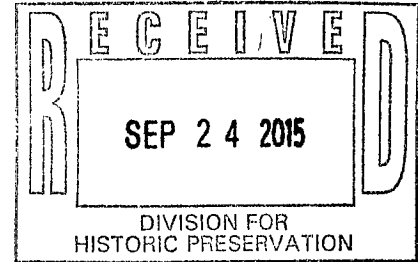




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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240



September 18, 2015

Paul McDonnell, AIA
Chair, Buffalo Preservation Board
901 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to inform you as duly authorized representative that the Upper Black Rock Historic District has been certified by the Secretary of the Interior for purposes of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, as substantially meeting all the requirements for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Our office would like to make one clarification based on the documentation presented for the district. The property at 1239 Niagara Street is listed with the status Undetermined due to alterations on the front of the building which obscure possible historic features underneath. Under these circumstances, this building is considered Noncontributing to the district for purposes of the Federal Tax Incentives program. If a different determination of the building is desired in the future, additional documentation justifying a change in status may be submitted to this office, through the State Historic Preservation Office, for evaluation.

Individual property owners of depreciable buildings within this district can qualify for the Federal tax incentives for historic preservation by completing the Historic Preservation Certification Application -- Parts 1 and 2 and submitting them to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Application forms are available directly from the SHPO, or from the Technical Preservation Services website at <http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives/application.htm>. Applications should be submitted as early as possible in the planning of a rehabilitation project.

Review boards and commissions should become familiar with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, used by the Secretary in certifying rehabilitation work for the historic preservation tax incentives. The SHPO and the NPS are available to advise individuals and organizations about the Standards.

Please be aware that changes to the historic district as presently certified will render this certification null and void and will require recertification of the revised district for continued benefits under the above laws.

If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 354-2025.

Sincerely,

Guy M. Lapsley
Technical Preservation Services

cc: National Register
NY SHPO



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner

August 10, 2015

Mr. Guy Lapsley
Technical Preservation Services
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW (org 2255)
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Request for Certification of the Upper Blackrock Historic District
Buffalo, Erie County, NY

Dear Mr. Lapsley:

We are pleased to submit a request from the Buffalo Preservation Board for the certification of the Upper Blackrock Historic District in Buffalo, Erie County, NY. The period of significance for the historic district is 1827-1960. The district meets Criterion A in the areas of transportation and industrial history, and community planning/development. It contains 14 contributing buildings, 1 contributing structure, and 1 non-contributing building.

Enclosed is the Historic District Certification Report for the district prepared by 36 CFR 61-qualified consultant kta preservation specialists. The report includes a description of the district; application of the National Register Criteria; a boundary justification; a definition of contributing and non-contributing resources; a bibliography; an annotated building list; district map, and high resolution digital photographs. I have also enclosed the letter from the City of Buffalo HP Chair in support of the Certified Local Historic District and the Local Designation Report and approval by Common Council.

We look forward to a favorable response from the National Park Service. If you have any questions, please contact me at 518-268-2168.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Howe
Survey Coordinator

enc.



City of Buffalo

BUFFALO PRESERVATION BOARD

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Paul McDonnell AIA *Chair*

Honorable Rose Harvey
Commissioner
NYS Office of Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation
Albany, NY 12238

July 8, 2015

Dear Commissioner Harvey,

I am writing to request that the Upper Blackrock Historic District in Buffalo, NY be certified as fulfilling all the requirements for listing as a district on the National Register of Historic Places. As chair of the Buffalo Preservation Board, I am duly authorized to make this request. The Buffalo Preservation Board is a certified local government (CLG) authorized within New York State.

The responsibility for compiling the documentation for certification for this district was undertaken by:

kta preservation specialists
422 Parker Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216

The consultants have submitted to your staff the information required by National Register Bulletin #17 for certification of local districts. While City of Buffalo Preservation Board's application and report serves as the basis for the required documentation, it is supplemented by additional photographs, maps and text.

We trust that if the district is certified, owners will take full advantage of the federal tax credit for rehabilitation of the certified historic properties. This will benefit the individual owners as well as the neighborhood and the City of Buffalo.

Sincerely,

Paul McDonnell, AIA
Chair, Buffalo Preservation Board