



## Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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Ellen Manning  
President, McKnownville Improvement association  
3 Norwood Street  
McKnownville, NY 12203

Re: McKnownville-Country Club Highlands Historic District  
Guilderland, NY 12207  
Albany County

Dear Ellen Manning:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic district noted above will be considered by the New York State Board for Historic Preservation at its next meeting, **December 9, 2021**, for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places. These registers are the official lists of properties that are significant in history, architecture, engineering, landscape design, and culture. Listing in the registers provides recognition of our national, state and local heritage and assistance in preserving it. Enclosed is a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated for listing.

Listing in the National and State Registers affords properties a measure of protection from the effects of federal and/or state sponsored or assisted projects, provides eligibility for certain federal and/or state tax credits and renders properties owned by non-profits or municipalities eligible for state preservation grants. In general, there are no restrictions placed upon private owners of registered properties. The results of listing are explained more fully in the attached fact sheet.

Owners of private properties proposed for listing in the National Register must be given the opportunity to concur in or object to the listing. If a *majority* of the private property owners in the district object to the listing via the process noted below, it will prevent the district from being listed. Objections are only counted against the listing of the district as a whole. If a majority does not object, no single property owner in the district can exempt himself or herself from the listing via an objection. Each private property owner has one vote, regardless of how many properties or what portion of a single property that party owns.

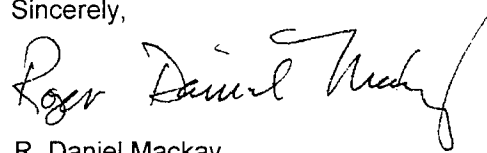
If a property owner wishes to object to the proposed district, he/she must submit a notarized acknowledgement that he/she is the owner of the property in question and that he/she objects to the proposed National Register listing. Objections must be submitted before the district is listed.

If a district cannot be listed because of owner objection, the SHPO will submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility for listing. Properties formally determined eligible for National Register listing by the Keeper are subject to the same protection from the effects of federally sponsored or assisted projects as are listed properties. There are no provisions in the New York State Historic Preservation Act that allow owners to prevent listing in the State Register by means of objection.

If you wish to comment on whether or not the district should be nominated to the National and State Registers, please send your comments to the SHPO at the address below. Comments must be received by **December 8, 2021**, in order to be considered by the State Board for Historic Preservation when it reviews this district.

A draft copy of the proposed nomination will be posted on our web site ([www.nysparks.com/shpo](http://www.nysparks.com/shpo)) prior to the board meeting. For more information, contact James Carter, Division for Historic Preservation, Peebles Island State Park, P.O. Box 189, Waterford, New York 12188, (518) 268-2194 or via e-mail at [james.carter@parks.ny.gov](mailto:james.carter@parks.ny.gov)

Sincerely,



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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosure: NYS Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program  
Federal and NYS Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program  
NYS and National Register of Historic Places Frequently Asked Questions  
NYS and National Register of Historic Places National Register Criteria for Evaluation