

**Society for Industrial Archeology - Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant
Grant Application Cover Sheet**

Date of application:	1. 01/16/2012	Title of Grant:	2. Copake Iron Works Furnace Cover Project	
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Name of Principal Researcher (Send PDF of CV with this application) *Phone* *E-mail*

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<i>Address</i>	<i>City, State, Zip</i>	

8. Friends of Taconic State Park	9. 518-329-2851	10. info@FriendsofTSP.org
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Name of Project Sponsor (Organization and contact name) *Phone* *E-mail*
(Send PDF of letters of sponsorship or collaboration)

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<i>Address</i>	<i>City, State, Zip</i>	<i>Tax ID</i>	<i>Type of Tax Status</i>

15. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation	16. 518-329-3993	17. Raymond.Doherty@parks.ny.g
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22. Friends of Taconic State Park, attn: Milbrey Zellej, President	23. 518-329-2851	24. info@FriendsofTSP.org
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Name of person or organization receiving the check *Phone* *E-mail*

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27. Brief Description of Project (Send full project summary & application narrative in PDF)

Friends of Taconic State Park seeks to construct a protective cover over the historic Copake Iron Works furnace located within Taconic State Park and part of the national and state register listed Copake Iron Works Historic District. The furnace is considered to be a unique example of 19th century industrial archaeology, the preservation of which should be a top priority for the State and for the Friends group.

The project budget is \$147,570. To date, we have raised \$132,818 including a \$73,785 matching grant from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund. We require an additional \$14,752 to complete the project.

28. Project start date:	10/23/2011	29. Project end date:	12/31/2012
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30. Is this a new proposal ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
31. Is this a resubmitted proposal ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
32. Are you a previous SIA Grant Awardee ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
33. Is this grant your only funding source ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

34. Total dollar amount requested: <i>(send PDF of full budget)</i>	\$ 3,000.00
35. Total matching funds:	\$ 3,000.00
36. Total project budget:	\$ 147,570.00

37. Print Name of Principal Researcher:	N/A
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38. Signature (Please fax or scan/send PDF)	
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39. Print Name of Sponsoring Org. Official	Milbrey Zellej, President, Friends of Taconic State Park
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40. Signature (Please fax or scan/send PDF)	<i>Milbrey Zellej</i>
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B. Project Summary

Friends of Taconic State Park requests an historic preservation grant of \$3,000 to help fund the cost of constructing an open-air roof pavilion over the historic Copake Iron Works Furnace, located within the national and state register-listed Copake Iron Works Historic District in Taconic State Park, Copake Falls, New York.

The Copake Iron Works historic site is considered by experts to be a unique and important example of 19th century industrial history, the preservation of which should commence at once. Of the furnace in particular it has been said, "it is remarkable that the Copake hearth survives, particularly in a condition that shows several aspects of its construction, including the firebrick lining against the bosh cooling plates. Most other hearths in the Salisbury District are either intact but behind masonry or completely torn out. Copake is unique in its exposure of an intact, largely complete hearth not surrounded by enclosing masonry, and provides a unique and valuable look at transitional, water-cooled iron furnace hearth technology." (Matt Kierstead, Industrial Archaeology Historical Consulting).

Friends of Taconic State Park was formed in 2008 to help promote historical, educational and recreational activities within the park. It became immediately apparent that the preservation of the Copake Iron Works historic site should be our top priority. In March 2010 the Board of Directors, with the blessings of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYS OPRHP), unanimously adopted a 20 year plan to restore the Copake Iron Works site to the condition of its operating hey-day in the mid-1800s, including the re-creation of the lost narrow gauge railroad that once circumnavigated the iron works. Extant at the site today are the historic blast furnace, the company store and powder house, workers cottages, the machine shop, and the iron master's residence all of which stand in nearly original condition. We envision our preservation efforts to result in a pre-eminent site of historic iron-making and a national destination for tourists.

