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Ms. Black has been with the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR) since 2010, as project director for a variety of DHR's more unique projects and as "above-ground" compliance reviewer for transportation projects. Ms. Black's prior public history and cultural resources management experience includes positions at a living history museum and at a local historical society in New York, and 10 years as a Philadelphia area-based preservation consultant conducting a wide range of federal, state, and local cultural resource compliance studies throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

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