



Cultural Resources Mitigation and Offset Plan

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC

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CASE NO. 17-F-0282

ALLEGANY, CATTARAUGUS, AND WYOMING COUNTIES

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Management Summary

NYSHPO Project Review Number: 17PR06180

New York State Department of Public Service Case Number: 17-F-0282

Involved State and Federal Agencies:

New York State Department of Public Service (DPS)

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) (Article 10 of the Public Service Law) OPRHP (Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law)

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act)

Phase of Survey:

Cultural Resources Mitigation and Offset Plan

Location Information:

Towns of Arcade, Centerville, Farmersville, Freedom, and Rushford, New York.
Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Wyoming Counties, New York

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1.0 Introduction

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC (ACWE), an affiliate of Invenergy LLC, was granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) by the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) pursuant to Public Service Law Article 10 to construct and operate the Alle-Catt Wind utility-scale wind Project (the Project or Facility) in the Towns of Arcade, Centerville, Rushford, Farmersville, and Freedom, in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Wyoming Counties, New York (Case No. 17-F-0282). This cultural resources mitigation and offset plan (Plan) has been prepared to satisfy Condition 59 of the ACWE Certificate and with guidance from the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NYSHPO).

1.1 Summary of Cultural Resources Surveys

On behalf of Alle-Catt Wind LLC, Panamerican Consultants, Inc. (PCI) prepared cultural resources surveys for the proposed Alle-Catt Wind Farm (or the Project), located in the Towns of Arcade, Centerville, Farmersville, Freedom, and Rushford in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Wyoming counties, New York. The cultural resources surveys were prepared as part of review of the Project under Article 10 (Certification of Major Electrical Generating Facilities) of the New York State Public Service Law.

The information and recommendations included in this report are intended to assist the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NYSHPO), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and other New York state and/or federal agencies in their review of the Project under Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law, Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law, and/or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as applicable.

All cultural resources studies undertaken by PCI in association with the Project have been conducted by professionals who satisfy the qualifications criteria per the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation (36 CFR 61). The historic architectural resources survey (PCI, 2018) and the Phase 1B archaeological survey report (PCI, 2017) were prepared in accordance with the *New York State Historic Preservation Office Guidelines for Wind Farm Development Cultural Resources Survey Work* (the *NYSHPO Wind Guidelines*; OPRHP, 2006) and applicable portions of NYSHPO's *Phase 1 Archeological Report Format Requirements* (NYSHPO, 2005).

PCI previously prepared a historic architectural resources survey report for the Alle-Catt Wind Project (PCI, 2018). NYSHPO indicated that mitigation would be necessary to offset potential visual impacts to historic properties. NYSHPO also indicated concurrence with the recommendations of the Phase 1B archaeological survey report. No further mitigation was proposed or requested related to archaeological resources; therefore, all mitigation projects discussed herein are related to historic architectural resources only.

Mitigation options (relative to historic properties) for wind projects are limited, given the nature of the Facility and its siting criteria (very tall structures generally located at the highest locally available elevations). Thus, for previous wind energy projects in New York, the

NYSHPO has approved mitigation plans for impacts to historic properties consisting of "offset" projects that provide benefits to the overall community's cultural resources and/or historic properties and/or the public's appreciation of historic resources. The purpose of these offset mitigation projects is to offset potential visual impacts to historic properties. Many properties listed were identified in the Architectural Resource Survey that PCI prepared for ACWE in 2017 and 2018.

2.0 Cultural Resources Mitigation

2.1 Offset Funding

The total amount of offset funding for cultural mitigation projects is generally proposed by the applicant on a per-megawatt basis based on consultations with host communities, NYSHPO, and other applicable agencies. The per megawatt rate reflects the degree to which there is adverse visual impact on historic resources in the APE. Alle-Catt Wind LLC proposes for the distribution of funds at a rate of \$1,850.00 per megawatt produced within the project area, totaling \$629,000.00 in cultural resources offset funding. This amount is consistent with other wind generation projects in New York State.