Phase I of this preservation effort is the protection of the Copake furnace according to the findings in the report of Carla Cielo, Historic Preservation Consultant, and Tom Hitchins, Architect, entitled "Conditions Assessment/Recommendations." (2000) The budget for the project is \$147,570. In November 2010 we were awarded a New York State Environmental Protection Fund matching grant in the amount of \$73,785 to be matched by an equal amount from private sources.

In just over a year, we have raised an additional \$60,000 in cash contributions, grants and in-kind professional services. The outpouring of support for this project from many constituencies is evidenced by the fact that more than 220 individuals, businesses, foundations and grant making organizations have contributed to the project. A full list of our contributors is included with this application.

Construction of the furnace cover began this past fall and is moving ahead on schedule. The concrete for the foundation footings has been poured and the footings "tucked in" for the winter. In mid-December, we awarded our lumber contract in a sealed bid process and expect delivery of the lumber by early February. Construction of the "legs" will then begin off-site. Edgar M. Masters, a general contractor and founding member of Friends of Taconic State Park, will supervise a crew of able volunteers along with his own employees. The legs will be moved onto the site in late spring at which time construction of the roof will begin. We anticipate completion of the project by year-end.



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C. Application Narrative

1. Documentation of need for the Project. What is the proposed project's significance to industrial heritage?

Preservation consultants Cielo and Hitchens said of the site: “[the] Copake Furnace is significant locally, is important for New York State’s heritage and contributes to the understanding of nineteenth century iron production in the nation.”

Larry Gobrecht, retired historian for NYS OPRHP says in his report “The Copake Iron Works at Taconic State Park – A Report on its Historical Significance and Development Potential”:

The significance of the Copake Iron Works lies not so much in any individual component, although there are several remarkable if not unique features, nor in any exceptional architectural, technological, or economic accomplishments, but in the fact that so much of the manufacturing operation is still visible in the buildings, site, and surround cultural landscape. There is no other comparable collection of accessible structures and artifacts surviving in the northeast.

Ed Kirby, in his book Echoes of Iron says of the Copake furnace:

This is the only blast furnace remaining in the Salisbury District with a water-cooled hearth relatively intact. The iron water jacket is clearly visible around the lower hearth section. Indicators, used to monitor the hearth water level, can be seen outside the hearth, by each stack pillar. An observation from the west Tuyere arch provides another view of these classic features....Fortunately the value of the site has been recognized and long-range preservation activities are underway.

Frederick E. Sutherland, FTSP History Advisory Board member, says in his thesis, “From Forest, To Company Town, And Back Again: Historical Archaeology at the Copake Iron Works”:

After the State of New York acquired the lands once belonging to the Copake Iron Works they turned the property into a scenic wooded park and demolished, modified, or recycled many buildings and features to further suit their aim of creating an idyllic camping area. These efforts ultimately preserved many historic buildings that would likely not have survived to this day otherwise. This state of preservation has made the Copake Iron Works unique in its region and a worthy site for continued study and research.

In addition to the furnace, the “remarkable if not unique features” referenced above include the machine shop which still houses many of the original tools and machinery used in the production of iron products; the business office and company store; the powder storage building; a worker’s cottage in original condition; and the ironmaster’s home. Nearby in the hamlet of Copake Falls is the Church of St. John in the Wilderness, established by the Pomeroy Family who are buried in its cemetery. The swimming area at the Taconic State Park, known as the Ore Pit, is the abandoned quarry of the Copake Iron Works, and the mountains contain remnants of hundreds of charcoal pits. A model charcoal pit has



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been re-created near the Copake Iron Works for demonstration purposes, and visitors can learn about 19th century iron making through the interpretative signage throughout the site.

The Copake Iron Works Historic District is already a popular destination for park visitors, students of all ages, historians, educators, and preservationists. As restoration of the entire site progresses, it will become an even more important attraction to visitors with an interest in history in general and industrial archaeology in particular. NYS OPRHP estimates that Taconic State Park serves more than 100,000 visitors a year including swimmers at the Ore Pit, hikers to the Bash Bish Falls and throughout the park, bicyclists on the rail trail and patrons of the campsites. We anticipate this number to increase significantly as a result of further restoration of the Copake Iron Works and the continuation of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail north from Copake Falls.

