Then, once inspected, the Client should review any possible defects or conditions that present the risk of failure and request recommendations for, and implement, remedial actions to mitigate the risks. If you feel you need a Full Risk Assessment, please contact the office at 315-687-9649.

**13. Fuel Surcharge:**

With current fluctuations in the economy and fuel costs, a fuel charge may be added to your invoice.

**14. Integrated Pest Management:**

Commercial Business Registration #73790

X 

Pesticide warning markers are to be left on premises for a 24-hour period after application. For our customers convenience all pesticide labels, precautionary statements, MSDS sheets and other pertinent information regarding protection of humans, animals, and the environment with respect to your proposed plant health care treatments are available on our website. [www.walkertreecare.com](http://www.walkertreecare.com)

\* Certified Applicators who may perform work on your property are as follows:

- # C7888052
- # C7889747
- # C7827994

X \_\_\_\_\_

**South Cemetery Photos**



\*Please see photos of trees that need to be removed within the Walker Tree Care quote.

# New Woodstock Heritage Park

In 1807, the Skaneateles Turnpike Corporation was authorized to construct the Skaneateles Turnpike which was an East-West road beginning just east of the Village of Skaneateles and ran across southern Onondaga and Madison counties to Richfield Springs in Northern Otsego County. The road began and ended at the Cherry Valley Turnpike, which was part of the Great Western Turnpike System and is the present-day New York State Route 20. The turnpike not only provided a transportation route for goods and services, as the train was many years away from coming to New Woodstock, it also brought tourists, salesmen and travelers along the turnpike. This led entrepreneurs to begin building hotels in many of the communities along this route to accommodate the influx of travelers and businessmen.

In 1818, David Smith built the New Woodstock Hotel on this site, facing the Skaneateles Turnpike. The hotel ran continuously until 1919. By this time, the train was running through New Woodstock and cars were becoming a faster means of transportation, causing the hotel business to decline.

Mr. Leon Buckingham then purchased the hotel and turned the upstairs into an entertainment hall and the downstairs into an office, with gas pumps installed out front. For the next 20 years, shows, plays, concerts and town basketball games were held there. However, this ended when the new school and auditorium was finished in 1939. The hotel, once the center of activity for the community, fell on hard times. It served as apartments, an auto dealership, and finally a residence. In 1973, the building was condemned by the Town of Cazenovia and demolished.

In 1975 a group of local citizens approached the Town of Cazenovia with the idea of turning the site into a town park. Local Citizens provided the labor for the project and on July 24, 1976, during the Bi-Annual old home days Celebration, this site was dedicated as the New Woodstock Heritage Park, to be forever held for the public to enjoy. In 2015, the Town Board provided funding for further upgrades to the park. As in the past, volunteers of the community provided the labor for the work, which included the installation of a gazebo and other upgrades to the site.