2.2 Mitigation Projects

Mitigation projects that have been proposed for other wind energy projects in New York State have included activities such as additional historic resources surveys, State/National Register of Historic Places (S/NRHP) nominations, monetary contributions to historic property restoration causes, development of heritage tourism promotional materials, development of educational materials and lesson plans, and development of public history materials, such as roadside markers. As part of the Article 10 review process, the Applicant has consulted with local municipalities and stakeholders to determine what are the most appropriate and realistic projects to undertake within the Towns of Arcade, Centerville, Eagle, Farmersville, Freedom, Pike, Rushford, and Yorkshire.

Town of Arcade

- Arcade & Attica Railroad – The A&A Railroad is a short line railroad that runs from Arcade to Attica, Wyoming county. Completed in 1895, it connected Western New York’s agricultural economy with the cities of Buffalo and Pittsburgh. In 1957, severe washouts led to the abandonment of the line between Attica and North Java. PCI identified the rail line and station as a resource listed on the S/NRHP within the project area.
 - Restoration of Steam Engine #18, a contributing resource. (est. \$30,000). Consultation with NYSHPO will occur prior to contracting this work.
- Arcade Free Library – The Arcade Free Library (listed on the S/NRHP) is the largest public library within the project area and provides access to many historical resources.
 - Restoration of artifacts, and work to preserve the overall structure. Specific projects will be determined in ongoing consultation with NYSHPO. (est. \$17,500). Consultation with NYSHPO will occur prior to contracting this work.
- Arcade Center Farm – PCI and Town officials have identified the Arcade Center Farm as a site of historic significance within the visual APE. The Farm is S/NRHP listed.
 - Repairs to foundation and roof of auxiliary barn. (est. \$11,250). Consultation with NYSHPO will occur prior to contracting this work.
- Arcade Historical Society – The town historical society is the leading organization for historic education in Arcade.
 - Speakers and projection system to provide educational programs in the old fire hall. (est. \$10,000)
- Cemetery Restoration – PCI and Town officials have identified the following cemetery in need of rehabilitation. (est. \$11,250)
 - Arcade Rural Cemetery (Park St)

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that at least \$80,000 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Arcade.

Town of Centerville

- Centerville Town Hall Restoration – The Town Hall of Centerville, New York is a Greek Revival structure which has been listed on the S/NRHP as of March 2009. The building, completed in 1859, has been used for several purposes throughout its lifetime, and has served as the Town Hall since 1927. Town officials believe that the restoration of this structure would be beneficial to preserving Centerville’s history. Town officials have been made aware of constraints surrounding replacement of windows, shutters, and insulation installation. Consultation with NYSHPO will occur prior to contracting this work.
 - Foundation repair, ceiling repair, window repair/replacement, HVAC and electrical updates, insulation installation, floor repair and refinishing, interior and exterior paint, plumbing repairs, shutter replacement, miscellaneous internal repairs. (est. \$150,000)
- Cemetery Restoration – PCI and Town officials have identified the following cemeteries in need of rehabilitation. (est. \$35,000)
 - Bates Cemetery (Bates Rd)
 - Cadwell Corners Cemetery (County Line Rd)
 - Centerville Cemetery (CR 3)
 - County Line Cemetery (Findlay Rd)
 - Rogers Cemetery (Rogers Rd)

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that \$185,000.00 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Centerville.

Town of Eagle

- Cemetery Restoration – Wyoming County officials have identified the following cemeteries in need of rehabilitation. (est. \$10,000)
 - Eagle Cemetery (Genesee Rd)

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that \$10,000.00 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Eagle.

Town of Farmersville

- Historical Markers – Town officials in Farmersville wish for plaques to be placed at two historic sites identified by PCI – the old Farmersville post office (c. 1891) on Back Street and the Farmersville Grange on Church Street in Farmersville Station. Additionally, on route 98 near Bush Hill Road and the village of Farmersville is a natural spring used by the Founding Fathers of the town of Farmersville. Since 1821 the spring, which flows both North and South (into Mud and Harwood Lakes, respectively), has been used for drinking water from residents and horses used for agriculture and transportation. The town previously commissioned a plaque commemorating the history of the spring in 1993, and wishes to update with a new historical marker, as well as a sitting area, and parking arrangements. While not identified by PCI, this is a historic site of local importance to which Invenergy recommends project funding. (est. \$25,000)
- Cemetery Restoration – PCI and town officials identified the following historic cemeteries in need of rehabilitation. (est. \$40,000)
 - Ten Broeck Cemetery (NY 16)

- Farmersville Cemetery (NY 98)

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that \$65,000.00 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Farmersville.