2. What research methods will you employ?

Engineering drawings based on the Cielo/Hitchens report were prepared by Clark Engineering & Surveying, PC which has contributed a significant amount of work pro bono.

Additional research for the construction of the furnace cover was done by Richard Gromek, Historic Sites Restoration Coordinator for NYS OPRHP. His research involved studying early photographs of the lost building in which the furnace was originally housed. In 2010 he wrote,

Combining information from a 1930 survey by Herbert Keith with several historic photos, I was able to estimate the size of the original wooden structure. Many of the dimensions on the survey are illegible, or just barely legible (the original may prove more useful than the photocopy that the park provided) but it is apparent from the dimensions that the width of the building was 44 feet. The depth and height are less clear, but photographs suggest that the building was approximately 36 feet deep by 60 feet high at the eaves. The rhythms of windows and general proportions, etc., correspond with these estimated dimensions.

Using his own research and the preliminary engineering drawings provided by Clark Engineering & Surveying, Gromek submitted a series of drawings to Julian Adams, Field Services Bureau for NYS OPRHP. Adams reviewed and approved the drawings under Section 14.09 of the New York State Historic Preservation Act.

Archaeologists for NYS OPRHP tested for footing locations in December 2010 and determined that with slight adjustments to the drawings, the in-ground remaining foundation artifacts would be undisturbed by the construction of the cover.

In October 2011, Friends of Taconic State Park broke ground on the furnace cover project. At that time, the footings were sited, foundations dug, and the concrete for the footings poured. The concrete was “put to bed” in early November and will cure throughout the winter.

In January 2012, the lumber for the furnace cover was ordered and specifications for the steel plates that will secure the “sistered” beams have been submitted for bids. Construction will begin in February



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2012 and continue through the winter and spring off-site. The completed legs will be moved on-site in late spring or early summer and the roof will be constructed and raised by year-end. Our timetable is dependent mainly on material delivery deadlines being met.

3. Who is responsible for your project? (Name key personnel and describe their qualifications and project responsibilities.)

The Board of Directors of Friends of Taconic State Park has overall financial and planning responsibility for the furnace cover project. Friends of Taconic State Park, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, was formed in 2008 when a group of interested citizens began meeting to identify ways that we could be of service to the park. In July 2009 we officially incorporated as a membership organization. As of January 2012, more than 220 supporters have become dues-paid members. The mission of Friends of Taconic State Park is “to enhance and strengthen the community by supporting the activities of the Park. In pursuit of that mission Friends of Taconic State Park seeks to be a voice for the Park by acting as a liaison with government bodies, institutions, schools, businesses, regional groups and other organizations of common concern.” We are an entirely volunteer membership organization with no paid employees. The activities of Friends of Taconic State Park are organized by a nine member Board of Directors and an eleven member History Advisory Board.

In October 2010 we received the Columbia County Heritage Award in recognition of our efforts to support the Taconic State Park and the Copake Iron Works Historic District. The award, given each year by the Columbia County Historical Society, recognizes distinguished individuals and organizations for “especially creative contributions to sustaining the rich physical and historical fabric of Columbia County.” Our citation stated in part that our “commitment to protect the historical treasures of Taconic State Park enlarges our very notion of what a park can and should preserve.”

Raymond J. Doherty, General Manager of the Taconic Region, NYS OPRHP, is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. He attends all meetings, participates in most of our planned activities, and serves as our liaison to the regional office and state headquarters.

Garrett Jobson, Capital Projects Manager, NYS OPRHP, has been involved in every aspect of the project, coordinating approvals for Friends of Taconic State Park’s plans at the regional and state level.

Clark Engineering & Surveying, PC serves as our project engineers. The firm has been in business for more than 25 years and has a full stable of licensed professional engineers. Tim Schroeder, PE is the staff engineer for our project. Most of Clark’s work has been provided pro bono.

