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JUL 31 2013

Joseph Grimaldi
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New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Grants Management Bureau
Albany, NY 12238

Dear Mr. Grimaldi:

We have approved your request for a partial conversion of Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Section 6(f) protected outdoor recreation land established as a result of LWCF Project #36-01225 which improved the former Empire Fulton Ferry State Park, now a section of Brooklyn Bridge Park in the Borough of Brooklyn, NY. As a result, Section 6(f) protection will be removed from 2.65 acres where the Tobacco Warehouse and Empire Stores are located, leaving 2.79 acres under Section 6(f) protection. The converted property will be replaced with .86 acres of property owned by the City of New York and will be developed for outdoor recreation uses and incorporated into the existing Brooklyn Bridge park per the enclosed LWCF conversion amendment. Also, Section 6(f) protections will be extended along the northern sidewalk of Plymouth Street, connecting the new 6(f) replacement property with the remaining Empire Fulton Ferry Section 6(f) property to create a viable 6(f) protected outdoor recreation unit with these two properties per 36 CFR 59.3.

All requirements of the Section 6(f) conversion process under the LWCF Act and LWCF conversion requirements at 36 CFR 59.3 have been met. Enclosed is the conversion amendment and a copy of the approved Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) statement completing the National Environmental Policy Act process. Please note that the Delaware Nation, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and the Delaware Tribe should be notified and consulted in the event of an inadvertent archeological discovery during the future development at the replacement parcels.

As always, we appreciate your partnership and cooperation with the National Park Service and the LWCF Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jack Howard, Program Manager of our staff at (215) 597-1565 or by e-mail at jack_howard@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Reidenbach
Regional Director

Enclosures

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE New York (36)

Project Amendment No. _____

AMENDMENT TO PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT To Project Agreement No. 36-01225 is hereby made and agreed upon by the United States of America, acting through the Director of the National Park Service and by the State of New York pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

The State and the United States, in mutual consideration of the promises made herein and in the agreement of which this is an amendment, do promise as follows:

That the above mentioned agreement is amended by adding the following:

See attached document entitled "Amendment to Project Agreement"

In all other respects the agreement of which this is an amendment, and the plans and specifications relevant thereto, shall remain in full force and effect. In witness thereof the parties hereto have executed this amendment as of the date entered below.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By

Jack W. Howard

(Signature)

PROGRAM MANAGER

(Title)

National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior

Date JUL 31 2013

STATE

of New York

(State)

By

Joseph Grimaldi

(Signature)

Joseph Grimaldi

(Name)

Alternate State Liaison Officer

(Title)

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Amendment to Project Agreement

Amend project agreement to partially convert the Empire Fulton Ferry section of Brooklyn Bridge Park located in the DUMBO section of Brooklyn, Kings County, by removing Section 6(f) protection from 2.65 acres from the former state park where the Tobacco Warehouse and Empire Stores is located, leaving 2.79 acres under Section 6(f) protection. This remaining Section 6(f) property will continue to be owned by New York State and serve outdoor recreation purposes.

The converted land will be replaced with three contiguous non-recreation parcels totaling .86 acres of non-recreation near the converted parcel. The new Section 6(f) properties will continue to be owned by the City of New York. The replacement property will be developed and incorporated into the existing Brooklyn Bridge Park and be improved to provide: a new entry to Brooklyn Bridge Park; a lawn and landscaped area providing visual access to the water; an interpretive nature center; restrooms, and a park support and maintenance facility. Section 6(f) protections will be extended along the northern sidewalk of Plymouth Street, connecting the new 6(f) replacement property with the remaining Empire Fulton Ferry Section 6(f) property to create a viable 6(f) protected outdoor recreation unit with these two properties per 36 CFR 59.3.

The Delaware Nation, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and the Delaware Tribe should be notified and consulted in the event of an inadvertent archeological discovery during the proposed future development at the replacement parcels.