

**Ossining Public Library
Board of Trustees
May 8, 2025**

**SEQRA CONCLUSION 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, the Library drafted Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”)¹ with respect to the Project, dated March 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, the Library adopted a Resolution declaring its intent to serve as lead agency for the coordinated SEQRA review of the Project and preliminarily classified the Project as a “Unlisted action,” as that term is defined in SEQRA, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the Library identified potentially involved agencies in regard to the Project and contacted such agencies to request consent for the Board to serve as lead agency and sent Part 1 of the EAF in accordance with SEQRA’s coordinated review requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Ossining Union Free School District Board of Education adopted a Resolution on April 22, 2025, giving the Library permission to act as lead agency for the SEQRA review of the Project, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**; and

WHEREAS, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) replied by letter dated March 25, 2025, and opined that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by the Project, a copy of OPRHP’s letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**; and

WHEREAS, all other involved agencies did not respond to the Library’s SEQRA coordination letter and thereby consent to the Library’s role as lead agency; and

¹ 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).

WHEREAS, the Board has prepared Part 2 of the FEAF, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**, and considered all information and documentation regarding the Project, including Parts 1 and 2 of the FEAF and the Library's knowledge of the property involved in the Project; 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

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

1. The Library assumes the role of lead agency for the coordinated review under SEQRA for the Project; and
2. Based upon the record before it, and under the applicable standards of SEQRA, the Project is classified as an "Unlisted action," as that term is defined in SEQRA; and
3. No significant adverse environmental impacts are noted in Parts 1 or 2 of the FEAF for the Project and none are known to the Board, therefore, the Board hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project; and
4. Accordingly, the Board approves the Negative Declaration for the Project and Part 3 of the FEAF, attached hereto as **Exhibit F**, and will maintain a copy of such Negative Declaration in the Library Director's office in a file that will be accessible to the public and
5. The Board hereby adopts Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the FEAF; and
6. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to all involved agencies; and
7. The Library will comply with guidance issued by the New York State Education Department; and
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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: May 8, 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

Ossining Public Library Board of Trustees Resolution March 17, 2025

**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")¹ 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

¹ 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 Cecilia Quintero, and seconded by Philip Rice. The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

Amanda Curley	<u>Y</u>
Megan Huppuch	<u>Y</u>
Althema Goodson	<u>Y</u>
Alice Joselow	<u>Y</u>
Cecilia Quintero	<u>Y</u>
Philip Rice	<u>Y</u>
Rachel Murphy	<u>Y</u>

Signed: Amanda Curley

Dated: March 17, 2025

Exhibit C

**Ossining Union Free School District
Board of Education Resolution
April 22, 2025**

Ossining Union Free School District
400 Executive Blvd.
Ossining, New York 10562

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, Ileana Ortiz, District Clerk of the Ossining Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, State of New York, **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District at a meeting duly held on April 22, 2025.

**Resolution Authorizing Ossining Public Library to Serve as SEQRA Lead Agency
for its Proposed Capital Construction Project**

WHEREAS, the Ossining Public Library ("Library") is proposing a capital improvement project that will include interior and exterior renovations of the Library facility located at 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York, which is a property owned by the Ossining Union Free School District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed capital improvement project is to be funded through a \$30 million bond that the Library anticipates will be subject to a public vote in or about mid-September 2025 (the "Proposed Library Capital Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has expressed its intent to serve as Lead Agency of the Proposed Library Capital Project under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the District hereby authorizes and consents to the Library Board of Trustees serving as the Lead Agency for the review of the Proposed Library Capital Project pursuant to SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the District hereby authorizes and consents to the Library Board of Trustees pursuing and obtaining approval of the Proposed Library Capital Project from the New York State Education Department and satisfying the requirements of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for Proposed Library Capital Project; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the District hereby authorizes the Library Board of Trustees to approve the components and funding of the Proposed Library Capital Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the District hereby authorizes the Library Board of Trustees and/or its designee to sign all forms for the purpose of executing the Proposed Library Capital Project if voter approval is obtained for the project and its financing.

Motion carried: 7-0

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Ossining Union Free School District this 5th day of May 2025.