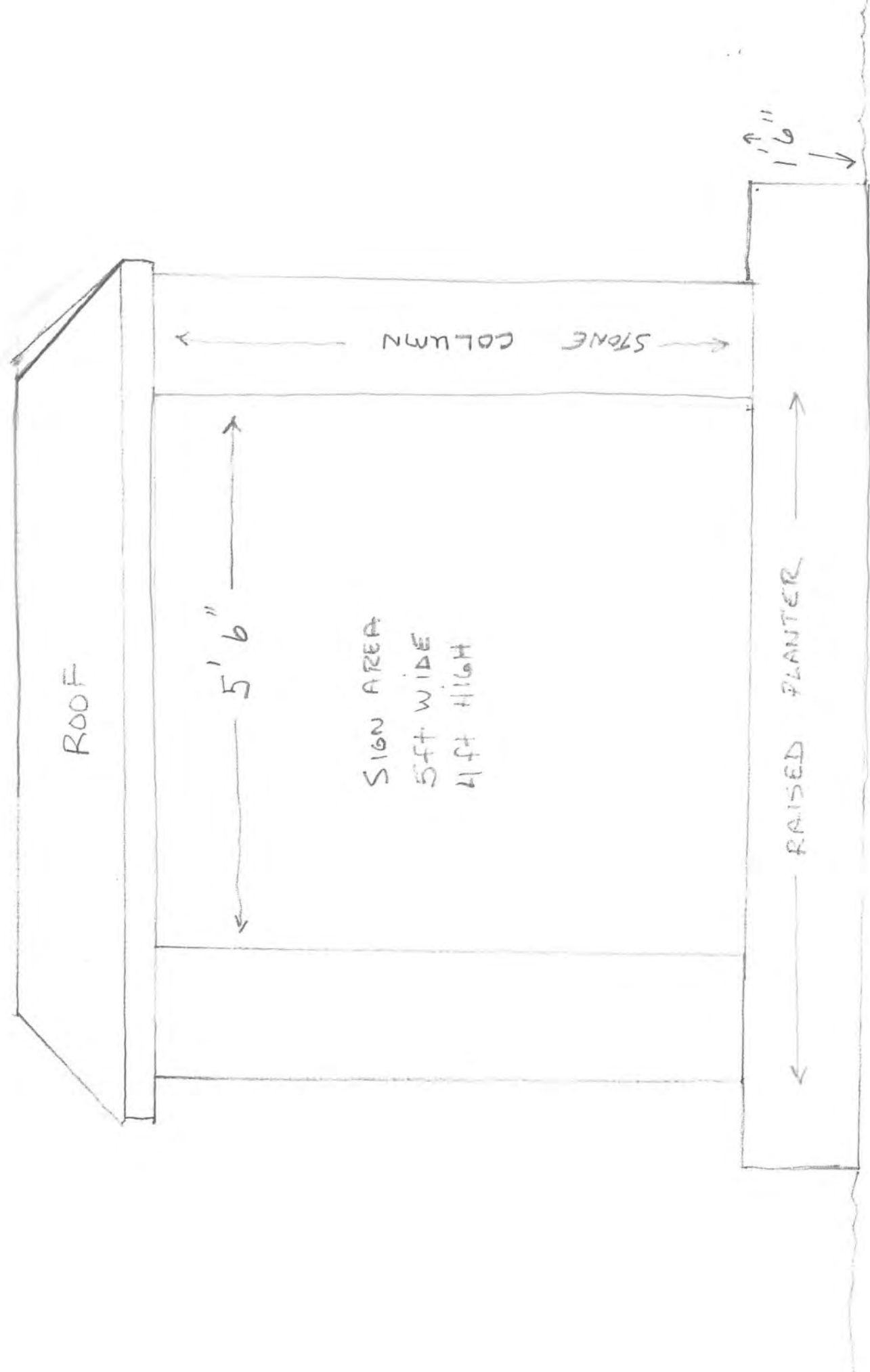
Today, the New Woodstock Heritage Park continues to be a gathering place for community events, and a reminder of our past that honors the citizens of the community for their dedication to preserving this site for the enjoyment of all who live, work and play here.



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LIGHT FOR SIGN  
UNDER ROOF



ROOF

5' 6"

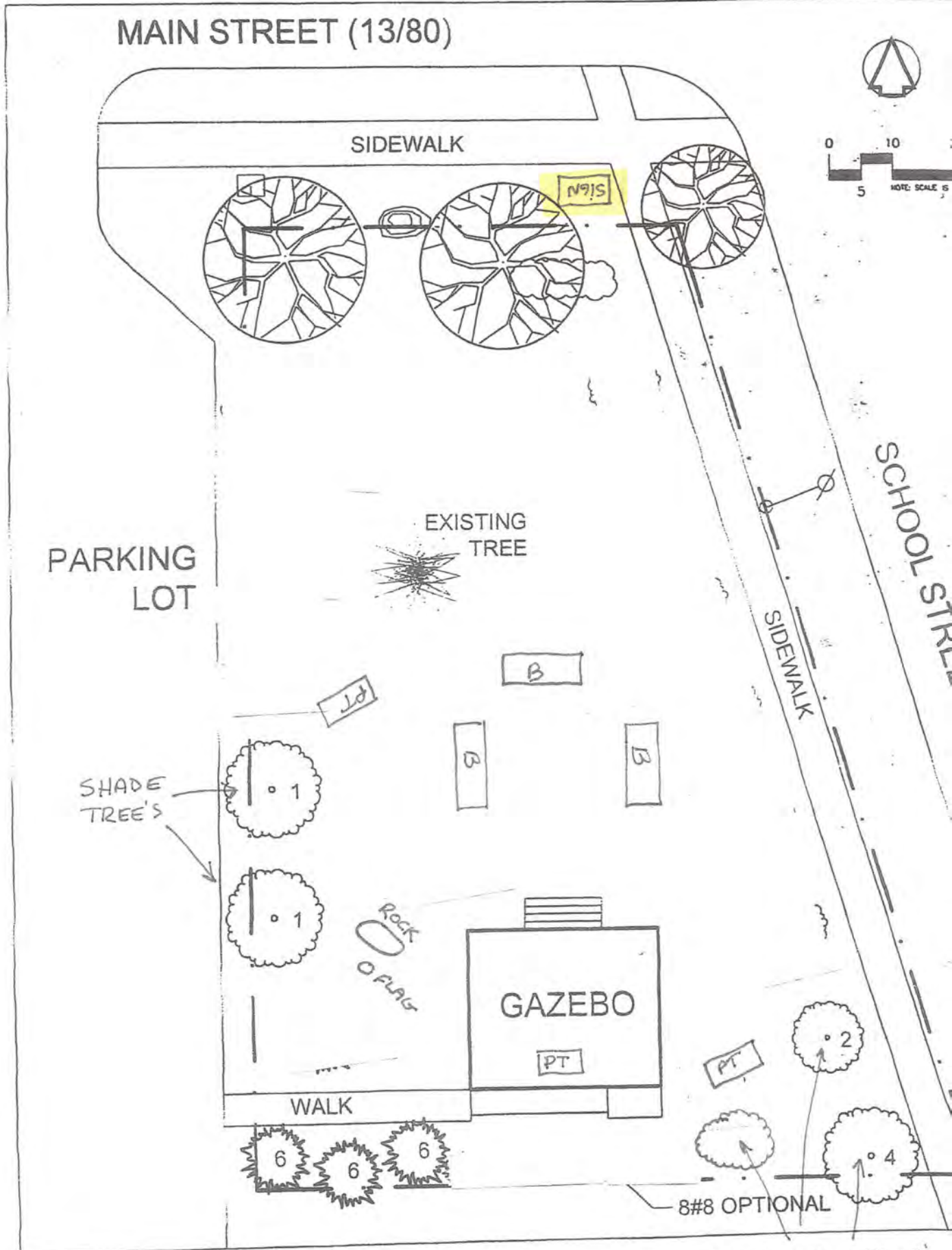
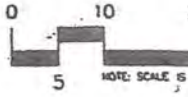
SIGN AREA  
5 FT WIDE  
4 FT HIGH

