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CULTURAL RESOURCES INVESTIGATION CONRAIL BERGEN TUNNEL/WALDO TUNNEL IMPROVEMENTS JERSEY CITY, HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CLIENT:
JACOBS ENGINEERING
GROUP

PROJECT SPONSOR:
Conrail

LOCATION:
Jersey City, Hudson
County, New Jersey

SERVICES PROVIDED:
Historic Architectural
Survey and Phase IA
Archaeological Survey

DURATION:
2008-2009

PROJECT TEAM:
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RGA conducted a cultural resources investigation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in advance of Conrail's proposed improvements to the National Docks Secondary Line, an undertaking that was part of the larger "Liberty Corridor" project.

The architectural survey identified 11 resources more than 50 years of age in the Area of Potential Effects, including the National Register-eligible Erie Railroad Main Line Historic District and Erie Railroad Bergen Hill Tunnel. Based on the Criteria of Adverse Effect and through consultation with the SHPO, the project conditionally had no adverse effect on historic properties provided that the Bergen Tunnel and Waldo Tunnel were recorded to HABS/HAER standards and that context sensitive design was employed on the new tunnel lining.

The archaeological survey identified the potential remains of the Erie Railroad roundhouse and turntable. Archaeological monitoring will be conducted during construction to document and record any extant remnants of these features.