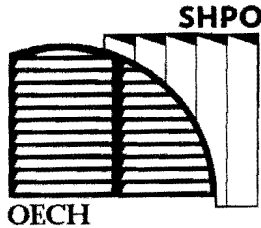


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**SHPO 08-03-10-01 VÍA VERDE PROJECT, ISLANDWIDE, PUERTO RICO / SAJ-2010-02881 (IP-EWG)**

Dear Eng. Cordero:

As discussed during the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers interagency meeting on February 1, 2011 and afterwards with your archaeological consultants Carlos Ayes and Marisol Rodríguez, we are enclosing a CD containing, in .shp file format, the approximate locations of archaeological sites reported within a one kilometer corridor along the *Vía Verde* route alignment. This information was previously available in our Office in paper format. The sites plotted do not necessarily represent the total universe of historic properties actually located within this corridor, nor does it contain information on site boundaries or historic significance.

Regarding information on the archaeological site of *Paso del Indio* in the municipality of Vega Baja, this historic property was included in the National Register of Historic Places in 2007 and has been marked in our maps since the 1980's. Six above ground properties, also listed in the NRHP, are located within a one-kilometer buffer zone. Among them, the Manatí urban zone, a potentially eligible district that includes four properties that are individually listed. Digital copies of the National Register nomination for all these properties are also included in the CD.

We hope this information is of use to you. We look forward to receiving the report

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on the results of the Stage I archaeological reconnaissance survey in the near future. This study identifies the presence or absence of cultural resources of architectural, archaeological, and/or historic significance within the project's area of potential effects. In order to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 CFR Part 800, efforts to identify historic properties should follow the Secretary's "Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation"(48 FR 44716) as well as our Office's guidelines.

If you have any questions, please contact Miguel Bonini of our Office at 787-721-3737 or by e-mail at [mbonini@prshpo.gobierno.pr](mailto:mbonini@prshpo.gobierno.pr).

Sincerely,



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