STONE COLUMN

RAISED PLANTER

1' 6"

# MAIN STREET (13/80)



B = BENCH  
PT = PICNIC TABLE

FLOWERING TREE'S

December 16, 2025

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please accept the following as a collaborative request of the Towns of Eaton, Fenner, Nelson and Smithfield, NY for funding through the Cultural Resources Mitigation and Offset Plan/Program.

The four municipalities will receive the bulk of installation of the Hoffman Falls Wind Project. Our rural communities will have their vistas again impacted by construction of many turbines. These units will be even taller than the previous ones, and even closer to buildings.

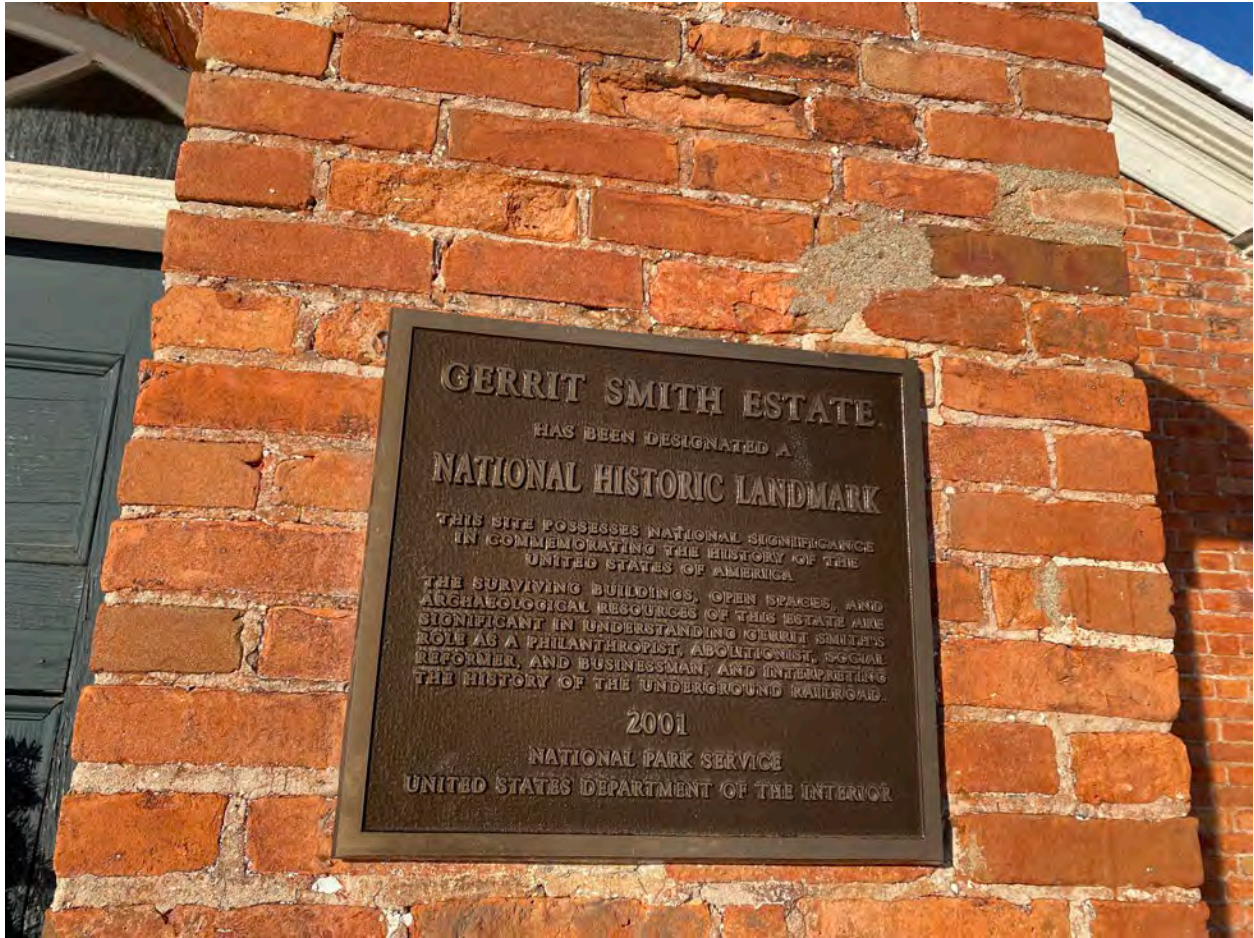
The Historic Resources Study Area identifies the impact of the wind farm and includes the Village of Morrisville (Eaton), Crossroad of Fenner (Fenner), Main Street of Nelson (Nelson) and Hamlet of Peterboro (Smithfield). Collectively these four municipalities have listed on the National Register of Historic Places the following:

- Morrisville Engine House (Morrisville, Town of Eaton)
- Madison Hall (Morrisville, Town of Eaton)
- Morrisville Public Library (Morrisville, Town of Eaton)
- First National Bank of Morrisville (Morrisville, Town of Eaton)
- Nelson Methodist Episcopal Church (Town of Nelson)
- Nelson Welsh Congregational Church (Town of Nelson)
- Smithfield Community Center (Peterboro, Town of Smithfield)
- Hamlet District (In process - Peterboro, Town of Smithfield)
- Home for Madison County Destitute Children, aka Peterboro Area Historic Museum (in process - Peterboro, Town of Smithfield)

Additional, designated as a National Historic Landmark - the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark (Peterboro, Town of Smithfield)



PETERBORO LAND OFFICE  
HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE  
NATIONAL REGISTER  
OF HISTORIC PLACES  
BY THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUILT 1804



**GERRIT SMITH ESTATE**

HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**

THIS SITE POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE  
IN COMMEMORATING THE HISTORY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE SURVIVING BUILDINGS, OPEN SPACES, AND  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES OF THIS ESTATE ARE  
SIGNIFICANT IN UNDERSTANDING GERRIT SMITH'S  
ROLE AS A PHILANTHROPIST, ABOLITIONIST, SOCIAL  
REFORMER, AND BUSINESSMAN, AND INTERPRETING  
THE HISTORY OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

2001

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



## HISTORIC BUILDING FUND

Our historic buildings have many projects identified such as (all scoped according to the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Rehabilitation):

- Repairs & replacement of historic windows
- Installation of wood window storms
- Installation of heat/AC/dehumidification systems
- Installation of fire/smoke notification
- Exterior maintenance - repairs/replacement of siding, prep & paint
- Foundation repointing and repair
- Our needs list is exhaustive! Each municipality has multiple quotes from contractors from years of grant requests to support the work list and the scope budget(s).











A historic building fund for our municipalities would provide longevity to these structures that our small communities grew around and continue to provide a sense of place.

## **CEMETERY STABILIZATION & RESTORATION FUND**

Part of the historic past of our landscape is our cemeteries. They hold the very founders and namesakes of our roads and places. Many of our burial spaces are losing historic stones and have no future funding to continue professional work to right stones, document graves, and capture and document the information at hand for the future.

Collectively our municipalities have identified the following cemeteries to be included in our proposed Cemetery Stabilization and Restoration Program:

### Town of Eaton:

- Leland's
- Old West Eaton aka Tayntor

### Town of Fenner:

- Ballou
- Gamlin
- Munger
- Needham
- Wilson
- Lyon's or Wyss
- Perryville

### Town of Nelson:

- Bliss
- Payne
- Tuscarora

### Town of Smithfield:

- Former Baptist
- Peterboro

We have budgeted for this fund based on previous work completed by Riegel Restorations, Sydney NY at the Baptist Peterboro Cemetery. We used a blended rate per stone (damage varies) and a loose count of existing stones.







