

**Ossining Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
March 17, 2025**

**PRELIMINARY SEQRA RESOLUTION  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library (the “Library”) seeks to undertake a capital improvement project (the “Project”) at the existing Library facility at 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York, with both interior and exterior work as described in the Project Scope document set forth in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library desires to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, as set forth in Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and the requirements of the implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”) (collectively, “SEQRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SEQRA, the Library has considered the Project in light of the actions included on the Type I list specified in section 617.4 of the Regulations and in light of the actions included on the Type II list specified in section 617.5 of the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”)<sup>1</sup> has been prepared by the Library, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library has identified potentially involved and interested agencies in regard to the Project as set forth in **Exhibit C**, attached hereto; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Library declares that:

1. Based on the record before it, including Part 1 of the FEAF, and under the applicable standards of SEQRA, the Project is preliminarily classified as an “Unlisted action,” as that term is defined in the Regulations; and
2. Under the applicable standards of SEQRA, and having completed Part 1 of the FEAF, the Library intends to assume the role of lead agency for the coordinated SEQRA review of the Project; and
3. The Library shall circulate a Notice of Intent to serve as lead agency and Part 1 of the FEAF to the potentially involved and interested agencies identified in Exhibit B; and
4. The Library will comply with guidance issued by the New York State Education Department; and

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the Library used the new draft model FEAF, as allowed per New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Guidance, to fully evaluate potential impacts to disadvantaged communities in compliance with the Environmental Justice Siting Law (Chapter 840 of the Laws of 2022, as amended by Chapter 49 of the Laws of 2023).

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and the Library administration is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to carry out this Resolution.

On a motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

Amanda Curley	_____
Megan Huppuch	_____
Althema Goodson	_____
Alice Joselow	_____
Cecilia Quintero	_____
Philip Rice	_____
Rachel Murphy	_____

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: March \_\_\_\_, 2025

## **Exhibit A**

### **Project Scope**

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The proposed capital project (the “Project”) includes both interior and exterior renovations at the existing Ossining Public Library (the “Library”) and will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 will address parking and access issues at the Library. Specifically, the exterior work includes repair and reconstruction of the existing retaining wall (which has begun to fail), reconfiguration and repaving of the parking lot including the addition of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations, new landscaping, and stormwater drainage work.

Phase 2 of the Project is focused on interior work including the conversion of existing canopy space to enclosed vestibules on two exterior entrances to the Library, a new energy efficient HVAC system, repurposing of the existing mechanical room into usable Library space, and other minor interior improvements. The architectural renovations also include developing raw space within the existing building that was originally earmarked for the Library's expansion. This lower-level area will provide an intergenerational community space and larger young adult library along with staff office space for these functions. With this move of the young adult space to the lower level, community meeting and study rooms will be created on the 2nd floor. In addition to the expansion within the lower-level raw space, double height areas within the Library are being infilled to increase square footage. This expansion through infill will occur at the 2nd floor business office, the mezzanine, and the Croton Avenue entry lobby. This infill increases the building's capacity to serve the Ossining community for many years to come.

Additionally, the Project will address various operational issues with the Library’s existing geothermal HVAC system. The Library has been incrementally addressing these items in a way that increases its energy efficiency but also reliability. The Project seeks to work within the existing infrastructure resolve issues, improve the base building systems, and improve comfort for occupants to better serve the community. Where renovations are planned, per the architectural vision informed by the Library’s needs, highly efficient lighting and improved temperature control will be implemented. Improved ventilation will be implemented to correct known deficiencies.

**Exhibit B**

**Full Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 1**

## **Exhibit C**

### **List of Involved and Interested Agencies**

1. New York State Education Department
2. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
3. New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
4. Village of Ossining
5. Westchester County Department of Health
6. Ossining Union Free School District