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Ms. Carol Ash, Commissioner  
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
Empire State Plaza  
Agency Building 1  
Albany, NY 12238

Dear Commissioner Ash:

Our Foundation was created three years ago by members of the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee to assist the Town of Shelter Island in restoring, maintaining, and providing public access to Taylor's Island and the Smith-Taylor Cabin. Since 2006 we have received more than \$75,000 in cash donations and approximately \$12,000 in materials from about 475 donors.

In 2006 we established a project plan for the repair of the porch deck and the porch roof of the historic Smith-Taylor Cabin, in order to improve people's safety and for the Cabin's integrity. In 2008 we completed that plan, successfully reversing years of neglect of this community treasure. This year, with an ever-widening community of supporters and a NYS DEC permit, we plan to repair/replace the bulkhead on the heavily eroded northeast corner of the Island where Mr. Taylor is buried and the Cabin is located.

Funding under the 2009 Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) grant will enable important repairs to the Smith-Taylor Cabin, including: repairing the roof; restoring siding; repairing deteriorated wood window frames; repairing the tower and catwalk; repointing the fireplace; and repairing the chimney.

The Taylor's Island Foundation has a long-term lease agreement with the Town of Shelter Island and has demonstrated support of Taylor's Island and the Smith-Taylor Cabin that will continue into the future. The Foundation has committed a portion of its funds as part of the match to the EPF Historic Preservation grant.

Very truly yours,

P.A.T. Hunt, President