

2.4.2 CULTURAL RESOURCES

2.4.2.1 Protection of State- Owned Historic Properties

State-owned resources that have been determined to be historic properties are protected under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The CEPA process attempts to minimize or to avoid an adverse affect on cultural resources, particularly properties listed on the State Register of Historic Places. CEPA regulations mandate State agencies prepare environmental classification documents and to coordinate the development of facilities with the **Historic Preservation and Museum Division** of the CT Commission on Culture & Tourism.

2.4.2.2 Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings

Rehabilitation of historic buildings is outlined in "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (Revised 1990)", which are available from the project manager at the Department of Public Works or online at: <http://www.cultureandtourism.org/> click on the HISTORY tab, under Hot Topics, click on Historic Restoration Fund and Cultural Capital Grant Guidelines & Applications click on Standards for Rehabilitations.

Any building or site that is listed on the National Register or State Register of Historic Places shall be submitted to DPW for review by the Historic Division for compliance with these Standards. The design shall incorporate all directions given by the Historic Division as the approved budget allows. All work by the Architect/Engineer for Historical Submissions shall not be considered an additional service to the basic A/E contract.

2.4.2.3 Environmental Review for Impact to Architectural and Archaeological Resources

Notice will be sent to the Historic Division for all projects for an evaluation of the potential impact on cultural resources under the provisions, of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). Typically, a copy of the minutes for the "scope of work meeting" with the Agency and the A/E will be sent to the Historic Division. Note that in order for a determination to be made the Historic Division will need a street address for buildings, and often a location map. Certain projects that involve ground disturbance in archaeologically sensitive areas may require a survey.

When a CEPA document is prepared the Historic Division will be contacted for review comments. The DPW-Project Manager has access to the building list of state-owned properties and the indication of an Historic building or location. However, this inventory may contain errors and omissions and should only be used as a preliminary indicator for the presence of cultural resources.

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