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PHASE IA AND IB ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY
HENDLER PROPERTY
TOWN OF GOSHEN, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

CLIENT:

Engineering Properties, PC

PROJECT SPONSOR:

Epic Orange, LLC

REVIEW AGENCY:

NY State Office of Parks,
Recreation and Historic
Preservation

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RGA completed a Phase IA and IB archaeological survey within a 35-acre portion of the proposed residential development known as the Hendler Property. The archaeological survey consisted of background research, a sensitivity assessment, a surface reconnaissance, and the excavation of shovel test pits throughout the Area of Potential Effects (APE). The work was conducted to comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The Phase IA archaeological survey determined that the APE had a high potential for containing prehistoric archaeological resources and a low potential to contain historic archaeological resources. The Phase IB archaeological survey resulted in the identification of a potentially significant prehistoric site within a portion of the APE. Prehistoric cultural material recovered suggested that the site represented an Early Woodland Period hunting and tool-processing campsite where exploitation of local lithic material was conducted for tool manufacture. As a result of the survey, RGA recommended that a Phase II archaeological survey be conducted to determine the site's eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The scope of work for the additional study was developed by RGA in consultation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP).