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Mr. Todd Miller
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Richmond, Virginia 23236

Re: Wegmans/Project Tiger
Hanover County, Virginia
DHR File No. 2019-0791

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has received for our review and comment a Completion of Fieldwork memorandum for data recovery excavations at site 44HN0326 prepared by Dutton + Associates. Our comments are in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) executed May 2021 relative to the Project Tiger/Wegmans Project in Hanover County, Virginia.

While DHR appreciates the detailed and thorough memorandum, DHR requests clarification regarding some of the fieldwork completed. DHR understands that the consultant did not excavate Well #1, originally identified by Gray and Pape, as planned in the data recovery plan due to its location within a wetland. Were impacts to this wetland not included as part of the Corps permit? Please provide further justification for not excavating this feature in a manner consistent with the data recovery plan. The consultant also did not excavate Well #2, as stated in the data recovery plan, which Gray and Pape noted as potentially containing a large volume of nineteenth century domestic artifacts and the consultant notes could be a privy or a well. Please provide a justification for this deviation from the data recovery plan.

If these questions could be best addressed via a site visit DHR is available to attend at the Corps' and Permittee's earliest convenience.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or our review, please feel free to contact me at samantha.henderson@dhr.virginia.gov or (804) 482-6088.

Sincerely,

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