



Grant S. Johnson

Senior Project Manager, Historic Preservation



Grant Johnson is a Senior Project Manager at EDR with more than 10 years of professional experience. Mr. Johnson has had extensive training in reconnaissance and intensive-level architectural surveys, as well as the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination process, and meets the Qualifications for the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Architecture and Historic Preservation (per 36 CFR 61). Recent projects include mitigation documentation of structures proposed for removal at the New York State Fairgrounds Historic District, and preparation of an NRHP boundary expansion for the South Salina Street Downtown Historic District in Syracuse, NY (listed on the National Register of Historic Places in May 2014). Mr. Johnson holds a Master of Arts degree in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Syracuse University.

As a Senior Project Manager with EDR, Grant is responsible for conducting historic-architectural resources surveys; NRHP eligibility determinations and nominations; literature review/research conducted in support of cultural resources and environmental analyses; assisting in preparation of Phase 1A/1B cultural resources surveys; and providing visual impacts analyses relative to historic resources for state permitting documents. Grant also has extensive experience and relationships consulting with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff and other regulatory agencies in New York, Maryland, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

education

Master of Arts, Historic Preservation Planning, Cornell University
Ithaca, NY, 2010.

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY,
2001.

professional affiliations

President, Board of Directors, Preservation Association of Central New York.

Vice President, Board of Directors, Historic Preservation Planning Alumni of Cornell University.

President, Board of Directors, Westcott Neighborhood Association, Syracuse, New York

Member, Onondaga Historical Association.

employment history

Senior Project Manager, Historic Preservation, Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C., Syracuse, NY, 2019-present.

Cultural Resources Project Manager, Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C., Syracuse, NY, 2017-2019.

Senior Cultural Resources Specialist, Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C., Syracuse, NY, 2012-2017.

Independent Consultant, Organization of American Historians, Bloomington, IN, and National Park Service Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, NE, 2011.

Preservation Planning Intern, National Park Service Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, NE, 2010-2011.

Planning and Development Intern, Department of Planning & Development, Ogdensburg, NY, 2009.

Neighborhood Planning Intern, Department of Community Development, Division of Neighborhood Planning Syracuse, NY, 2007-2008

project experience

Downtown Syracuse Commercial Historic District, Syracuse, NY- Prepared nomination forms and conducted background research for a boundary expansion to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-listed South Salina Downtown Historic District, to include adjacent blocks of South Warren and South Salina Streets comprising the historic commercial core of downtown. Collaborated with the client, city and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) staff in identifying resources to include and document in the nomination. The boundary expansion was added to the National Register of Historic Places in May 2014.

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Historic Resources Survey, Former Village of Danforth, Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY- Wrote neighborhood historic context, and assisted in development of historic resource inventory forms and visual field guide to enable community volunteers to conduct a neighborhood historic resource survey of over 300 buildings for the City of Syracuse Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum Cultural Landscape Report, Town of Sullivan, Madison County, NY- Engaged in historic research and assisted in preparation of Part 1 and limited Part 2 Treatment Plan of a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for a 6-acre historic site listed on the NRHP. The interpretive site includes a 19th-century dry dock complex and associated buildings located on the Old Erie Canal.

Onondaga Lake West Revitalization Area, Towns of Camillus & Geddes & Village of Solway, Onondaga County, NY- Conducted historic research and field visits in preparation of Phase 1 cultural resources surveys for proposed streetscape improvements to Bridge Street and Milton Avenue in the Village of Solway, Onondaga County, New York, and prepared a Phase 1A cultural resources survey to assess development potential of former brownfields. The Project area includes a former Enlarged Erie Canal lock and partially-flooded portion of the Enlarged Erie Canal.

Montezuma Heritage Park and Giardina Park, Town of Montezuma, Cayuga County, NY- Engaged in historic research and archaeological reconnaissance survey and prepared Phase 1A cultural resources surveys for a proposed 168-acre heritage park and an additional 16-acre town park. The Project area includes portions of both routes of the Erie Canal, an intact Cayuga-Seneca Canal lock, the remains of the Richmond Aqueduct, and archaeological resources associated with a century of canal operation in the hamlet of Montezuma.