Town of Freedom

The following two Churches in the Town of Freedom were identified by PCI, and town officials as historic churches in need of repair. Both Freedom and Sandusky have been listed as S/NRHP eligible historic resources. The town feels the restoration of these churches is a worthy undertaking for preserving the history of Freedom, NY. Letters of interest from the respective churches are attached under the correspondence appendix. Town officials and Pastors have been made aware of constraints surrounding replacement of windows and shutters. Consultation with NYSHPO will occur prior to contracting this work.

- Freedom Church – 438 Freedom Rd, c. 1896, (est. \$50,000)
 - Residing and repainting exterior
 - Fixing roof leaks
 - Interior repairs from water damage
 - Foundation repairs
 - Window frame repair/replacement
- Sandusky Church – 11481 NY-98, c. 1850, (est. \$63,000)
 - Re-roof steeple
 - Repair windows wherever possible, replacement if necessary
 - Add handicap accessibility
 - Replace main carrier and interior repairs
 - Chairlift to improve handicap accessibility for upstairs education wing
- Veterans Memorial – Town officials wish to dedicate a memorial marker or plaque to the veterans of U.S. wars from Freedom, NY. It would be placed in the Freedom Town Park on NY-98 in Sandusky. (est. \$5,000)
- Freedom School Bell – Freedom would like to construct an outdoor base to display their historic school bell outside of the town hall on Eagle Street. (est. \$2,000)
- Cemetery Restoration – PCI and town officials identified the following historic cemeteries in need of restoration and maintenance – (est. \$40,000)
 - Elton Cemetery
 - Siloam Cemetery (CR-22)
 - Maple Grove Cemetery (CR-22)
 - Salem Cemetery (NY-98)
 - Sandusky Cemetery (Cemetery Rd)
 - Freedom Cemetery (Freedom/Osmun Rd)

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that \$160,000.00 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Freedom.

Town of Pike

- Mill House (Wyoming County Fair Museum) – PCI and Wyoming County officials have identified the Mill House. as an NRHP eligible site of historic and cultural value. (est. \$16,000)
 - Roof replacement and exterior renovations (replacement of clapboard siding)
- Pike Library – PCI, Wyoming County, and Town officials identified the Pike Library (the old Newcomb Buggy Factory) as an NRHP eligible structure and site of historic and cultural value to the community. The library operates on a low budget and looks to resume educational programs post pandemic. (est. \$8,000)

- Educational opportunities and children's programming
- New book curation, library supplies, display casing for historical pictures and documents, organizational tools etc.
- Structural repairs to library (new request as a result of September 2023 correspondence with Town).

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that \$24,000.00 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Pike.

Town of Rushford

- Historic Building Repair – Town officials in Rushford wish to dedicate cultural resource mitigation funds towards the repair and restoration of the following historic structures. This will be used for painting, foundation repair, re-siding work, improving handicap accessibility, and moving the Blacksmith Shop due to encroaching erosion from Indian Creek. (est. \$70,000). Rushford officials along with the town historical committee have begun the work of commissioning a site relocation plan for moving the Blacksmith Shop. This will be completed and submitted to NYSHPO for consultation and review prior to awarding funding for this project.
 - Blacksmith Shop – The Rushford Blacksmith Shop, c. 1908, was used by local blacksmith and training apprentices.
 - Rushford Historical Museum – The historical museum holds several artifacts from Rushford's settlement era. The building, built in the 1860s, is maintained by the Rushford Historical Society and uses it to promote education on the history of the town.
 - Gothic School House – The first framed schoolhouse in Allegany County resides at 9024 Lewellen St in the village of Rushford. Build in the 1830s, it serves as an educational site utilized by local school and tour groups.
 - Grange Building – The Rushford Grange, built in 1842, originated as a local Presbyterian church and was in service until 1980, when it was converted to a Grange and used as a meeting place for the Rushford Agricultural Society. The building is now used as a meeting venue downstairs with a full auditorium upstairs for church services and other events.
- Cemetery Restoration – PCI and the town historical society identified the following historic cemeteries in need of restoration or rehabilitation – (est. \$15,000). Documentation for the following cemeteries can be found from the Allegany County Historical Society. This includes pictures, lists of burials, and additional information regarding each cemetery.
<https://www.alleganyhistory.org/index.php/research/cemeteries/p-t/rushford40>
 - Podonque Cemetery (CR-23)
 - Hardy's Corners Cemetery (CR-7B)
 - Rushford Cemetery (Lewellen St)
 - White Cemetery (NY-243)
 - McCall Cemetery (CR-23)
 - First Burying Ground Cemetery (Brooks Ave)

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that \$85,000.00 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Rushford.

