



PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC

**PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT**

**1-9 – CULTURAL RESOURCES SUMMARY  
MONROE COUNTY**

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**Submitted by:**  
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**Agency Consultation/Coordination:** The results of the archaeological and architectural history investigations conducted in Monroe County for the PennEast Pipeline Project (Project) have been submitted to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PASHPO). Report submittal dates and PASHPO response dates are included in Table 1-9-1. Correspondence with the PASHPO is included in the ESCGP Application Section 1-9-1. Reports are marked “Contains Privileged Information – Do Not Release,” and are included in Section 1-9-2 of this ESCGP Application.

**Table 1-9-1  
 Project Report Submittals and PASHPO Response Dates**

Report Title	Abbreviated Title	Submittal Date	PASHPO Response Date
Cultural Resources Scoping Letter	Scoping Letter	8/20/14	9/10/14
<b>Archaeological Reports:</b>			
Phase I Archaeological Survey Report, Addendum 3	PA Phase I, Addendum 3	10/31/18	11/28/18
<b>Historic Architectural Reports:</b>			
Determination of Effects Report-Pennsylvania	PA Effects Report	5/3/19	6/5/19

On August 20, 2014, the PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (PennEast) submitted the Scoping Letter to the PASHPO, which included Project mapping, the results of preliminary background research, and outlined the proposed methods for identification-level archaeological and architectural history surveys for the Project (Section 1-9-2). The Scoping Letter also included an Unanticipated Discovery Plan (UDP) guiding the treatment of human remains and archaeological sites that might be discovered during Project construction. The PASHPO concurred with PennEast’s survey methodologies and the UDP in a letter dated September 10, 2014. Cultural resources investigations in Monroe County have followed the PASHPO-approved methods. PennEast has provided all Project route changes to the PASHPO. Consultation with the PASHPO on cultural resources identification, Project effects, and treatment of individual cultural resources is complete.

On December 31, 2014, PennEast sent letters to 15 federally recognized Native American tribes with historic ties to the area crossed by the Project. Of the 15 tribes contacted, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Oneida Indian Nation, and the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohicans requested archaeological survey and evaluation reports for the Project. PennEast has provided these reports, as well as mapping for Project route changes. Correspondence with these three tribes is ongoing, copies of which are available on request.

**Public Outreach:** Prior to the development of the Revised PA Route, the Project did not extend into Monroe County; therefore, extensive public outreach has not been conducted in Monroe County. PennEast will consult with statewide, regional and local organizations regarding known cultural resources located within the Project boundaries in Monroe County.



**Summary of Archaeological Investigations:** The Phase I archaeological survey (Phase I Survey) in Monroe County was performed according to the PASHPO-approved methods outlined in the Scoping Letter. The purpose of the Phase I Survey was to identify archaeological sites in the area of potential effects (APE) that are potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Phase I survey between late 2016 and July 2018 was limited to the limit of disturbance (LOD) for the Revised PA Route, which serves as the APE for archaeological resources. The LOD was subject to a thorough pedestrian survey to define above-ground indicators of archaeological sites such as rock shelters, historic structures, or foundations regardless of field conditions (i.e., steep slopes, standing water). Pedestrian survey was conducted in concert with subsurface testing that was guided by an archaeological sensitivity model based on geographic information systems analysis and historic mapping. Subsurface testing methods included shovel testing in uplands, where archaeological resources are typically located within three feet of the ground surface. The Phase I Survey of the Revised PA Route is complete in Monroe County. No archaeological sites were identified.

**Summary of Architectural History Investigations:** Beginning in late 2016, the APE was refined and limited to those properties intersected by the LOD for the PA Revised Route. Field survey of the Revised PA Route is complete in Monroe County.

**Historic Architectural Resources Identified:** One historic architectural resource, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (ANST), was identified in Monroe County. PennEast recommended that the Project would have no adverse effect on the ANST in the PA Effects Report (Section 1-9-2). The PASHPO concurred with PennEast's recommendation by letter dated June 5, 2019 (Section 1-9-1).