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Mr. Tim Hart  
Director, Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission  
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**Re: Ocean County, Toms River Township  
Ocean County Jail and Sheriff's House Demolition  
New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act  
Ocean County Jail (SR: 6/17/1981)**

Dear Mr. Hart:

Thank you for providing the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Ocean County Courthouse preservation plan, received via email by the HPO on June 14, 2017 in partial fulfillment of Condition #3 of the conditions of authorization for the demolition of the Ocean County Jail and Sheriff's House. The Ocean County Jail and Sheriff's House demolition was authorized with conditions by Rich Boornazian, Assistant Commissioner for Natural and Historic Resources of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, on May 2, 2014. Assistant Commissioner Boornazian adopted the recommendations of the New Jersey Historic Sites Council's Resolution number 2013-357.

HPO staff has reviewed the preservation plan RFP and has found that it is sufficient. As stated in Condition #3 of the conditions of authorization, the bid must be awarded prior to demolition of the Ocean County Jail and Sheriff's House. The HPO looks forward to continuing consultation regarding the completion of the remaining mitigating conditions, outlined below:

2. HABS Level III documentation shall be completed on the exterior and as much as possible of the interior of the Ocean County Jail and Sheriff's House. The setting of the Ocean County Jail and Sheriff's House shall be captured as part of the documentation. Digital photography is acceptable provided it meets the National Park Service's (NPS) National Register Photo Policy for digital photography. A copy of the documentation shall be given to the HPO and one local repository that is agreed to by the HPO and Ocean County.
3. A preservation plan by an NPS qualified historic architect shall be completed for the historic Ocean County Courthouse to ensure future care of the County's historic civic buildings. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the preservation plan shall meet the guidelines for preservation plans set forth by the HPO. The RFP shall be reviewed and approved by the HPO prior to its