Town of Yorkshire

- Cemetery Restoration – PCI, NYSHPO officials, and town officials identified the following historic cemeteries in need of restoration or rehabilitation.
 - Delevan Cemetery (CR-73)

- McKinstry Cemetery (CR-20)
- Yorkshire Cemetery (NY-39)

Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC proposes that \$20,000.00 be provided to fund cultural mitigation projects in the town of Yorkshire.

3.0 Summary of Proposed Cultural Resources Mitigation

Proposed mitigation projects in the towns are proposed to foster access and appreciation of the historic resources in each town. It is proposed that mitigation funding for the Alle-Catt Wind Project be fixed at \$1,850 per megawatt, for a total funding amount of \$629,000.

- ACWE proposes that the individual host communities be provided the mitigation funds, and that they coordinate their distribution to the various restoration efforts, and provide reporting on the expenditures and work performed to ACWE.
- ACWE will work with host community officials to ensure funds are spent as proposed. It is expected that any remainder of funding for each host community be used to fund cemetery restoration and rehabilitation.
- If any one of the proposed recipients rejects the terms or defaults on the project, ACWE will consult with town officials and NYSHPO to identify new potential projects in need of funding.
- Cemetery monument repairs will only be completed by or under the supervision of an individual with proven monument restoration experience, and this should be noted in any award. All restoration work proposed for cemeteries will follow the guidance provided in the National Park Service “Preservation Briefs 48,” *Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries*, as applicable. If these conditions are followed this project does not need to be submitted to the NYSHPO.
- All work performed on S/NRHP-listed or S/NRHP-eligible historic properties would need to be conducted in consultation with NYSHPO and in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, as applicable.
- Below is a summary of table of the proposed funding allocations for the identified mitigation projects:

Town	Proposed Mitigation Projects	Proposed Funding Allocation
Arcade	A&A Railroad, Arcade Library, Arcade Center Farm renovations, Historical society, and cemetery restoration	\$80,000.00
Centerville	Town Hall renovations, Cemetery restoration	\$185,000.00
Farmersville	Spring upgrades, Cemetery restoration	\$65,000.00
Freedom	Church repair, Village Common upgrades, Cemetery restoration	\$160,000.00

Town	Proposed Mitigation Projects	Proposed Funding Allocation
Rushford	Historical building repair, Cemetery restoration	\$85,000.00
Eagle	Cemetery restoration	\$10,000.00
Pike	Historical Building repair, Pike Library funding	\$24,000.00
Yorkshire	Cemetery Restoration	\$20,000.00
Total		\$629,000.00

Funding of cemetery repairs and stabilization has been proposed for numerous previous wind energy projects in New York. In correspondence with the host communities, the majority of the towns considered cemetery repair and restoration to be a worthy endeavor for preserving the historical significance of the area. Establishment of a cemetery stabilization fund for repairs to fences and damaged gravestones, or development of identifying signage for rural cemeteries that are either unmarked or difficult to locate in the project area. Several cemeteries identified in the historic architectural survey were determined by NYSHPO to be NRHP-eligible, including active and inactive cemeteries whose repair and stabilization could help promote the heritage of the Arcade, Centerville, Farmersville, Freedom, and Rushford, Pike, Eagle, and Yorkshire. As noted above, all restoration work proposed for cemeteries will follow the guidance provided in the National Park Service “Preservation Briefs 48,” *Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries*, as applicable.

While additional conversations with the communities will be necessary to determine the ability of the municipalities to undertake the cemetery stabilization using historically appropriate methods, we fully expect the municipalities to conduct minor self-performed tasks and contract larger or more culturally/historically sensitive projects out to persons or firms who have a breadth of knowledge and experience in said projects. The Applicant will continue to explore these potential projects and propose that most of the cultural mitigation funding be used for these potential projects.