**CAPACITY:**

Each municipality on their own has a track record of completing funded projects. As a collective, we stand even stronger in our capabilities. Our proposed funding request would be allocated and managed by representatives of each municipality - we would choose a lead who would be responsible for developing activities such as detailed scope & budget, contractors, schedule and close out. Our goal is to share the funding across the most impacted communities of the Hoffman Falls Wind Project, to complete as many projects as possible.

**OF MERIT:**

The Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark (GSENL) is one of five anchor sites in the developing Harriet Tubman Corridor (to become Byway), linking New York State thru New Jersey and Pennsylvania to Maryland and the existing Harriet Tubman Corridor.

The Smithfield Community Center and the GSENL are both included on the (Federal) Path to Freedom Trail and the (NYS) Underground Railroad Trail. Both buildings have received and managed multiple grant programs to complete work over more than three decades. Funding from NYSHPO, NYS Environmental Fund, Federal Environmental Protection Fund, CNY Community Foundation, NYS Housing & Community Development, Preservation League of NYS to name a few.

Our request, for our four municipalities and the two programs proposed - Historic Building Fund and Cemetery Stabilization and Restoration Fund is Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000).

This request represents a tiny fraction of the return on investment Liberty Renewables will generate as our scenic rural landscape is punctured by their towering wind turbines. Our community and residential views will all be framed by the large monolithic machines sounding in our backgrounds for decades. Our request is a small investment to return and protect value to important places and spaces in our affected communities.









Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully submitted by:

[REDACTED]

Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Smithfield  
Board President of the Smithfield Community Association (SCA)  
Co-Chair, Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark (owned by SCA)  
PO Box 46  
Peterboro NY 13134

[REDACTED]

On behalf of

[REDACTED] Supervisor

Town of Eaton



Town of Fenner



Town of Nelson



Town of Smithfield

Town of Madison Historian  
7358 Route 20  
Madison, NY 13402

[REDACTED]

Re: Indian Opening Cemetery 250<sup>th</sup> Restoration

Dear [REDACTED]

The Town of Madison Supervisor, [REDACTED] has agreed on the behalf of the Board Council Members to be the municipality to receive and support funding for the abandoned Indian Opening Cemetery. The Highway Department mows the cemetery and may be able to offer their services filling in woodchuck holes, etc.

There will be additional projects in this cemetery after this initial phase is completed including wrought iron repair around two family plots, fencing across the front and careful grading of the land after woodchucks and their tunnels are removed. We have to take on this responsibility in stages, starting with the gravesite stones.

This ambitious restoration initiative represents an essential step in safeguarding the cultural and genealogical heritage of the Indian Opening Cemetery. It is indeed, the most neglected cemetery in the area. With your support, we hope to return the grounds to a respectful, stable, and historically accurate condition that honors those interred and preserves this landmark for future generations. It will require a combination of funding and volunteerism. We appreciate your consideration of this project and look forward to the possibility of working together to ensure its success.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Town of Madison Historian

315-729-8323

Project: Indian Opening Cemetery 250<sup>th</sup> Restoration Project

Indian Opening Road, Madison, NY

Coordinates: 42.90534, -75.51849

Estimated Project Cost: \$20,000

This is an ambitious restoration plan for the historic Indian Opening Cemetery in the Town of Madison, NY. This important site, from 1807 holds the remains of 421 souls. A descendant of the Mayflower, founders of Madison, an 1812 soldier, at least nine Revolutionary War soldiers and Civil War soldiers are buried there. It is in urgent need of preservation attention. Nearly two thirds of the headstones require some form of treatment—ranging from basic cleaning to standing, repairing, or resetting broken stones. The cost for 50 new bases poured is approximately \$200 per headstone (total \$10,000), whether they are ground held or set in key-slotted bases. Cost of the biodegradable cleaner is \$80 per gallon, an estimated total cost of \$3,250. Labor costs can be saved by training volunteers to clean the gravestones by an experienced restorer who has done many cemeteries in our area. Piecing back broken stones, resetting and restoring can cost up to \$500 each for five of the tall, obelisk-shaped monuments (estimate \$2,500). This would be done by professionals.

Additional work within the project scope would include woodchuck eradication and backfilling of their extensive burrows. Additionally, trees have to be removed that are dislodging the stones (estimate: \$4,250).