



# III.I

## Historic, Archaeological, and Cultural Resources

### 1. Existing Conditions

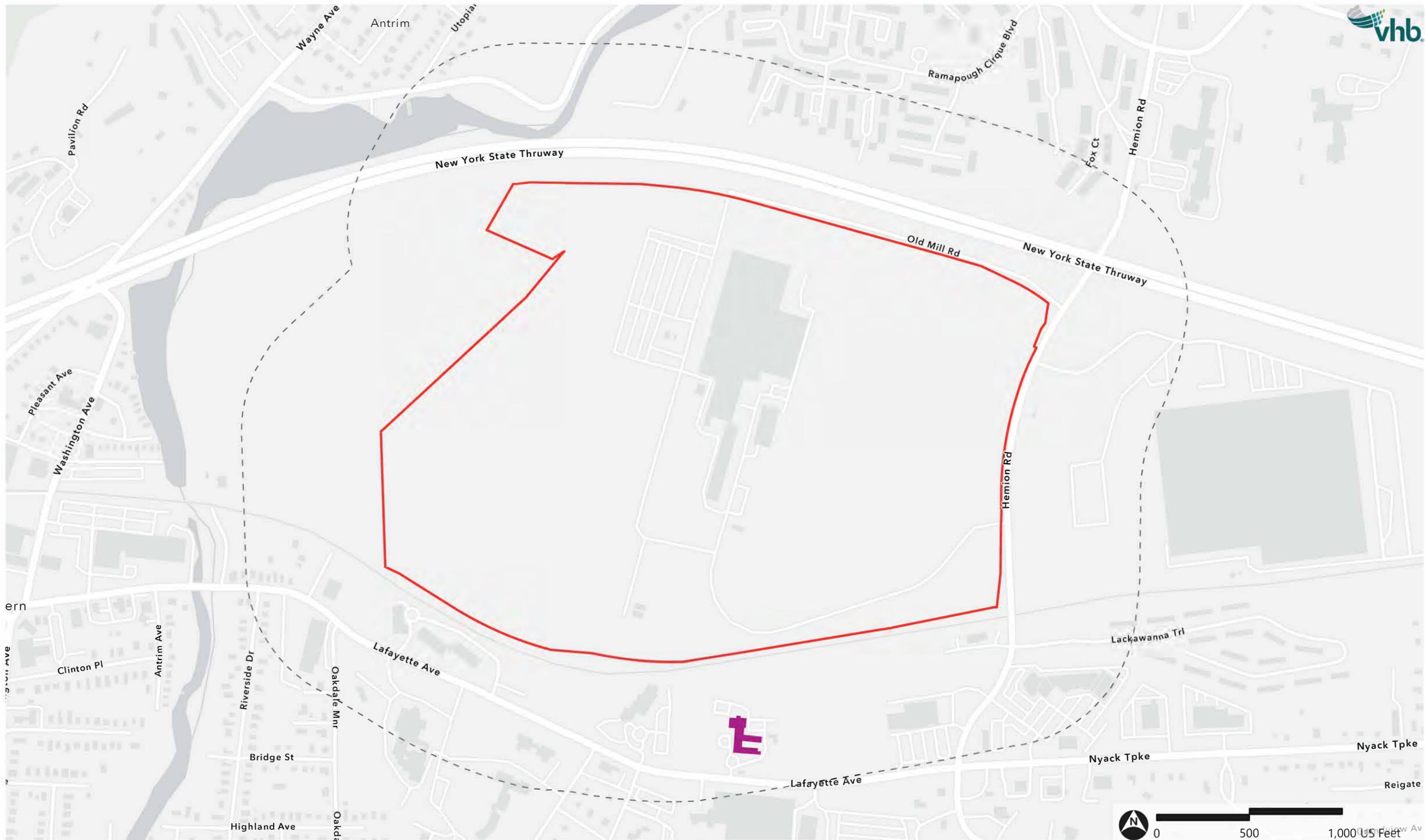
The analysis below documents the presence of nearby properties of historic significance and the potential for archaeological sensitivity based on a review of the Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS) database and maps provided by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). In addition, project notifications for the Proposed Project were submitted electronically to OPRHP on August 17, 2021, and July 28, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The study area for this analysis, or the Area of Potential Effect ("APE"), was identified as the limit of disturbance for the Proposed Project, as depicted on the project site plan included in **Appendix C**.