Ileana Ortiz
District Clerk

Exhibit D

**NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Letter
March 25, 2025**



**New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

RANDY SIMONS
Commissioner Pro Tempore

March 25, 2025

Kathleen Sowle
Senior Project Manager
Lothrop Associates Architects D.P.C. P.C.
333 Westchester Avenue
White Plains, NY 10604

Re: SED

Ossining Public Library Alterations and Additions
53 Croton Ave, Ossining, NY 10562
25PR02597
NYSED District Number: 66-14-01-03 Building / Project Control Number: 6-014-005

Dear Kathleen Sowle:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the project in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (Section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the OPRHP and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project.

Based upon this review, it is the opinion of OPRHP that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above. If you have any questions, please contact Bradley Russell at the following email address:

Bradley.Russell@parks.ny.gov

Sincerely,

R. Daniel Mackay

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
Division for Historic Preservation

Exhibit E

Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

Project: Ossining Library Capital
 Date: Improvement Project
 May 8, 2025

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency **and** the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the whole action.
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____			

2. Impact on Geological Features

The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g)

☒ NO

☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached: _____	E2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature: _____	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Impacts on Surface Water

The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h)

☐ NO

☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

l. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Impact on groundwater

The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer.

☒ NO

☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t)

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source: _____	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Impact on Flooding

The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding.

☐ NO

☒ YES

(See Part 1. E.2)

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100-year or a 500-year floodplain.	E2j, E5a, E5b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in development in an area potentially affected by sea level rise.	E2k, E5c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	E1e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Impacts on Air and Climate The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) or generate greenhouse gas emissions over 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (See Part 1. D.2.h) If "Yes", answer questions a - i. If "No", move on to Section 7.			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also have the potential to emit one or more regulated air contaminants at or above the following levels:			
i. More than 100 short tons/year of carbon monoxide (CO)	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. More than 100 short tons/year of oxides of nitrogen (NO _x) outside the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island OR 25 short tons/year within the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. More than 100 short tons/year of particulate matter (PM-10, PM-2.5)	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv. More than 50 short tons/year of volatile organic compounds (VOC) outside the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island OR 25 short tons/year within the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. More than 100 short tons/year of sulfur dioxide (SO ₂)	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action has the potential to emit 10 short tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 short tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may include a heat source capable of producing more than 20 million BTUs per hour.	D2f, D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may exceed 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" or "b", above.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of solid, hazardous, or hospital/medical/infectious waste.	D2f, D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action is subject to the Nonattainment New Source Review or Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements discussed in 6 NYCRR Part 231.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action will emit more than 10,000 metric tons of CO ₂ equivalents per year.	D2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. A municipality adopted comprehensive or individual plan addressing climate change applies to the proposed action and the proposed action would materially conflict with the achievement of one or more goals of the plan related to climate change.	C2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source: _____	E2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source: _____	E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Impact on Agricultural Resources The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. and b.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).	E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.	E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.	E1b, E3a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.	E1 a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.	C2c, C3, D2c, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.	C2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources

The land use of the proposed action is obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism-based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile 1/2 -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources

The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.	E3e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source: _____	E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:			
i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.	E3e, E3g, E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or that may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other impacts: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d) If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Impact on Transportation The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (See Part 1. D.2.j) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Impact on Energy The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (See Part 1. D.2.k) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.)

☐ NO

☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.	D2r, D2s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	E1f, E1g E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off-site structures.	E1f, E1g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. Consistency with Community Plans

The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.
(See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action is in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Consistency with Community Character

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.
(See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, E3f, E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.	C2, E3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Impact on Disadvantaged Communities

The proposed project may impact a disadvantaged community.

(See Part 1. E.4)

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.☐ NO☒ YES

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Is the potentially affected disadvantaged community identified as having comparatively higher burdens or vulnerabilities by the Disadvantaged Community Assessment Tool (https://on.ny.gov/DACAT)?	E.4.c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may create new air emissions or increase existing air emissions within a disadvantaged community.	D.2.f-i, E.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may create new wastewater treatment or discharges, or expand existing wastewater treatment or discharges, within a disadvantaged community.	D.2.d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action creates or expands a solid or hazardous waste management facility, or involves the generation of solid or hazardous waste, within or near a disadvantaged community.	D.2.r, D.2.s, D.2.t, E.1.f, E.1.g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may increase traffic within a disadvantaged community.	D.2.j	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action affects or involves one or more of the following facility types: i. landfill; ii. other industrial, manufacturing, or mining land uses; iii. major oil or chemical bulk storage facility; iv. municipal waste combustor; v. power generation facility; vi. risk management plan site; vii. remediation site; or viii. scrap metal processor.	C.3.c, D.1.a, D.1.g, D.2.a, D.2.d, D.2.f, E.1.a, E.1.b, E.1.h, E.1.v, E.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. Future Physical Climate Risks

The proposed project may be vulnerable to future physical climate risks or increase the vulnerability of human or ecological communities to future physical climate risks.