3.1 Summary of Town Correspondence

ACWE consulted primarily with town boards of individual host communities to gather suggestions for potential mitigation projects. The town boards, working in tandem with their respective town historians, provided their desired mitigation projects proposed in their municipalities.

Correspondence between ACWE and the town of Freedom was done via telephone and at town board meetings, respectfully. Freedom conducted historic committee meetings between January and March of 2021, which were attended by Invenergy representatives Sean Perry and Marguerite Wells. Freedom officials additionally consulted with their board and town historian at public meetings and are confident that their selections will contribute to the historical preservation of their municipality.

Correspondence between ACWE and the towns of Eagle and Pike was conducted via telephone and supplemented with assistance from Wyoming County historian Cynthia Amrhein.

ACWE conducted follow-up conversations in September 2023 with officials from the Towns of Centerville, Eagle, Farmersville, Rushford, Pike, and Freedom. At this time, ACWE has been unable to connect with the Town of Arcade Historian; however, efforts

to confirm project scope will continue. The Towns of Centerville, Eagle, Farmersville, and Rushford confirmed no project scope changes from the previous conversations in 2021.

Original correspondence with the following towns is included as Appendices A through G of this plan:

- Arcade
- Centerville
- Farmersville
- Rushford
- Wyoming County Historian
- Wyoming County Fair Association
- Sandusky Church
- Freedom Church

3.2 Reporting

Once the Plan has been approved by NYSHPO, ACWE (or its cultural resources consultant) will provide cultural resources mitigation support as part of the execution of the Plan, to include the following services:

- Conduct outreach (by email and telephone, as needed) to stakeholders identified to confirm that the mitigation projects identified in the Plan are still valid or if any changes are needed.
- Correspond with the stakeholders to facilitate payment and the completion of the approved mitigation projects, including progress updates as needed.
- Any future changes or updates to mitigation projects and any reporting on expenditures and work performed will be submitted to the NYSHPO via CRIS by staff from ACWE or its cultural resources consultant under NYSHPO project number 17PR06180.
- For mitigation projects where consultation with the NYSHPO is proposed, a new project will be initiated on the NYSHPO CRIS website. Mitigation project titles should include reference to Alle-Catt Wind Farm Project (17PR06180). If stakeholders are submitting projects directly into CRIS, ACWE staff or their cultural resources consultant will refer stakeholders to the CRIS submission guidance located at <https://cris-int.parks.ny.gov/CRISHELP/?context=10>.
- Compile final report upon completion of all mitigation projects for submission to NYSHPO to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of the Plan and Project permit.

4.0 References

Allegany County Cemetery List

<https://www.alleganyhistory.org/index.php/research/cemeteries>

Cattaraugus County Cemetery List <http://nycattar.org/cemetery.htm>

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Appendix A: Town of Rushford Correspondence

-----Original Message-----

From: townsupervisor@townofrushford.com
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:14pm
To: "Perry Sean" <SPerry@invenergy.com>
Subject: RE: SHPO Funding – **Rushford**

Hi Sean,

The Town would like to apportion the funds as follows:

1. \$15,000 to the 5 cemeteries (\$3,000 each for maintenance & repairs;
2. \$60,000 for the 4 historical buildings (Grange, Museum, Schoolhouse & Blacksmith Shop for painting, re-siding, stair replacement (handicapped accessibility), foundation work, and moving the Blacksmith Shop which is in danger of collapsing due to erosion from Indian Creek.

Thanks,
Cal Champlin

Blacksmith Shop



The Blacksmith shop was built in 1908. It was in continuous operation until 2002.

In 2007, the Society completely renovated the Blacksmith Shop to its original dimension of 1908. The original forge and tools are all intact and operational. The Blacksmith Shop is used by several local blacksmiths and for training new blacksmiths. Throughout the year various schools tour the shop and watch demonstrations. The building is open for major holidays and by requests from groups.

Grange Building



The Rushford Museum



The Museum Building was originally built in the 1860's as a store and living quarters. Prior to becoming the museum in 1950, the building was home to the Town Hall and Fire Department. The Town meeting room and Court room are still intact, with all fixtures.