Edgar M. Masters serves as our general contractor. Mr. Masters has worked as a general contractor for more than 25 years. His work has been featured in Interior Design Magazine. He will oversee construction of the furnace cover by his employees and several skilled volunteers. He is a founding member of Friends of Taconic State Park and the grandson of a founding commissioner of the Taconic State Park Commission.



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4. What tangible products do you expect to produce with this project?

The most important tangible product we will produce with this project is the protective cover for the Copake Iron Works furnace. As we have argued, this industrial artifact is a unique example of 19th century iron making which deserves to be protected as an historic reminder of our industrial past, and which has the potential to be a nationally important destination for educators, scholars, archaeologists, historians and *anyone* interested in the history of American industry. We believe the site is as important as Hopewell Village, Allaire State Park and the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site.

Upon the completion of this project, we plan to produce interpretative materials explaining how the furnace operated and how various extant artifacts were used in iron making. Among those artifacts are two salamanders, an ore crusher, and a large section of steam pipe. We expect to produce a model of what the furnace looked like when it was operating, and signage describing, for example, the capacity of the furnace, how many bushels of charcoal it took to keep the furnace in blast, and how many acres of woods it took to produce that charcoal. Our History Advisory Board is already working on researching information on the types of jobs that were needed to run the furnace, and one member in particular, is researching the roles that women played in the manufacturing process.

Once the furnace cover is constructed, the entire site will become much more accessible and attractive and will serve as a unique educational resource for 19th century industrial history.

Clark Engineering & Surveying, P.C.

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January 19, 2009

Raymond Doherty
Taconic State Park
33 Valley View Road
Copake Falls, NY 12517

Re: Preservation of the Copake Iron Works Furnace

Dear Ray,

My father, a Taconic State Park commissioner and chairman in the 1930s, 40s and 50s, often commented that one of the reasons that New York State acquired the Copake Ironworks property in the early 1920s was to protect its buildings and furnace. Despite good intentions, this has not worked out for the blast furnace. It remains today unprotected and deteriorating. A survey of the furnace, commissioned by a group of Copake citizens (including you I believe) in January 2005, confirms the disastrous situation but suggests that it is not too late to protect the structure from further ruin. As you know, the report recommends the construction of an open structure to cover the furnace and to protect it from the elements.

As a member of the newly formed Friends of Taconic State Park, in an attempt to save this unique element of the Park's and Copake Falls' cultural history, and as a tribute to both my father and my grandfather (a founding member of the TSP Commission) I propose the following:

1. I will provide experienced construction labor (myself and two men) to construct a structure to cover the furnace;
2. I will provide construction equipment, e.g., backhoe, 60 foot mobile lift, scaffolding, tools, etc. to carry out the construction;
3. Under guidance and direction, I will provide labor to carry out an archaeological dig if the State deems one necessary;
4. I will release the TSPC from any liability.

In turn, I would request that the TSPC provide:

1. Engineering supervision;
2. The design of the protective structure, such design to be one which I and my crew are capable of building;

3. Construction materials;
4. Power at the site and diesel fuel for my equipment.

I propose to do this work in the Sumer of 2010.

The recent formation of the Friends of the Taconic State Park represents an exciting opportunity to mobilize and engage the many constituencies of the Taconic State Park for its own benefit. I hope that your leaders will join the Friends of Taconic State Park in the advancement of its goals, starting with the preservation of the Copake Ironworks Furnace.

Sincerely,

[original signed]

Edgar M. Masters

cc: Friends of Taconic State Park Organizing Committee

Fred Sutherland
19139 Maple Leaf Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

To the members of the SIA Grant Committee,

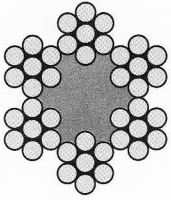
I am writing in support of the Friends of Taconic State Park who are applying for aid in preserving a remarkable piece of industrial heritage in Copake Falls, New York. I had the great fortune to study the standing remains of the mid-19th century iron furnace and supporting structures for my master's thesis while I was a student at the University of Massachusetts Boston. As I photographed, surveyed, and researched records relating to the iron furnace I was impressed at the current state of preservation across the site. I also became deeply worried about the ability of the state to invest in keeping that level of preservation into the future. I looked at state records relating to preserving the furnace site that went back at least a decade without many tangible results besides some general plans and occasionally spraying herbicide to keep plant roots from destroying the masonry on the furnace stack.

