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Ms. Jasmine Lim
Community Development Administrator
Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills
1001 Parsippany Boulevard
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Re: Mt. Tabor Historic District
Housing Rehabilitation Program

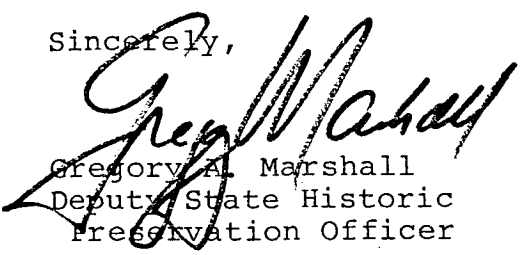
Dear Ms. Lim:

This project has been reviewed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as required by the involvement of HUD Community Development Block Grant funds. The proposed project involves health and safety repairs, energy conservation work and facade restoration in a district that has been identified as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in the Parsippany-Troy Hills Cultural Resource Survey of 1984.

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, it is my opinion that the proposed undertaking will have an effect on this eligible resource, which will not be adverse provided that all work is carried out in accordance with the Standards for Rehabilitation of the Secretary of the Interior. In order to avoid having to review all projects on a case-by-case basis, it would be more effective to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with you and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

Please review the enclosed copy of the Standards and the draft M.O.A. If acceptable, please obtain the Mayor's signature and forward to the ACHP, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, #809, Washington, DC 20004, along with a letter describing your project, a copy of this letter and the historic district survey form for Mount Tabor. Should there be any questions, please contact Beth Sullebarger of my staff at (609) 292-2023.

Sincerely,


Gregory A. Marshall
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

Enclosures
c: ACHP



State of New Jersey

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August 2, 1989
ONJH-H89-7

Mr. Michael Hardie
Community Development Administrator
Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills
1001 Parsippany Boulevard
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Dear Mr. Hardie:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published in the Federal Register 2 September 1986 (51, 169, 31115-31125), I am providing **consultation** Comments for the following project:

Morris County, New Jersey
Parsippany-Troy Hills Township
Mount Tabor Firehouse - Stabilization/Restoration U.
S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

800.4 Identifying Historic Properties

It is my opinion, as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, that the Mount Tabor Historic District (originally identified in the 1984 **Morris County Cultural Resources Survey**) is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Mount Tabor Firehouse is a contributing building in the District.

800.5 Assessing Effects

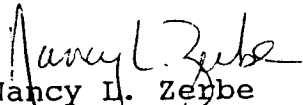
The plans (dated 12/18/87) fully conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. This project will therefore have no adverse effect on the Mount Tabor Firehouse or the Mount Tabor Historic District.

Additional Comments

I am very pleased to see that the Mount Tabor Firehouse will be sensitively stabilized and restored. I commend Parsippany-Troy Hills' continuing use of Community Development Funds for rehabilitation work in the Mount Tabor Historic District.

Should there be any questions, please contact Dan Saunders of my staff at (609) 292-2023.

Sincerely,


Nancy L. Zerbe
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1429-D2

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609) 292-2023

DISTRICT NAME: Mount Tabor	UTM REFERENCES:	Zone/Northing/Easting
MUNICIPALITY: Parsippany-Troy Hills		A
COUNTY: Morris		B
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Residential		C
USGS QUAD: Morristown, Boonton		D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

Mount Tabor, established in 1869, is situated on a hill in the west part of Parsippany-Troy Hills on the border with Denville Township. The streets of Mt. Tabor were laid out in a small grid pattern northeast of Route 53 (Tabor Rd). The Mt. Tabor Golf Course borders the northeast side of the community. To the southeast is a modern residential section.

Mt. Tabor is a densely built community, but this is offset by the great number of large oak trees and several parks maintained by the Camp Meeting Association. Trinity Park, a small octagon shaped wooded park that houses the tabernacle is the main foci of the community. There are approximately 220 buildings within the proposed district, 118 outside. The district's boundary excludes all modern structures, see map.

Many homes were built on small lots some 25' to 50' wide. The narrow asphalt streets have cobblestone storm gutters on the sides. There are many stone walls built around the properties. Utility poles alternate the sides of the streets. Most of the buildings are framed with clapboard, wood shingle and vertical wood siding. Some homes still have projecting gables with gingerbread vergeboards and balconies supported by knee braces. Many of the homes that remain unaltered have not been maintained are in poor condition. The porches on many well maintained homes have been enclosed to increase the size of these small summer homes. The balconies and vergeboards have been removed over the years and aluminum siding and contemporary windows have been added. Most modern additions distract from the buildings original styles.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS: 220
 PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent 13 % Good 46 % Fair 31 % Poor 10 %
 REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No
 THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
 The major threats are alterations and deterioration. Few people are concerned with preservation. Most residents do not know what a historic district is and its' benefits.

COMMENTS:

SIGNIFICANCE:

Mount Tabor was established 1869 as a Methodist Camp Meeting Ground by incorporating the Camp Meeting Association of the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The State of New Jersey granted Mt. Tabor and Ocean Grove the right to function as a municipality within a larger municipality. Methodists who liked the beach went to Ocean Grove and those who liked the woods went to Mt. Tabor.

Mt. Tabor has a large collection of 19th century Victorian and Stick Style buildings (inv. D2-S1-211). The community buildings in Trinity Park are octagon shaped and consists of the tabernacle, bethel and library. The scale of the buildings are small, except for the tabernacle, and are unique for this period.

Mt. Tabor first functioned as a summer tent community. The first building was the superintendent's house, first tabernacle (inv. D2-S1-214). In the 1880's the streets were laid out. The present tabernacle, bethel and library were constructed in 1885.

The start of World War II marked a turning point for Mt. Tabor. Many people who remodeled homes for year-round use worked in the Picatinny Arsenal, north of Wharton. In the winter of 1938-39, 109 houses were occupied.

Mt. Tabor is a close-knit community. Many residents are relatives and some of the offspring of the original families still live in Mt. Tabor.

REFERENCES: (Include representation in existing surveys)

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Campbell, Josephine. Interview. July, Aug. 1984.
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Dickerson, Claude. Interview. Aug. 1984.
Harrison, John. Interview. Dec., Aug. 1984.
Map of Mt. Tabor Camp Ground of the Newark Conference, Camp Meeting Association near Denville, Morris County, NJ April 1880.

ATTACHMENTS: (Indicate number)

MAPS: 1 PHOTOS: 7 B&W SLIDES: 7

1-16 Streetscape maps

OTHER: (Specify) References Continued. Streetscapes 1 to 16 and individual forms inv. 207 to 229.

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ORGANIZATION: Parsippany-Troy Hills Township

DATE: July 24, 1984

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REFERENCES: CONTINUED

Mount Tabor Camp Meeting Association House Number Map. September 1977.

Mount Tabor 100th Anniversary Souvenir Booklet, 1969.

Wilson, E.T. Interview. July 1984.

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