☒ NO ☐ YES

(See Part 1. E.5)

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is vulnerable to damage from a projected 100-year flood.	E2j, E5a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action is vulnerable to damage from a 500-year flood.	E2k, E5b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action is in an area potentially affected by sea level rise.	E5c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may increase the vulnerability of human or ecological communities to the following: i. drought ii. temperature extremes (hot or cold) iii. extreme storms, including high winds iv. landslides v. coastal erosion vi. stormwater flooding vii. other climate or weather hazards? If yes, describe: _____	E5d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exhibit F

Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 – Negative Declaration with attachment

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size, or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact, and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

See attachment.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: ☐ Type 1 ☒ Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: ☒ Part 1 ☒ Part 2 ☒ Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

See attachment.

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the _____ as lead agency that:

☒ A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

☐ B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions that will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

☐ C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action:

Ossining Public Library Capital Improvement Project

Name of Lead Agency:

Ossining Public Library Board of Trustees

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Karen LaRocca-Fels

Title of Responsible Officer:

Library Director

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Attachment to Part 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form

Dated: May 8, 2025

Ossining Public Library Capital Improvement Project

Description of the Project

The Ossining Public Library (the “Library”) is considering a proposed capital improvement project (the “Project”) to include both interior and exterior renovations at the existing Library facility at 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York. The Project 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.

Initiation of the SEQRA Coordination Process

In accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (collectively, “SEQRA”), on March 17, 2025, the Library adopted a Resolution preliminarily classifying the Project as an “Unlisted action,” as that term is defined in SEQRA, and establishing its intent to serve as lead agency for the coordinated SEQRA review. Specifically, the Library reviewed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”)¹

¹ 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).

for the Project and caused Part 1 of the FEAF and a description of the Project to be sent to potentially involved agencies (as that term is defined in SEQRA).

In the letter which accompanied the FEAF, the Library provided a brief description of the Project as a “Unlisted action” under SEQRA, and that it was seeking to serve as lead agency for the SEQRA review. The Library requested the involved agencies consent to its proposed service as lead agency for the coordinated SEQRA review. The Library also requested the involved agencies provide any comments they might have on potential environmental impacts of the Project.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) replied by letter dated March 25, 2025, and opined that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by the Project. A copy of OPRHP’s letter is attached hereto.

Additionally, the Ossining Union Free School District (the “District”) adopted a Resolution on April 22, 2025, giving the Library permission to act as lead agency for the SEQRA review of the Project.

Determination of Significance – Reasons Supporting the Negative Declaration

In making its determination of significance, the Library analyzed the Project and its environmental setting. The Library utilized the criteria specified in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, examined Parts 1 and 2 of the FEAF for the Project, and studied potential impacts. This information, together with other available supporting information, including the Library’s knowledge of the Project property, led to the finding that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the Project.

1. Impact on Land

There will be a small impact to land from the Project as exterior sitework, including improvements to pavement, drainage, parking, and circulation, is planned. The Library also plans to rebuild the existing failing retaining wall. The impacts from the exterior work are expected to be minor as the land is already disturbed and developed with parking and sidewalk infrastructure and a retaining wall. The planned parking lot work is merely renovation of the parking space for better function. The Library plans to revegetate areas and install new landscaping to offset any potential impacts during ground disturbance. The Library has determined any impacts to land from the Project will be minimal.

2. Impact on Surface Water

Any impacts to surface water or flooding associated with the Project will be minor. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (“SWPPP”) will be prepared for the Project to address stormwater runoff from construction activities. The Project includes a small expansion of impervious surfaces, but will not create new point sources. Stormwater will be directed to new and existing stormwater management facilities and will be managed in accordance with applicable laws and standard construction best management practices (“BMPs”). The Project will not create an additional

demand for water. Similarly, the Project will not generate additional liquid wastes. Thus, any impacts to surface water or groundwater will be small.

