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SENT VIA EMAIL

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

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October 7th, 2013

Larry Schopfer
Village Administrator
Irvington, NY

Re: Irvington Historic District

Mr. Schopfer:

Our office wanted to give you a very quick update on the status of the National Register listing for the Irvington Historic District. The NYS Review Board for Historic Places approved the draft nomination at the September 19th meeting at Jones Beach State Park. We appreciate you giving Division staff the opportunity to meet with members of the community beforehand. We did receive a significant number of letters from property owners opposing the listing of the district; however, they constituted less than 20% of individual owners within the designated boundary. This is far less than the 51% required to prevent the action from moving forward.

Eligibility and/or listing on the National Register offers a measure of protection under federal and New York State historic preservation laws. It does not prohibit a property owner from making changes, selling, or even demolishing a property with private funds. The Division for Historic Preservation provides consultation when public money or permitting is associated with a historic site. The purposes of the Register program is to document sites of cultural significance in communities and to qualify properties for potential grant programming and tax credit incentives for rehabilitation.

In the coming month we will be wrapping up our revision to the final document. Upon completion of the nomination, it will be signed by the Deputy Commissioner, effectively placing the district on NYS's Register. With the hope that the National Park Service will be reopened by this time, a second letter from NYS alerting property owners of the nomination's status will be sent. If there are any questions, please contact the Division staff to discuss further.
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Sincerely,

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