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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

We have approved your request for a partial conversion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) section 6(f) protected outdoor recreation lands at the Cross Street Playground in Westfield, Massachusetts. This park was established as a result of LWCF Project # 25-00269 Westfield Multi Park Project – Cross Street Playground. The City of Westfield has converted a 1.35 acre portion of the 6(f) protected Cross Street Playground. The 46.3 acre replacement site is known as the Weilgus Property and is located approximately ¼ of a mile from the converted parkland. The replacement site is of greater fair market value than the converted parkland and is of equal recreational usefulness and location. The new park at the Weilgus Property will be a viable 6(f) protected outdoor recreation unit per 36 CFR 59.3.

As noted in the State Historic Preservation Officer's (SHPO) November 6, 2012 letter, the proposed replacement site contains two ancient Native American archeological sites that are recorded in the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Inventory of Historic and Archeological Assets of the Commonwealth, but do not meet the Criteria of Eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Accordingly, the SHPO has recommended a finding of no historic properties affected by the land conversion project. To ensure compliance, the following special condition is included in the conversion approval:

- The City of Westfield will conduct a Phase 1 archeological survey prior to any ground disturbing development at the replacement site. Additionally, no ground-disturbing activities can take place on the replacement site until the Phase 1 archeological survey and proposed construction has been reviewed by the SHPO in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Requirements of the 6(f) conversion process under the LWCF Act have been met. The approved amendment and a copy of this letter have been sent to Melissa Cryan.

Please notify us when settlement on the replacement property has taken place.

As always, we appreciate your support of the National Park Service and the LWCF Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jack Howard, LWCF Program Manager, at (215) 597-1565 or [jack\\_howard@nps.gov](mailto:jack_howard@nps.gov).

Sincerely,



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Regional Director  
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Enclosure

cc:

Melissa Cryan, w/amendment