



## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

July 11, 2014

Mary Rapoza  
Director  
New Bedford Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department  
181 Hillman Street, Building 3  
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Hazelwood Park Rehabilitation and Improvements, 597 Brock Avenue, New Bedford, MA. MHC #RC.56241

Dear Ms. Rapoza:

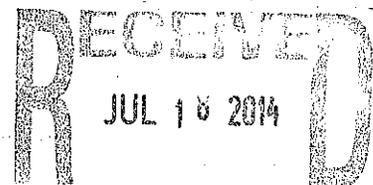
Thank you for submitting a Project Notification Form (PNF) and additional information to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) for the project referenced above, which was received at this office on June 12 and July 10, 2014. The proposed project consists of the rehabilitation of Hazelwood Park, including accessibility enhancements, signage, landscaping, fencing, parking lot and existing recreational infrastructure alterations, lighting and construction of benches, trash receptacles and an amphitheater using funding from the Department of Conservation Services (DCS) PARC program. The project includes interior renovations to the Congdon-Lucas House and Coffin-Howland House.

Review of the MHC's *Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth* indicates that Hazelwood Park (MHC # NBE.AR), including the Congdon-Lucas House (NBE.1114), Howland House (NBE.1117) and Congdon-Coffin-Howland Cottage (NBE.4), is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The MHC holds a Preservation Restriction (M.G.L c. 184, ss. 31-33) on the Congdon-Lucas House. The active preservation restriction agreement entitles the MHC review and approval authority prior to implementation of any major alterations to the property. The National Register nomination form has identified the potential for intact ancient Native American and historic period archaeological resources within Hazelwood Park.

The MHC is unable to determine the area of potential impact for the project and requires additional information. Please submit a copy of the DCS PARC grant application that clarifies the proposed project elements, scaled existing and proposed conditions project plans, and current, original photos of the project impact areas keyed to the project plans, to the MHC for review and comment.

The MHC encourages project planners to consider project alternatives that would avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects to the significant historic characteristics of Hazelwood Park, including prudent and feasible project alternatives to avoid and minimize ground impacts, such as locating new construction within previously disturbed portions of the property. Archaeological survey may be required for project impact areas within archaeologically sensitive portions of the property.

The MHC looks forward to reviewing the information requested above and to consultation to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects to significant historic and archaeological resources.



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These comments are provided to assist in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 70-71). If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Elizabeth Sherva, Preservation Planner or Jonathan K. Patton, Archaeologist, at this office.

Sincerely,



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