The museum currently houses many artifacts from the early Rushford era. Additional display rooms include a living room, a kitchen, a band room, an agricultural room, and a carriage room. An 1800's Brougham and Band Wagon are on display and used in local parades.

Living Room in Museum

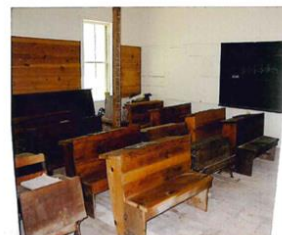


The Gothic School House



9024 Lewellen Street is the site of the 1st Frame School House in Allegany County. Built in the 1830's, the building has been restored to 1860 condition when it was used as a select school for boys. Located in one wing is the living quarters used by the School Master. The building is open to the public by appointment. The facility is used by home school children as part of their study trips. Arrangements can be made for group tours with guides in period clothing and children in a classroom situation.

Classroom in the Gothic School



Rushford Historical Society

The Rushford Historical Society is incorporated under the New York State Department of Education, which has granted a provisional charter to the Society.

The Rushford Historical Society was formed in 1958 after the Town of Rushford 150th year anniversary. The Society works closely with the Town Historian to help preserve Rushford history and heritage.

The Rushford Historical Society owns the Museum at 8982 Main Street in Rushford. In addition it owns and maintains the Gothic School House at 9024 Lewellen Street, Rushford. Recently it was given the Blacksmith Shop at the 4 corners in Rushford.

The Rushford Grange donated its building at 8898 Main Street, to The Rushford Historical Society in 2011. Built in circa 1862 as a Presbyterian Church. Currently the building is being refurbished and plans are to have it used for many community functions

The Society meets on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Rushford Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. A program of local interest, presented by local people, highlights each monthly meeting. Membership dues of \$5.00 per year is encouraged.

The Rushford Historical Society is a Government recognized, 501c3, compliant non-profit organization. Donations always gratefully accepted.

Call or mail for more information:

The Rushford Historical Society
PO Box 133
Rushford, NY 14777

Points of Local Interest

Rushford Lake

Moss Lake

Houghton College

1st drilled oil well in Allegany County

Local Events

Rushford Concert Band

July—August

Labor Day Celebration

Held annually since 1908 over Labor Day Weekend. Events are held at Legion Park, West Branch Road, Rushford.

Giant parade at 10:30 AM on Labor Day

The Rushford Historical Society is a member of the Museum Association of New York and the Upstate History Alliance.

For Information

Phone: (585) 437-2340

John A. Jessop

Helen Lewis

e-mail: johnajessop@yahoo.com

Rushford Historical Society



Rushford Museum

8982 Main Street

Rushford, NY

Hours: 10:00—Noon

6:00 PM —8:00PM

Every Saturday, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Other times by appointment.

(585) 437-2340

Mission:

Preserving local history for the future generations of Rushford and the surrounding area.

Appendix B: Town of Farmersville Correspondence

Re: [EXTERNAL] Historical funds

Pete Lounsbury <farmersvilletownsupervisor@gmail.com>

Fri 3/26/2021 2:49 PM

To: Perry Sean <SPerry@invenegy.com>; Pam Tilton <pamelajo924@aol.com>; Waverly Pond Farm <waverlypondfarm@gmail.com>; Donna Vickman <donnvi@aol.com>; Richard westfall <dwstfall1@peoplepc.com>; Pete Lounsbury <farmersvilletownsupervisor@gmail.com>

Mr. Perry,

Thank you for your patience.

Here is a list of the Historical areas and or places in the town that we would like to be able to use these funds:

1. The founding fathers spring we are considering anywhere from a new larger historical marker to added parking and improvements to accessibility and the spring output area itself anywhere from 5-50,000
2. Two Cemeteries within the town. The current town cemetery on Rte 98 across from the aforementioned spring and the Ten Broeck cemetery on Rte 16. Funds would be used for marker preservation, signs, maintenance, landscaping, and general upkeep. There is quite a bit of history to both cemeteries with war dead buried there back to the civil war. \$20,000 to \$60,000 as available
3. The original town post office building located on Back St in Farmersville Station and the original Grange Building. We would like to add historical markers to one or both buildings approximately \$5000 each

I hope this demonstrates our need for however much funding will be available to the Town of Farmersville and that we can use it appropriately as deemed by the town board and residents of the town.

