



**Parks, Recreation,  
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August 18, 2021

Mr. Houtan Moaveni, Executive Deputy Director  
Office of Renewable Energy Siting  
99 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12231

Re: ORES  
Garnet Energy Center Solar / 200 MW / 1,899 Acres  
Town of Conquest, Cayuga County, NY  
20PR03795

Dear Mr. Moaveni:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). This project was reviewed in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

We note that the proposed undertaking is within the Zone of Visual Impact for several resources eligible for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. These resources include 11676 Old State Road, Emerson Church, Greek Revival Schoolhouse, Cemetery, 10430 State Route 38, and Conquest Cemetery. Based upon our review, OPRHP has no concerns with the proposed work in regards to its potential to impact historic architectural/structural resources.

We have reviewed the Phase IB Archaeological Survey report prepared by TRC (Riccio et al. June 2021; 21SR00367). OPRHP understands that three (3) archaeological sites were identified during the archaeological survey. OPRHP has made the following determinations:

1. TRC-IF-2 (Indigenous) Site (USN 01104.000088) is not eligible for the State and National Registers of Historic Places (S/NRHP).
2. The eligibility of TRC-GAR-1 (Historic) Site (USN 01104.000086) and TRC-GAR-2 (Historic) Site (USN 01104.000087) remain undetermined. Both of these sites, including a fifty (50) foot buffer around them, are to be avoided as per the report's stated Site Avoidance Measures and Plans, and as detailed in the attached figures.

It is, therefore, OPRHP's opinion that this project will have no adverse impact on archaeological and/or historic resources listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places *with the condition* that the stated Avoidance Measures and Plans are implemented. This recommendation pertains only to the Area of Potential Effects (APE) examined during the above-referenced investigation. Should the project design change, the SHPO recommends further consultation with this office.

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If you have any questions, I can be reached via e-mail at [Josalyn.Ferguson@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Josalyn.Ferguson@parks.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Ferguson".

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Scientist Archaeology

*via email only*

c.c. Hayley Effler, Matthew Hyland, Michael Mitchell & Tim Sara, TRC  
c.c. Jasmine Matley & Noreena Chaudari, DPS  
c.c. Natasha Snyder & William Boer, NextEra

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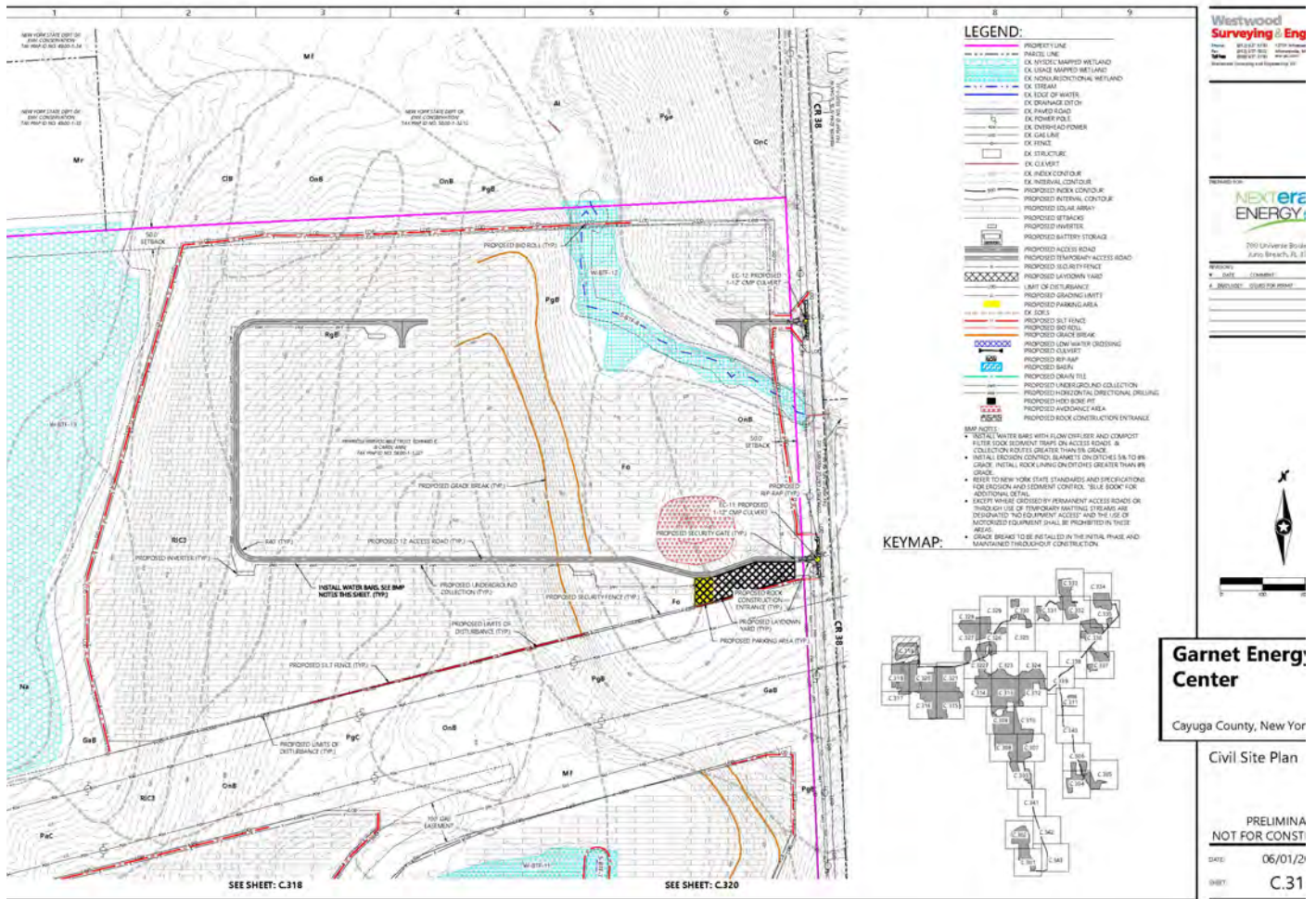


