



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

July 3, 2014

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

James G. Turek
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Restoration Center
28 Tarzwell Drive
Narragansett, RI 02882

RE: Palmer's Island Trails Maintenance, Signage, Picnic Tables, and Invasive Species Control, New Bedford, MA. BSC Project No. 89524.00. **MHC #RC.50015.**

Dear Mr. Turek:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed additional information submitted regarding the proposed projects referenced above.

Archaeological Services at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, evaluated the archaeological sensitivity of the project impact areas. The results of the evaluation indicate that the projects as planned are unlikely to affect any significant historic or archaeological resources. The MHC recommends that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration make a determination of "no historic properties affected" 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)) the projects as proposed.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800). If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Bell", written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

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