New York State Fairgrounds Mitigation Documentation, Town of Geddes, Onondaga County, NY- Recorded documentation of structures proposed for demolition or alteration as part of renovations to the NRHP-eligible New York State Fairgrounds Historic District. Resources proposed for removal included contributing and non-contributing features such as Empire Court, the Grandstand, Race Track, Stables, and Gate 1 Area.

Cemetery Long-Term Maintenance & Restoration Plan, Village of Liverpool, Onondaga County, NY- Conducted historic research and site documentation for a landscape preservation planning project, associated NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), and public outreach for a 6-acre cemetery listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Interstate 81 (I-81) Viaduct Project, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY- Assisted in preparation of Phase 1A Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment as part of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act consultation and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review for New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) PIN 3501.60, D031085 – the replacement of approximately 5 miles of elevated highways. Conducted historic research and prepared historic context statements for Phase 1A report.

Interstate 690 (I-690) Teall Avenue & Beech Street Interchange, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY- Assisted in preparation of archaeological resources screening as part of National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review and Section 106 consultation for the NYSDOT for a bridge replacement and intersection improvement of 0.5-mile elevated highway.

Creekwalk Phase II, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY- Preparation of a Section 106 Project Submittal Package and assisting in preparation of Phase 1A Archaeological and Historic Architectural Surveys for the 2.2-mile extension of the Syracuse Creekwalk from Armory Square to Kirk Park along Onondaga Creek.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) Consultation, Various Counties, New York State- Prepared and submitted over 50 submittals for NYSOPRHP/SHPO consultation through the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) website, including preparation of project narratives, maps, photographs and supporting historical documentation as needed for projects located in over 20 counties in New York State.

Galloo Island Wind Project, Jefferson County, NY- Performed an historic resources visual effects analysis and prepared subsequent report for a proposed (up to) 109 MW wind energy facility located on Galloo Island in Lake Ontario and consulted with New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff in the development of work plan for historic resources surveys.

South Fork Wind Farm, On-shore Transmission Line, Suffolk County, NY- Assisted in preparation of Historic-Architectural Resources Survey as part of consultant team with AECOM and VHB in support of an Article VII application for a 138kV underground transmission line and new substation associated with a proposed 90-MW offshore wind energy project.

Baron Winds Project, Steuben County, NY- Completed a Historic Architectural Resources Survey in support of Article 10 Application to the New York State Board on Electrical Generating Siting and the Environment for a proposed (up to) 300 MW wind energy project with up to 80 wind turbines and consulted with New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff in the development of work plan for historic resources surveys.

Cassadaga Wind Farm, Chautauqua County, NY- Conducted historic resources survey and engaged in State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation in support of Article 10 Application to the New York State Board on Electrical Generating Siting and the Environment for a proposed 58 wind turbine, 126 MW wind energy facility; consulted with New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff in the outreach and development of plan for mitigation of visual impacts to historic resources. Conducted outreach to stakeholders in support of identifying and developing potential cultural resources mitigation projects as requested by SHPO and required by the Section 106 process.



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Revolution Wind Farm, Visual Impact Assessment, Offshore MA/RI- This project includes the on-going preparation of an historic resources visual effects analysis associated with an offshore wind farm located off the coasts of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Task manager responsible for technical oversight of all research and consultation with relevant state and federal agencies, client and other sub consultant coordination, and preparation of the historic resources visual effects analysis report including maps and other graphics.

Skipjack Wind Farm, Visual Impact Assessment, Offshore DE- This project includes an historic resources visual effects analysis associated with an offshore wind farm located off the coast of Delaware and Maryland. Provided task management and technical oversight for all research, consultation with relevant state and federal agencies, client and other sub consultant coordination, and preparation of the historic resources visual effects analysis report including maps and other graphics.

Arkwright Summit Wind Farm, Chautauqua County, NY- Conducted historic resources assessment and visual effects analysis to support environmental permitting under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for a proposed 36-turbine, 78-megawatt (MW) wind energy facility and associated 3-mile generator lead.