Around the time I completed my thesis in 2008 I began hearing about the forming a friends group from members in the Copake Falls community I had grown close to during my research. Over the next few years I was approached to lend my support to the newly established "Friends of Taconic State Park" in order to improve the interpretation and preservation of the site. I eagerly accepted the chance to join them and discovered several local people I collaborated with in my master's research were already members. In the span of two years I have witnessed the group's ability to raise significant amounts of money and implement plans that had been idling under the state's authority for over 10 years! I now support the Friends of Taconic State Park as a member of their History Advisory Board which has allowed me to consult with other community stake-holders and long-time residents about the future of the iron furnace site inside the park.

I believe the Friends of Taconic State Park have the means and the drive to preserve the furnace stack, which currently stands as the largest visual attraction to the historic core of the park. I hope to continue my involvement in their future plans for further preservation and interpretation enhancements across park. When I finished my thesis I didn't want my involvement in this remarkable site to end. Now, with the Friends of Taconic State Park in a leading role for the park's historic preservation, I feel the research I collected can go directly towards enhancing the historical interpretation this site truly deserves.

Sincerely,
[original signed - this copy sent by email]

Fred Sutherland
Ph.D Candidate in Industrial Archaeology
Michigan Technological University



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January 31, 2012

Industrial Heritage Preservation Grants Committee
Society for Industrial Archeology

To Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you in support of the Friends of Taconic State Park and their efforts to preserve the iron furnace of the Copake Iron Works in Copake Falls, New York. I believe Copake's iron furnace holds a special position in the larger history of iron making in the region. This history includes the iron chains that were used during the Revolutionary War to block the British war ships' passage up the Hudson River. But it also includes the beginnings of Alexander Lyman Holley who brought the Bessemer steel process into the United States. The iron furnace of the Copake Iron Works is an essential vestige of this iron making community in that it spawned an entire iron-works community that prospered for decades.

My wife Janet and I and more than 200 of us Friends have contributed an amount that is within reach of the \$147,000 needed to properly preserve the furnace. A grant from the Society for Industrial Archeology will bring us significantly closer to our goal. In addition, the valued stature of an SIA grant will greatly aid our efforts with other potential grantors and donors.

As proud members of the SIA, Janet and I look forward to participating with the actual work that will cover the furnace. We look forward to planning a Roebbling Chapter visit to the Copake Iron Works furnace. We hope the Grant Committee will support these efforts with due consideration to the Friends of Taconic State Park's grant request.

Sincerely,

Jim Mackin
President of the Roebbling Chapter
Society for Industrial Archeology
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and

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Copake, New York 12516





NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DAVID A. PATERSON
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November 12, 2010

Ms. Deborah Cohen
Treasurer, Board of Directors
Friends of Taconic State Park
PO Box 222
Copake Falls, NY 12517

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I am pleased to inform you that a matching grant of **\$73,785.00** has been reserved from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for the **construction of a protective cover for the Copake Iron Works Furnace** project under the 2010-11 municipal parks, historic preservation, and heritage areas grant round.

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation recognizes the vital role that this project will play in enhancing the environment, quality of life, and economic vitality of your community, and we are delighted to be able to provide a grant award for the project.

Your grant will be formally awarded by means of a contract, which will be coming to you from your Regional Grants Office soon. I urge you to work closely with the Region, and not to begin work on your project until appropriate contract conditions have been satisfied.

Competition for the EPF grant program remains strong. This year's budget allocated \$13.4 million for municipal parks, historic preservation, and heritage areas grants. OPRHP received 259 grant applications requesting a total of \$61 million. I am pleased that your project was one of the applications that received a grant award this year.

