



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

March 3, 2026

RUSSELL TREAS

RE: ER Project # 2025PR00055.016, Project Bolt , Department of Environmental Protection,
Middlesex Township, Cumberland County

Dear RUSSELL TREAS,

Thank you for providing additional information concerning the above referenced project.

Above Ground Resources

Thank you for the additional information on the potential for the project to have an effect on the National Register eligible Appalachian Trail. We offer the following comments.

The proposed placement of 100 native evergreens along the AT corridor would have the potential to introduce new features into the setting of the resource and thereby obstruct a historic viewshed of surrounding agricultural lands. Therefore, we would not consider this to be an appropriate minimization measure.

We recognize the proposed lighting plan uses low-height downward-facing fixtures, warm-toned light sources of 3000 Kelvin or lower, foot-candle limitations, and IESNA cutoff criteria.

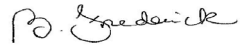
We require more information to complete our review. Please provide answers to the following questions:

- What would be the maximum height of buildings and structures within the proposed substation?
- Is the plan to use evergreen trees of mixed varieties at the identified locations between the substation and easternmost buildings and the trail?
- Will the species to be used exceed the height of the proposed work and shield the substation and buildings on the property from view year-round?
- What is the plan for long-term maintenance of the vegetation and who will determine if the vegetation is maintained in good condition?
- Have balloon tests/visual simulations been prepared to better understand the potential view of the project from the trail and impact to the trail viewshed?
- Would it be possible to paint/cover the exterior of the proposed buildings in a darker color to minimize visual effects to the surrounding landscape?

Finally, please provide documentation of any coordination with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy regarding potential effects of the project on the trail.

For questions concerning above ground resources, please contact Barbara Frederick at bafrederic@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Frederick", written in a cursive style.

Barbara Frederick
Environmental Review Division Manager