Jericho Rise Wind Farm, Franklin County, NY- Conducted historic resources survey and visual effects analysis and engaged in SHPO consultation in support of SEQRA review and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) wetland permitting for a proposed 37 wind turbine, 78 MW wind energy facility.

Great Bay Wind Energy Center, Somerset County, MD- Conducted historic context research, visual fieldwork and architectural survey fieldwork, and prepared an Historic Resources Assessment as part of the Maryland Historical Trust review of a proposed 30-turbine, approximately 99 MW wind energy project.

Copenhagen Wind Farm, Lewis County, NY- Conducted historic context research, visual fieldwork and architectural survey fieldwork, and assisted in preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey as part of State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review of a proposed 49-turbine, approximately 80 MW wind energy project.

Black Oak Wind Farm, Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, NY- Conducted historic context research and assisted in preparation of a Phase 1A cultural resources survey and visual effects analysis as part of SEQRA review of a proposed 7-turbine, approximately 12.6 MW wind energy project.

Crown City Wind Project, Cortland County, NY- Conducted historic context research and assisted in preparation of a Phase 1A cultural resources survey and visual effects analysis as part of SEQRA review of a proposed 7-turbine, approximately 12.6 MW wind energy project.

Solar Development Projects (Private Client), Hudson Valley, New York State- Prepared cultural resources background documents and initiated SHPO consultation for four proposed utility-scale solar energy projects in the Hudson Valley.

Great Bay Solar I, Somerset County, MD- Prepared historic resources assessment in support of Maryland Public Service Commission review for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), for a proposed 100 MW solar energy project located on 800-acres.

Indian River Bridge Replacement, Town of Chatham, Columbia County, NY- Prepared historic resource inventory forms and determined NRHP-eligibility for two architectural resources adjacent to a proposed bridge replacement along County Route 9 over Indian Creek.

Boundary Breaks Vineyard, Town of Lodi, Ithaca, NY- Conducted research on 19th century vineyards and historic Greek Revival architecture in collaboration with EDR and King+King landscape architects to present to client for use in potential designs for viticulture facilities and site located on Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

Hotel Syracuse, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY- Conducted historic research on the area surrounding the NRHP-listed Hotel Syracuse for proposed improvements to the Harrison Street corridor as part of the \$57 million redevelopment of the 1924 hotel.

East Main Street Streetscape Improvements, City of Rochester, Monroe County, NY- Prepared a Section 106 Project Submittal Package for proposed streetscape improvements and installation of pedestrian wayfinding signage along East Main Street, including the assessment of potential impacts to several NRHP-listed and NRHP-eligible buildings and structures.

Clayton Riverwalk Phase III, Village of Clayton, Jefferson County, NY- Prepared a Section 106 Project Submittal Package for the proposed construction of Phase III of the Clayton Riverwalk. Conducted historic research and assessed potential impacts to the NRHP-listed Clayton Village Historic District.

Center State NY Inland Port (Private Client) Onondaga County, NY- Assisted in preparation of a Phase 1 Archaeological Survey for a proposed shipping container storage/transportation center located in two towns in Onondaga County, New York.

Chain Works District Redevelopment Project, City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, NY- Prepared of Phase 1A Archaeological Survey in support of SEQRA review of 95-acre industrial site proposed for redevelopment. Conducted historic research, site visit, and assessment of potential impacts to NRHP-eligible Morse Chain Works Historic District.



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Cumberland Bay State Park Camping Area Comfort Station Replacements, Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, NY- Assisted in preparation of a Phase 1 Archaeological Survey for the replacement of comfort stations at Cumberland Bay State Park. Conducted historic research and assessed impact to previously documented historic resources including the Cumberland Bay National Historic Landmark.

School of Pharmacy, Binghamton University, Village of Johnson City, Broome County, NY- Prepared Phase 1A archaeological survey on behalf of the State University Construction Fund (SUCF) for a 5.5-acre site proposed for new academic building. Conducted historic research and assessed potential impacts to NRHP-listed Johnson City Historic District.

Covered Bridge, Town of Newfield, Tompkins County, NY- Conducted historic research and field visits, and prepared a Phase 1A cultural resources survey for a proposed historic bridge rehabilitation project (New York State Department of Transportation [NYSDOT] Project 37550) on the NRHP-listed Newfield Covered Bridge.