Figure 5-5. TRC-GAR-1 Site Avoidance Plan shown on 6/1/21 Civil Site Plan.

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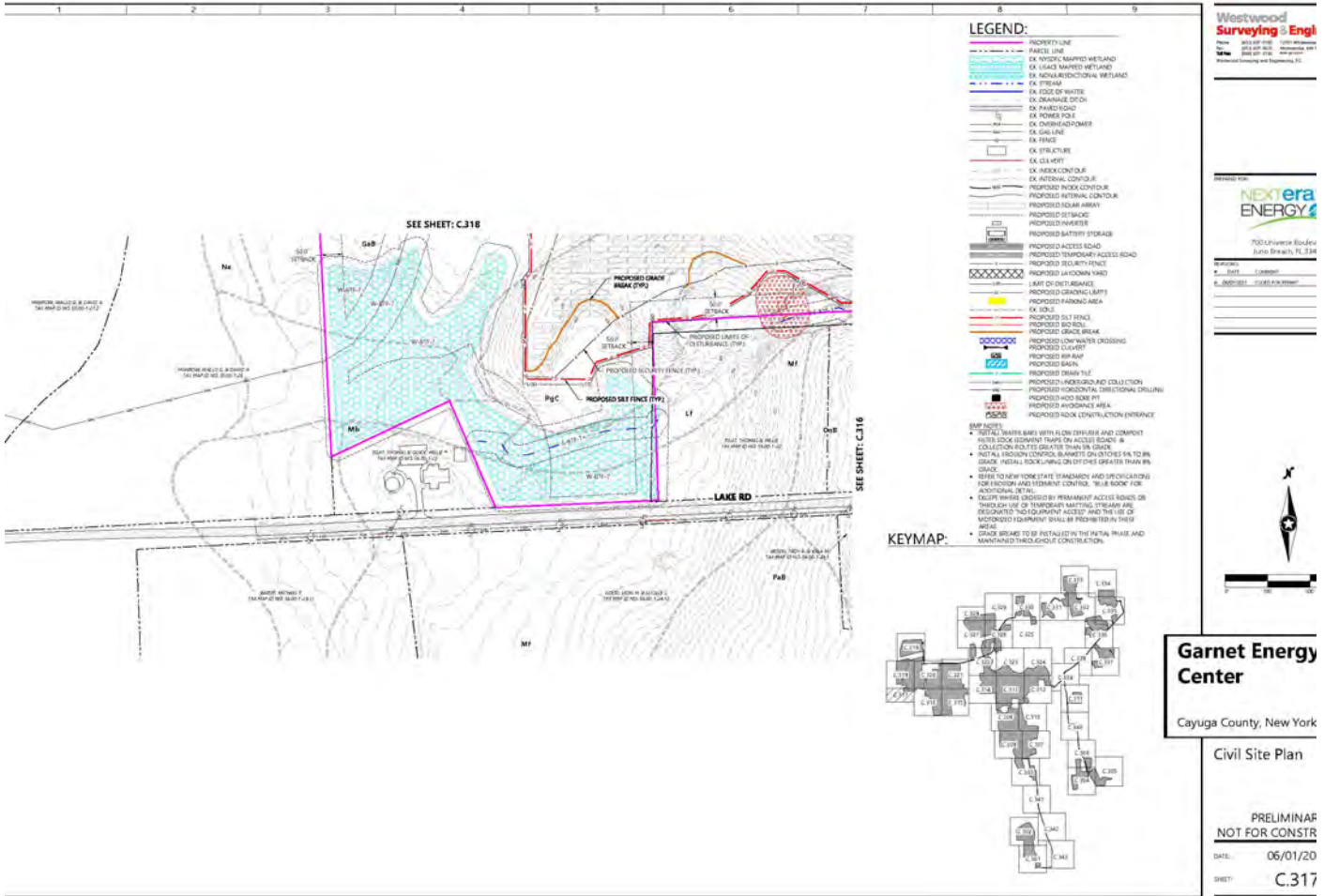


Figure 5-6. TRC-GAR-2 Site Avoidance Plan shown on 6/1/21 Civil Site Plan.