

ASSURANCES

State Aid for Library Construction Program (FY 2025-2026)

The applicant hereby gives assurances of the following:

SECTION 1: ALL LIBRARIES (ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED)

- ☒ It possesses the legal authority to submit this application including all understandings and assurances contained herein and to direct and authorize the person identified as the construction project manager to act as the official representative of the applicant in connection with this application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- ☒ The project will begin land acquisition, construction or continue construction work in the case of a project that has begun but it not complete as the date of the application to the library system, within 180 days after receipt of written notification from the State Education Department that state aid construction funds have been approved for the project, and that the conditions of the funding has been met.
- ☒ The project will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- ☒ The library will submit all changes to the DASNY and SED approved project narratives to the Division of Library Development for approval, prior to work starting on the revised project.

SECTION 2: FOR LIBRARIES ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE (FIRST 3 BOXES MUST BE CHECKED IF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY)

For any project involving the acquisition of real estate (vacant land, or land and a building), the applicant certifies the following:

- ☐ The real property acquired in whole or part with State Aid for Library Construction funds has been or will be acquired at or below Fair Market Value.
- ☐ The purchase price of the property was or will be derived through bona fide arm's length negotiations and the purchase has been approved by the Library's Board of Trustees upon the advice of person(s) familiar with the suitability of the purchase price.
- ☐ State Aid for Library Construction funds will not be used by the applicant to make payments to any individual or entity owning the purchased property if any member of the applicant's board of trustees or any employee of the applicant or any immediate family of any member of the board of trustees has any interest in the property.
- ☐ **Check if applicable:** The real property to be acquired in whole or part with the State Aid for Library Construction funds is currently owned or has been acquired from the State of NY or a State related entity (e.g. an entity formed under Chapter 43-A of the Public Authorities Law, SUNY colleges and Universities, etc.).
- ☐ **Check if applicable:** If the purchase price of the property is more than \$150,000, the applicant will obtain or has already obtained an appraisal from a certified Real Estate Appraisal in conformity with USPAP standards. Such appraisal shall be kept on file and will be provided to the State Library upon request.

SECTION 3: ALL LIBRARIES (MUST CHECK 1 BOX)

- ☐ The library building or site of the construction project is or will be **owned by the applicant** and is, or will be, open to the public.

OR

- ☒ The library building or site of the construction project is or will be **owned by the school district** and is, or will be, open to the public.

OR

- ☐ The library building or site of the construction project is leased by the applicant or otherwise legally available, the lease on the building or site or other legal agreement is for a minimum of 10 years from the date of the anticipated completion of construction, the owner is aware of and approves the proposed construction project, and the building is open to the public.

SECTION 4: ALL LIBRARIES (MUST CHECK 1 BOX)

- ☒ Per the provisions of Chapter Law 54 of 2014, no State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) funding is used as match for any component of the State Aid for Library Construction [Education Law §273-a] project described within this project application.

OR

- ☐ If State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant money is being used to fund construction in this building, that project is totally separate from the one described in this application AND the SAM grant is **not** being used as match funding for this project application.

SECTION 5: ALL LIBRARIES (BOX MUST BE CHECKED)

- ☒ The Library affirmatively states that each of the costs to be funded with award proceeds are capital costs and therefore, as bonded funds, may not be used to pay for, including but not limited to:
- Financing/interest fees or costs
 - Retirement of long-term debt even if the debt was originally interim short-term financing (i.e., must be retired in less than one year)
 - Rental or leased equipment
 - Warranties (other than the manufacturer's warranty customarily provided with such product)
 - Recurring maintenance fees
 - Recurring repair costs
 - Painting, replacement of carpeting, floor and ceiling tiles and window treatments, unless such painting or replacement of carpeting floor and ceiling tiles or window treatments are required to be performed as part of a substantial renovation of the affected space.
 - Recurring software licenses, hosting, maintenance, or training fees
 - Internal labor costs
 - Training end users

AUTHENTICATION OF APPLICATION

This application completed in the preceding pages and accompanying documents for a public library construction aid award to be administered in accordance with the requirements of Education Law §273-a and Commissioner's Regulations §90.12 was read and duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the

Ossining Public Library Library at a legal meeting
on August 18th 2025.

Signature of President, Library Board of Trustees: _____

Name of President (type or print): Meghan Huppach

**Public Library
Construction
Program Application
Form**

Library or System Name:	Ossining Public Library
SEDREF Institution ID:	800000035043
Physical Address:	53 Croton Ave Ossining NY 10562 4903
County:	Westchester
Director of Institution:	Karen Larocca-Fels
Title:	Library Director
Email:	kfels@ossininglibrary.org
State Judicial District: 9	State Assembly Districts: 93 95
State Senate Districts: 40	State Congressional Districts: 17
FEIN #: 900038515	School District: Ossining Ufsd
Public Library System:	Westchester Library System
<p>NOTE: The institutional information listed above is pulled from the SEDREF database. SEDREF is the single authoritative source of identifying information about institutions which the NYS Education Department determines compliance with applicable policy, law and/or regulation.</p> <p>If your institutional or director information is incorrect, please contact us at ldconstruction@nysed.gov</p>	
<p>Note: Items marked with an asterisk * are required fields.</p>	