If you need any further info or clarification regarding this matter please contact me

Pete Lounsbury
Supervisor
Town of Farmersville

Appendix C: Town of Centerville Correspondence

October 20, 2020

To: Sean Perry
Invenergy

As per our conversation on October 19 I am sending you the list of necessary Centerville, NY Town Hall repairs/renovations as well as the listing on the National Historical Preservation site.

Kevin Margerum, as our code enforcement officer and a historic preservationist with 25 years of experience in that field, has made recommendations as to priorities concerning the town hall.

The issue has been brought up about cemeteries in the township. There is a need for some attention there. How do we address that issue? Would any funds for those come out of the total allotted to the town? Would any allocation for the town hall have to be used totally for that project or would approval from the state be needed to assign some monies for cemetery repair?

Kevin Margerum's cell is 585-808-2892

Thank you for your help.

Carol Bliss
Centerville Historian

Centerville, NY Historic Renovation Needs

Centerville Town Hall - National Register of Historic Places as of March 25, 2009

Needs: (In order of priority)

Foundation and outside steps

Ceiling repair

Windows

Heating and electrical updates

Insulation

Foyer repair (floor)

Back wall/lean to/shed repair

Interior/exterior paint

Plumbing repairs

Shutters

Floor refinishing

Balcony clean-up and repair

Back store room/closet

Front office

Stage back drop curtain repair

Appendix D: Town of Arcade Correspondence

November 9, 2020

TO: Arcade Town Board

FROM: Jeff Mason, Town Historian

RE: Money from Invenergy

I have spoken with representatives from five places in the town and discussed these with the officers and trustees of the Arcade Historical Society. Since we don't know exactly how much money the town will receive from the Alle-Catt project, we have listed them by percentages, as follows:

Arcade & Attica Railroad (listed on State and National Historic Registers)—40%--for restoration of steam engine #18

Arcade Free Library—20%--for repairs/restoration of multiple items on front porch

Arcade Center Farm (listed on State and National Historic Registers)—15%--for repairs/restoration of foundation and roof on smaller barn next to the house on the north side of Route 98

Arcade Rural Cemetery—15%--for repairs to retaining wall and correction of drainage problem under the historic Graves monument

Arcade Historical Society—10%--for sound/projection system in upstairs main room at Old Fire Hall (air conditioning and soundproofing to be installed in spring 2021)

Please let me know if you have questions or comments, and let me know how to proceed.

Jeff Mason

Appendix E – Wyoming County Historian Correspondence

[EXTERNAL] RE: Comments from Wyoming County Historianupdate

Cynthia Amrhein <CAmrhein@wyomingco.net>

Mon 4/19/2021 3:24 PM

To: Perry Sean <SPerry@invenenergy.com>

Sean,

Working on this as fast as I can. I also did a shout out to the supervisors, historians, as well as the library.

This is what I suggested to them all

Here are my thoughts for Pike:

12146.000003 PIKE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1881 72 WEST MAIN STREET Pike (V), Pike Wyoming

Listed:12NR06321

12146.000005 NEWCOMB BUGGY FACTORY (PIKE LIBRARY) 65 MAIN STREET Pike (V), Pike Wyoming

Eligible

12146.000009 MILL HSE (WY. CO. FAIR MUSEUM) MAIN STREET Pike (V), Pike Wyoming Eligible

This is what they have listed for Eagle:

12106.000011 Eagle Valley Lodge, ca. 1880 3415 Liberty Street Eagle (h), Eagle Wyoming Eligible (Is this still vacant?)

12106.00002 Eagle Cemetery, ca. 1830 – Genesee Rd., Eagle. (What I see on my SHPO list says Eligible, but isn't on your report)

12106.00002 Reynolds House, ca. 1880/1914 – NY 362, Eagle NY (What I see on my SHPO list says Eligible, but isn't on your report and I can't remember what you said about private residences, or if it is or not even.)

I have the last two on a list I printed off of SHPO CRIS site last year. Today I am having trouble with their site and can't seem to get any points to show up.