Correspondence received from OPRHP on August 20, 2021, and July 29, 2022, in response to the project notifications indicates that no known historic or cultural resources exist on the Project Site (see **Appendix N**). Based on a review of CRIS, there is one property within 750 feet of the APE, Tagaste Monastery (USN 08743.000162) located south of the Project Site at 220 Lafayette Avenue, that is eligible for listing on the National or State Register of Historic Properties (see **Figure III.I-1**). The Tagaste Monastery building is a two-and-a-half-story Dutch Colonial Revival-style institutional building significant for its architecture and association with a locally prominent religious institution. In addition, a portion of the Project Site is located within an archeologically sensitive area

### 2. Potential Impacts

As detailed above, no historic, archaeological, or cultural resources have been identified on the Project Site. Furthermore, correspondence from OPRHP dated August 20, 2021, and July 29, 2022, indicates that "no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project" (see **Appendix N**).

<sup>1</sup> Separate project notifications were submitted for the Village of Suffern and Village of Montebello portions of the Proposed Project.



Project Site 750-Foot Study Area Radius Tagaste Monastery

**Figure III.I-1**  
**Study Area Historic Resources**

The Tagaste Monastery building is located approximately 600 feet south of the southernmost improvements proposed on the Project Site, with a majority of that intervening area being densely forested. The train tracks that run in the area between the Tagaste Monastery property and the Project Site are on an elevated rail bed and therefore would serve as an additional visual barrier to the proposed buildings (see **Photo III.L-22** and **III.L-23** in **Chapter III.L, Visual Resources**, showing how the rail bed partially blocks views to the Project Site). Additionally, as shown in **Figure III.I-2**, the Proposed Project buildings would be below the tree line, and therefore any views would be partially obstructed by the existing tree cover. In addition, as detailed in **Chapter III.L**, the Proposed Project buildings would be shorter as compared to the existing buildings on the Project Site, meaning the Proposed Project would improve visual conditions from the Tagaste Monastery. The Proposed Project also involves the installation of 15-foot-tall sound barrier walls along the south side of the Building 2 and Building 3 truck parking and loading lots. The sound barrier for Building 2 would be approximately 130 feet in length; the sound barrier for Building 3 would be approximately 375 feet in length. However, these sound barriers would be shorter than both the proposed buildings and the existing tree line, and would be located west of the proposed buildings, further from the Tagaste Monastery property. Where visible, they would serve as an additional visual buffer between the monastery property and the truck operations on the Project Site, and therefore are not expected to negatively impact views from the Tagaste Monastery. Overall, the Proposed Project would not detract from the features of the Tagaste Monastery that make the property eligible for listing on the National or State Register of Historic Properties.

In addition, as detailed in **Chapter III.N, Construction**, no blasting will be necessary for construction of the Proposed Project, and therefore there would be no anticipated construction-related adverse impacts to the Tagaste Monastery and other nearby properties.

Based on consultation with OPRHP, the Proposed Project is not anticipated to have significant adverse impacts on historic, archaeological, or cultural resources on or in the vicinity of the Project Site.

### 3. Mitigation Measures

As mentioned above, based on the project consultation with OPRHP, the Proposed Project would not have significant adverse impacts on historic, archaeological, or cultural resources. If construction of the Proposed Project requires blasting, the Applicant will follow all applicable regulatory procedures to ensure that surrounding properties, including the Tagaste Monastery, would not be impacted. No further mitigation measures are proposed.

**Figure III.I-2 View of the Project Site from Tagaste Monastery**



*Building envelopes of Proposed Buildings 1 and 3 are outlined in white.*  
Source: ARCO Design/Build Industrial and Dynamic Engineering Consultants, PC