***Building Information - Provide the following information for the building that is the subject of this application. In almost all cases, this will be the legal name of the library.**

*Building Name	Ossining Public Library
*Street Address	53 Croton Ave.
*City	Ossining
*State	NY
*Zip Code	10562

*Building Type	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Main Library	<input type="radio"/> Branch Library
<input type="radio"/> System Headquarters	<input type="radio"/> Other
Library building is or will be accessible to persons with disabilities:	
*Physical access	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
*Program access	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
*Library building is:	
<input type="radio"/> Owned by applicant	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Owned by School District	
<input type="radio"/> Leased by applicant with a minimum of 10 years lease term from the date of anticipated completion	
<input type="radio"/> Otherwise legally available (i.e., located in a municipal building)	
*Library site is:	
<input type="radio"/> Owned by applicant	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Owned by School District	
<input type="radio"/> Leased by applicant with a minimum of 10 years lease term from the date of anticipated completion	
<input type="radio"/> Otherwise legally available (i.e., located in a municipal building)	

*Year of initial construction of library building (yyyy)	2007
*Number of floors	4
*Square footage of building	44000
*The building is designated a historic landmark	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
*The building is in a historic district	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
*The building is over 50 years old	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
*Does your Project involve ground disturbance?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

<p>If your project is exempt from SHPO, please state the reason and cite the language from Attachment 1 which provides evidence for the exemption. If you are unsure that your project activity is exempt please contact SHPO.</p>	
<p>Has SHPO determined that the library building was not eligible for the National Registry?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>If your library building is 50 years old or older, and/or the project involves ground disturbance and/or demolition, please see the Construction SHPO webpage to determine if your project requires a SHPO approval. If appropriate, an approval letter from SHPO must be attached your construction aid application as a signed PDF. If your project is exempt from SHPO according to the categories in Attachment 1 please state the reason in the appropriate box on the application form.</p>	
<p>*This library building is owned by a school district</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Which school district? (if applicable)</p>	<p>Ossining Union Free School District</p>
<p>*The total cost of this project will exceed \$10,000</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Note: If the library building is owned by a school district and the cost of this project will exceed \$10,000, the applicant must contact SED Office of Facilities Planning and include an OFP Certificate of Project Approval with this application. OFP approval is required prior to any changes to the original approved project.</p>	
<p>Project Details</p>	
<p>*Project Title</p>	<p>HVAC Installation for 2nd Floor and Mezzanine</p>
<p>Construction Project Manager (must be Library Staff or Board Member)</p>	
<p>*First Name</p>	<p>Karen</p>
<p>*Last Name</p>	<p>LaRocca-Fels</p>
<p>*Phone (###-###-####)</p>	<p>914-941-2416</p>
<p>Phone Extension</p>	<p>333</p>
<p>*E-mail</p>	<p>kfels@ossininglibrary.org</p>
<p>Library Director</p>	
<p>*First Name</p>	<p>Karen</p>
<p>*Last Name</p>	<p>LaRocca-Fels</p>

*Phone (###-###-####)	914-941-2416
Phone Extension	333
*Email	kfels@ossininglibrary.org
Additional Contact Person	
If the Project Manager and the Library Director are the same person, please add contact information for a second person to receive important messages from Library Development about the project.	
*First Name	Molly
*Last Name	Robbins
*Phone (###-###-####)	914-941-2416
Phone Extension	345
*Email	mrobbins@ossininglibrai
*Construction project application is for (select all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Conservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Expansion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renovation/Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Broadband
Will the library's completed project require a local Certificate of Occupancy?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
*Estimated Project Costs (also see Project Budget)	
a. Total Project Cost (\$) NOTE: If the project for which funding is being requested (b) is part of a larger comprehensive project, list the Total Project Cost of the larger project in "a". If the project for which funding is being requested (b) is not part of a larger project, "a" will equal "b".	355,870

<p>b. Cost of Project for Which Funding is Being Requested</p> <p>NOTE: This system will populate this field with the total 'Cost' of all budget records entered on the Project Budget pages.</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p>c. Amount of Public Library Construction Funds requested for this Project (cannot be more than 50% of the amount in question b or 75% or 90% if you qualify for the Reduced Match.) Note: Contact your System regarding eligibility for reduced match.</p> <p>75% Maximum Request: \$0</p> <p>90% Maximum Request: \$0</p>	<p>307,350</p>
<p>d. This project is or was funded, in whole or in part by funds secured through the issuance of tax exempt bonds, bond anticipation notes, or revenue anticipation notes.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>*Timeframe (mm/dd/yyyy) (Project cannot be completed before application date due to your system.)</p>	
<p>*This project is expected to start on or before</p>	<p>09/01/2025</p>
<p>*This project was/will be started on 09/01/2025 and is not complete at the time of this application.</p> <p>(NOTE: If the project has not started yet, the start date above should be the same as the expected start date from question 1).</p>	

*This project is expected to be completed by (Project cannot be completed before application date due to your system.)	
	12/31/2026
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Additional Documents/Attachments

The following attachments are only required for specific cases, please read the description to see if they are needed for your application.