Cindy Amrhein

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From: Perry Sean [mailto:SPerry@invenenergy.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:38 PM

To: Cynthia Amrhein

Subject: Comments from Wyoming County Historian

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Hi Cindy,

I appreciate your time on the phone this afternoon. To aid in the completion of Alle-Catt Wind's SHPO Cultural Mitigation Plan, Invenenergy is requesting comments from the office of the County Historian on potential funding opportunities.

Below is our SHPO Phase 1A report which details the extent of the project area, including several historic resources within. In Wyoming County, the 5-mile Survey includes Arcade, Eagle, and Pike. Wyoming County resources begin on page 51.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/rej1hjdsi11eokw/acwe_20a_SHPO_Phase_1A.pdf?dl=0

Appendix F: Wyoming County Fair Association Correspondence

Wyoming County Fair Association

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June 17, 2021

The grant money from the Alle-Catt Wind project will be used to make needed repairs on the Griffith House located on the Wyoming County Fairgrounds in Pike, NY. The Griffith House needs a new roof and replacement of areas of the clapboard siding.

The Griffith House was constructed in 1810 and is the first "plank house" built in the Town of Pike. The Fair Association purchased the house from a private owner in 1976 and has used the house as a museum and demonstration area since that time. During the annual fair, the interior of the house is decorated by one of the local historical societies using furniture and other elements that reflect the era and age of the house. In the dining/kitchen area volunteers demonstrate open hearth cooking for fair visitors. In addition to the open-hearth cooking visitors witness baking being performed in a "bee-hive" oven. The Griffith House truly provides visitors with a look back at how our ancestors lived when the house was first built.

The funds will help the Fair Association to maintain the Griffith House in its present condition so that visitors can enjoy a firsthand look at life in the mid-1800s.

Sincerely,

Michael Roche

Michael Roche
General Superintendent

Appendix G: Town of Freedom Churches Correspondence

[EXTERNAL] Grant request

Steven Hammond <freedombaptistchurch21@yahoo.com>

Thu 7/8/2021 9:57 PM

To: Perry Sean <SPerry@invenergy.com>

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Letter for Grant.docx;

Attached is a letter listing the repairs needed on the church building.
Thank you,
Steve Hammond

***Freedom Baptist Church
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[EXTERNAL] Re: Sandusky Church SHPO Funds

Feldman Norman <norm1455@yahoo.com>

Fri 7/2/2021 1:49 PM

To: Perry Sean <SPerry@invenergy.com>

We are interested in this program here at Sandusky Baptist. The church as an organization was founded in 1820, the oldest section of the church was built in 1845, an addition was added in the 1950's.

The parsonage was built in the 1870 time frame. We are still a functioning church group today.

A brief summary of repairs and improvements are as follows; These are estimates.

- :
1. steeple repair and shingling - \$6350.00
 2. main carrier beam in old portion of church in need of repair -\$2650.00
 3. storm windows on outside of old portion of church, these protect the stained glass windows. -\$6800.
 4. parsonage roof needs to be redone. -\$15200.00
 5. parsonage living room needs work on walls, ceiling and floor. -\$3880.00
 6. make parsonage entry handicap accessible. -\$2975.00
 - [7. church](#) auditorium ceiling needs repair and paint. -\$3275.00.

The chair lift for handicap accessibility to the upper hall of newer portion of church I am still working on getting a quote, I'm thinking it may be a little costly because it has two left hand turns. I hope this will help with furthering this project, if not let me know what you need.

Thanks for your help;

Norm Feldman, Deacon/Trustee
Sandusky Baptist Church, Sandusky NY



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March 18, 2024

Grant Johnson
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Re: USACE, DPS
Alle-Catt Wind Farm/DPS Case Number 17-F-0282
Towns of Centerville & Rushford, Allegany County, Towns of Farmersville, Freedom & Yorkshire,
Cattaraugus County and Town of Arcade, Wyoming County
17PR06180

Dear Grant Johnson:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NYSHPO). We have reviewed the Revised March 2024 "Cultural Resources Mitigation and Offset Plan" in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the NYSHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

Based upon this review, the NYSHPO has no further comments or questions and approves of this Plan.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at nancy.herter@parks.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Herter".

Nancy Herter
Director, Technical Preservation Services Bureau