Owasco River Greenway Trail, City of Auburn & Town of Fleming, Cayuga County, NY- Assisted in preparation of a Phase 1A cultural resources survey and conducted historic context research for a proposed 8.4-mile, multi-modal recreational trail (NYSDOT Project 37557).

Mary Cariola Children's Center, Town of Henrietta, Monroe County, NY- Conducted historic background research and assisted in preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey in support of NYSOPRHP project review of a proposed 32-lot residential subdivision.

Loveless Farms Subdivision, Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, NY- Assisted in archaeological fieldwork, as well as preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey in support of Town of Skaneateles planning board review of a proposed 18-lot, 47-acre residential subdivision.

Wilcox Estates Subdivision, Town of Barton, Tioga County, NY- Assisted in archaeological fieldwork, as well as preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey in support of NYSOPRHP project review of a proposed 32-lot residential subdivision.

Barcelona Water Improvement District, Town of Westfield, Chautauqua County, NY- Assisted in archaeological fieldwork and preparation of a Phase 1A for proposed installation of 10,450 feet of new water main lines and 77 service connections.

Seneca Park Zoo, City of Rochester & Town of Irondequoit, Monroe County, NY- Conducted historic context research and assisted in preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey in support of SEQRA review of a 1.5-acre parcel.

White Pine Commerce Park, Town of Clay, Onondaga County, NY- Conducted historic context research, assisted in archaeological fieldwork, as well as preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey in support of SEQRA review of a 300-acre parcel and 4-mile sewer line.

Van Dyke Road Substation, National Grid, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY- Conducted historic background research, visual fieldwork, and assisted in preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey in support of NYSOPRHP project review of a proposed 4.3-acre substation.

St. Lawrence Gas Pipeline, Village of Brushton, Franklin County, NY- Conducted historic research and prepared a memorandum as part of an Unanticipated Discovery Response related to a historic church cemetery.

A & C Transmission Lines, Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Towns of Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Wappinger, & East Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY- Conducted historic context research and assisted in preparation of a Phase 1 cultural resources survey in support of Public Service Commission (PSC) review under Article VII of upgrades to an 11-mile 115kV transmission line.

Empire Brewing Company Farmstead Brewery, Village of Cazenovia, Madison County, NY- Assisted in visual fieldwork and preparation of Historic Sites Visual Effects Analysis for a proposed farmstead brewery. Photographed views from adjacent properties listed on the NRHP and assessed potential adverse visual effects to these and other sensitive resources.

School of Medicine & Biological Sciences, University at Buffalo, City of Buffalo, Erie County, NY- Assisted in visual fieldwork, and preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and support studies (including archaeological sensitivity assessment and historic resources impact assessment) for a proposed medical/educational facility.

Valley Reliability Project, National Grid & Public Service of New Hampshire Merrimack- Engaged in visual fieldwork in support of visual simulations and a visual impact assessment for a proposed 345kV electrical transmission line extending from Londonderry, New Hampshire to Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

Stiles Brook Wind Project, Towns of Grafton & Windham, Windham County, VT- Conducted visual fieldwork in support of visual simulations for a proposed 32-turbine wind project.

WH 1/2 & G Line North Transmission Lines, Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Ulster & Dutchess Counties, NY- Engaged in visual fieldwork and assisted in preparation of Part 102 reports for an 11-mile 69kV electrical transmission line rebuild project in Ulster County, New York (WH-1/2 Line) and an 8.5-mile 69kV electrical transmission line rebuild project in Dutchess County, New York (G Line North) to be submitted to the Public Service Commission (PSC).



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Aquidneck Island Reliability Project, Town of Middletown & City of Newport, Newport County, RI- Conducted visual fieldwork for proposed transmission line and substation improvements; assisted in preparation of Visual Impact Assessment for transmission line as well as substation removals.

Ticonderoga-Whitehall Transmission Line, National Grid, Essex & Warren Counties, NY- Conducted visual fieldwork for proposed structure upgrades to the Ticonderoga-Whitehall #3 and Ticonderoga-Republic #2 lines. Photographed existing lines at road crossings as well as locations of poles to be replaced in accordance with Adirondack Park Agency guidance.

