Route 28A, Ashokan Reservoir

Ulster County, New York

Historical Perspectives, Inc. (HPI) conducted a Phase I Archaeological Investigation for the Realignment and Reconstruction of a 2.5 mile section of Route 28A near its intersection with the Ashokan Reservoir Road. The Reservoir, created as part of the Catskill Water Supply System to provide water to New York City, was constructed from 1908-1913. As part of this massive project, a 27.5 mile road was laid out around the reservoir. Known originally as the "substituted highway" and built under Contract 59, the portion extending around the southern side of the reservoir is now known as Route 28A. The Ashokan Reservoir, along with the roadways and bridges surrounding it, is under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP), which manages the City's water supply and sewer systems.

As a WBE certified professional firm, HPI has worked closely with the NYC DEP over many years to provide cultural resources services for a number of large projects in both the City and along its upstate watershed areas, including locations at the Ashokan Reservoir. Other DEP projects for which HPI has provided cultural resources services include the Kensico Reservoir in Valhalla; the Catskill/Delaware UV Facility Eastview Site in Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant; shaft locations for the New Croton Aqueduct Rehabilitation Project; Storm Water/Sanitary Drainage Plans for a number of large watersheds on Staten Island; and the new Croton Water Treatment Plant in the Bronx.

In addition, HPI has undertaken a wide range of bridge projects in the New York area, for clients including the New York State DOT, the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New Jersey Transit, and Amtrak. HPI's work has included Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentations, National Register of Historic Places Nominations, restoration oversight, and archaeological studies for historic bridge touchdown areas.