

Appendix G – Tulip Hill Picnic Table Removal



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Green Lakes State Park, Onondaga County
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The Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau (FSB) has reviewed submitted materials for the proposed removal of picnic tables at the Tulip Hill Picnic area within Green Lakes State Park. This review has been done under the provisions of Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Act of 1980.

As you are aware, these tables were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) as part of the Tulip Hill Picnic Area, and thus date from the Park's early development period. As such, the entire Tulip Hill Area (tables, shelter, etc.) has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register as a contributing element to the historic character of the Park.

Since this project involves removal of almost one half of the tables (character defining features of the picnic area), it is the opinion of the FSB that this project will have an Adverse Impact on historic resources. However, I understand the operational issue with the tables in their current locations, and understand the desire (and need) to "cull" a number of them in order to make Tulip Hill a more attractive picnic location.

In the case of unavoidable Adverse Impacts, Section 14.09 requires that appropriate and project specific mitigation be developed in order to “offset” the impact. I have discussed this project with Mark Hohengasser of OPRHP’s planning unit, and together we have identified mitigation for this project:

1. The locations of all existing tables will be documented by plan, showing the relation to the shelter and other features, along with a plan for which tables are planned for removal.
2. Representative tables and groupings of tables will be documented photographically, with the location of the photographs keyed to plan (above)
3. OPRHP will remove the wooden table elements, and investigate the subsurface construction of the mortared stone table ends (standards). If feasible, heavy equipment will be used in an attempt to lift and move the standards for reinstallation at other areas within the park.

Thank you for your request. If anyone has any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.