3. *Impact on Flooding*

The Project is not located on lands subject to flooding, within a floodplain, or potentially affected by sea level rise. However, the Project will result in the modification of the existing storm drainage system on the property. A SWPPP will be prepared for the Project to address stormwater runoff from construction activities. Stormwater will be directed to new and existing stormwater management facilities and will be managed in accordance with applicable laws and standard construction best management practices ("BMPs"). The Library has determined there will be no increased risk of flooding as a result of the Project.

4. *Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources*

The Library consulted with OPRHP regarding potential impacts to historic and archaeological resources. By letter dated March 25, 2025, OPRHP opined that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by the Project. Therefore, the Library has determined there will be no impacts to historic and archaeological resources from the Project.

5. *Impact on Open Space and Recreation*

The Project will not result in a loss of recreational opportunities and will instead increase recreational opportunities and the ability of the Library to offer programming to the public. The Library facility is located on previously developed property and will remain in its current location. The Library has determined there will be no negative impacts to open space and recreation from the Project.

6. *Impact on Critical Environmental Areas*

The Library is located in the "Hudson River" critical environmental area, which was designated by Westchester County on January 31, 1990. The Project will not result in any degradation to the Hudson River critical environmental area. The Project is located on previously disturbed and developed land and will not create additional environmental impacts.

7. *Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light*

There will be some noise associated with construction of the Project. These impacts will be temporary and will cease following completion of construction. Once construction is complete, there will be noise associated with the operation of the Library, including noise from traffic. This is not expected to increase beyond levels currently observed at the Library. There will be lighting improvements as part of the Project as deemed necessary for safety purposes. All exterior lighting design will use current best practices to prevent off-site light spillage. There may be temporary odors from construction equipment used during the Project, however, these are not expected to be

significant and will cease once construction is complete. Accordingly, the Library has determined that impacts on noise, odor, and light will be small.

8. *Impact on Human Health*

The Library is a facility that serves the public, including school-aged children, the elderly, and the disabled. The Library seeks to improve the lives of such vulnerable populations, and all community residents, through the public use of its facilities and by offering specialized programming. The Library offers free public WiFi access, expansive book and multi-media collections, a 250-seat theater, and meeting and study spaces. The Project aims to improve the public resources available at the Library. The Library has determined that there is an extremely low risk of impacts to human health from new or existing sources of contaminants associated with this Project. Therefore, the Library has determined that impacts to human health will be small or nonexistent.

9. *Impact on Disadvantaged Communities*

The Library is a cultural institution serving a racially, ethnically, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse population, the Library recognizes the need for a long range vision that embraces, celebrates, and centers diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Town and Village of Ossining are home to a large immigrant population, with 31% of Ossining residents born outside of the United States. Thirty percent (30%) of Ossining households speak Spanish at home, driving home the need for a long range vision that embraces, celebrates, and centers diversity, equity, and inclusion. Per the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Disadvantaged Community Assessment Tool², the Library is located in a disadvantaged community "identified as having comparatively higher burdens and vulnerabilities." There will be temporary construction noise and odors from Project construction, as discussed above. The Project will not create new air emissions or increase existing air emissions, nor will it create new wastewater treatment or discharges, or expand existing wastewater treatment or discharges. The Project does not create or expand a hazardous waste management facility and will not generate hazardous waste. There will be no increase in traffic from the Project. Overall, the Project will benefit the disadvantaged community due to the nature of the Library and the services provided to the public. The Project seeks to improve the existing Library facilities to better serve the surrounding community. The Library therefore concludes that there will be minimal impacts to disadvantaged communities from the Project.

Conclusion

Notably, in its review, the Library also determined there will be no impacts to geological features, groundwater, air and climate, plants and animals, agricultural resources, aesthetic resources, energy, transportation, or future physical climate risks, and that the Project will be consistent with community plans and community character.

The Library concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment from the Project, and therefore an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. This determination of non-significance has been made in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c). This

² Available here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7f0ffdde675e4e3788632c1b4cce6c0a>.

determination was based on the identification and evaluation of potential Project impacts on land, surface water, flooding, historic and archeological resources, open space and recreation, critical environmental areas, noise, odor, and light, human health, disadvantaged communities, and other relevant environmental concerns. Therefore, the Library will issue and approve the Negative Declaration for the Project.