Onondaga Lake Park & Parkway & Jordan Erie Canal Park, Onondaga County, NY- *Prior to EDR*, Master's thesis (title: *Emergency Employment, Public Enjoyment: Pre-New Deal Work Relief in Onondaga County, New York, 1931-1933*) and multi-year research project examining the influence of the Onondaga County Emergency Work Bureau in creating designed recreational landscapes through the conversion of abandoned canal beds, and the interpretation and preservation of these places over time, as well as a history of pre-New Deal work relief programs in New York State. Research presented at 2010 Conference on New York State History.

Administrative History of Maritime Tourism Programs in the State of Michigan- *Prior to EDR*, Conducted research and interviews for an administrative history of tourism programs related to the maritime history of Michigan over the past 100 years. Collaborated with personnel from the Organization of American Historians (OAH), as well as the National Park Service (NPS) Midwest Regional Office in preparation of report as part of the NPS Michigan Maritime Heritage Special Resource Study.

Michigan Maritime Heritage Special Resource Study, Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan- *Prior to EDR*, Co-designed survey form and engaged in two field surveys examining over 250 resources along the coasts of the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan for integrity and significance to maritime heritage. Worked with NPS staff as well as Michigan state historic preservation officers in a collaborative context to further the goals of the study to organize and encourage collaboration of agencies and institutions interested in the promotion of maritime heritage.

Civil War Battlefields Special Resource Study, Newtonia, MO- *Prior to EDR*, Conducted extensive historic research and co-authored historic context and other study sections for Civil War battlefields in Newtonia, Missouri to determine if they met the criteria to become a unit of the National Park Service. Published January 2013.

New Philadelphia Townsite Reconnaissance Survey, Barry, IL- *Prior to EDR*, Conducted extensive historic research and co-authored historic context and other study sections for the first settlement by a freed slave prior to the Civil War, to determine if the site met the criteria to become a unit of the National Park Service. Published January 2012.

Historic Resources Survey & Historic Preservation Report, Ogdensburg, NY- *Prior to EDR*, Designed and conducted a reconnaissance-level historic resources inventory corresponding the City of Ogdensburg Downtown Revitalization Plan. Drafted Historic Preservation Report detailing findings of the survey, making recommendations for further preservation planning and initiatives under the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the City of Ogdensburg. Report was adopted by the city in April 2011.

Historic Structure Report (HSR), Lakeview Cemetery Mausoleum, Ithaca, NY- *Prior to EDR*, Drafted Historic Structure Report for a 1912 mausoleum designed by Buffalo, New York architects Green and Wicks. Conducted extensive documentation and analysis of building systems and site, noting deterioration. Additional activities included sorting and separation of historic building materials, supervising cleaning methods for bronze hardware and marble flooring and burial niche framework, and measured drawings of mausoleum.

Cultural Landscape Site History, Christ Church & Manlius Village Cemeteries, Manlius, NY- *Prior to EDR*, Prepared a draft Cultural Landscape Site History for two NRHP-listed cemeteries in the Village of Manlius, NY. Documentation and analysis of site conditions and maintenance plan, and recommendations for continued maintenance and restoration. Findings presented at 2009 annual meeting of the Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation.

Neighborhood Survey, Skaneateles, NY- *Prior to EDR*, Assisted in intensive-level survey of over 50 historic properties in the Village of Skaneateles for submission to the NYSOPRHP for a determination of eligibility for a historic district. Conducted historic research, documented exterior conditions and architectural details of 10 properties, and presented findings to village residents and local historical society.

Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today (TNT) West Side Five-Year Neighborhood Plan, Syracuse, NY- *Prior to EDR*, Assisted in preparation of the *West Side TNT Five-Year Neighborhood Plan 2008-2012* for the west side neighborhood of Syracuse, New York as part of the Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today program. Report published 2012.

presentations / publications

Parks and Parkways – The Onondaga County Emergency Work Bureau, 1931-1933, Conference on New York State History, Ithaca, NY, June 2010.

Christ Church and Manlius Village Cemeteries – A Landscape History, Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation, Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, May 2009.

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