Our Grants Office looks forward to working in partnership with you to expeditiously advance your project.

Sincerely,

Andy Beers
Acting Commissioner

Deb - We greatly appreciate the friends work on behalf of the Iron Works.



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To: New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

From: Leslie Wood, Chairperson
Copake Economic Advisory Board
Copake, New York 12516

Date: July 9, 2010

Re: Friends of Taconic State Park

The Economic Advisory Board, whose mission is to promote the economic growth and development of the town of Copake, wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the Friends of Taconic State Park in its efforts to secure funding towards building a cover for our historic treasure - the Copake Falls Iron Works Furnace. The Friends group has managed to secure some funding and is set to begin the work to build a cover to protect this treasure from further deterioration.

One of Copake's largest and most successful economic activities centers around tourism. The Copake Iron Works is already a wonderful draw for tourists and only promises to be more of one once it has been stabilized. We believe this will increase our visitors and will be a real benefit to the town.

Sincerely,

Leslie Wood
Chairperson, Copake Economic Advisory Board

Supervisor
Reginald Crowley

Town Board
Linda Gabaccia
Daniel Tompkins
Walter Kiernan
Robert Sacks

Town Assessors
Barbara Filipovits
Loredana Delventhal

Court Justices
Brian Herman
John Spencer

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Joseph LaPorta

Town Clerk/
Tax Collector
Vana Hotaling

Deputy Clerk
Lawrence Proper
Lynn Hotaling

Town Building Dept
Ralph Shadic
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Cc: Krattinger, William (PEB); chris flagg; Erin.O'Neil@operin.state.ny.us O'neil OPRHP; Deborah Cohen; ray doherty
Subject: Save the furnace at Copake

Ron-- It has been over ten years since many enlightened and high-minded Parks staff and leadership had a meeting in the Mills basement, reviewed my Ironworks historical and conditions assessment and agreed that the rain, ice, wind, and weeds eroding the Copake Furnace needed prompt attention and that this key feature of the Ironworks complex was at risk. No action was taken. Two years later, with money donated by Tom Scofield's friends, colleagues, and family, a team of consultants was hired to figure out exactly what was needed and how to do it. It too was presented at a meeting of decision makers and no further action taken. But, I'm reminded if I think back, it has been almost as long since some, including me, Tom, and Ray, sensed that nothing beyond token efforts would happen to preserve the furnace and other resources at Copake without a resourceful and pressing local partner. Thankfully, with Ray's urging, the community has stepped up to the plate in the shape of the new TSP Friends group. Parks is being asked once again to save this furnace, now with a partner, with the current application for EPF funding and to move the project beyond the constraints of its own capital program and staff time limitations-- Finally, all the resources are in place waiting for the necessary external cash bump. It took a long time.

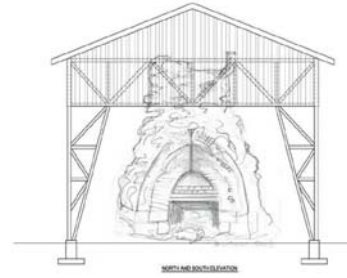
I urge the grants reviewers to conclude once again that this key resource essential to the interpretation and understanding of the ironworks operations must be protected and stabilized, arresting further loss of structural integrity as soon as possible. The *can do* attitude of the community should be taken as a blessing and a challenge. I have offered my time and tools as have others and while I know that volunteers and donations in the mix sometimes require more time from staff and administrators, this appears at long last to be the way to get it done. If you need any further background on the issues, please feel free to contact me. My apologies for sending this via e-mail, but I want to get it in pronto as I wanted to do this weeks ago and did not find the right moment as I did now.

kind regards,

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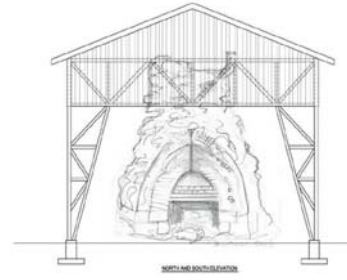
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