- Certification of 10 year minimum lease/legal agreement and project approval from building owner:
 - This is needed if the physical library building or site is not owned by the library. Libraries owned by a school system or BOCES do not need to complete this form.
- Library Purchasing Property
 - If a library is purchasing property (vacant land or a building), then provide documentation from the local municipality, on their letterhead, that the proposed use of the site/building that is being acquired is allowable according to local land use.
- SED Office of Facilities Planning Certificate of Project Approval:
 - This is needed if the library or site is owned by a school district AND the project will cost over \$10,000.
- State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Approval Documentation:
 - If your library building is 50 years old or older, and/or the project involves ground disturbance and/or demolition, please see the Construction SHPO webpage to determine if your project requires a SHPO approval. If appropriate, an approval letter from SHPO must be attached your construction aid application as a signed PDF. If your project is exempt from SHPO according to the categories in Attachment 1 please state the reason in the appropriate box on the application form.

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Ossining Public Library

New York State Public Library Construction Grant

Project Abstract

The library's HVAC unit that serves the library's second floor and mezzanine has failed. This project would install a new heating a cooling system.

Description of Project

The HVAC unit that serves the library's second floor and mezzanine has failed. The library will be installing a new RTU unit to provide cooling to this area and new electric duct heaters to provide heating.

The library's geothermal system has experienced regular failures since its installation 20 years ago. The library is pursuing the installation of an entirely new, energy efficient system within the next two years. Unfortunately, a portion of the system that serves about 30% of the library experienced a catastrophic failure and needs to be replaced sooner than expected. That is the portion of the project included in this grant application.

The library's second floor and mezzanine house the library's entire adult fiction and non-fiction collections, and the library's teen collection. It also houses two program spaces, three study spaces, and 90% of the seating for adult and teen study. The library's adult and teen computers are also located in this area. Since June 2025, the library has had to close the second floor and mezzanine to the public due to extreme heat. The Adult Services Desk and Teen Services Desk have been temporarily relocated to the first floor, as have the adult computers. Library staff retrieve items from the closed floors for patrons many times a day. We anticipate having to close the areas again in the winter as the broken unit is responsible for heating and cooling.

The installation of a new RTU unit and electric duct heaters will allow the library to open the 2nd floor and mezzanine again to the public and resume full library service.

Impact of Project

The installation of new heating and cooling units will allow the library to keep the second floor and mezzanine open to the public during all seasons.

Currently, the second floor and mezzanine are closed to the public due to high temperatures. These spaces represent about 30% of our public space. The spaces house collections and services for both adults and teens. With the restoration of the heating and cooling in these areas, those collections will be accessible for browsing by the public. These areas also house two program spaces and three study spaces, which are currently closed to the public. This project will allow those spaces to be used by the public once again. Additionally, about 90% of our seating for adult and teen study are inaccessible due to the closure of the space. Those spaces will be available again.

The new units that will be installed rely on new energy efficient technologies.

The Ossining Public Library serves a population that is economically diverse and serves a school district with a high percentage of children who qualify for free and reduced lunch. The Ossining community relies on the Ossining Public Library for free wifi and Internet access, high quality collections, study space, meeting space, and quality programming. While the library has done its best to continue to provide these services in a significantly reduced space, installing proper, reliable heating and cooling will allow us to better serve our community.

Timeline

The design work for the project began in June 2025. We expect to put the project out to bid sometime in September 2025. Bids will be awarded in October/November 2025 and we expect construction to begin in December 2025 or January 2026. We will require that the heating portion of the project be started immediately in order to provide heating over the winter. We expect the cooling part of the project to be substantially complete by summer 2026. We expect the work to be fully complete by December 2026.

Budget Narrative

Based on the estimate provided by Calgi Construction, the project costs are broken down as follows: Required demolition is expected to cost \$18,800, structural roof steel modification to support the RTU unit will cost \$25,000, repair of the affected roofing will cost \$20,200, the installation of the new RTU will cost \$136,000, installation of new electrical duct heaters will cost \$75,000, and the electrical work will cost \$30,000.

For permitting purposes, asbestos testing will be done at a cost of \$2,350.

The total hard costs of the project are \$307,350.

Additionally, the soft costs (design work, permitting assistance, bidding assistance, planning, and construction administration services) are estimated to be \$48,520. These services are being provided by Lothrop and Associates.

The total cost of the project, including hard and soft costs, is \$355,870.

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Purchased Services

Supplies & Materials

Equipment

Project Budget

Purchased Services (Code 40)

List all services to be purchased for the project, arranged, as appropriate, under Consultant Services or Purchased Services. Attach detailed cost estimates supplied by vendors, quotes and/or bids, or other supporting data in an appendix.

Consultant Services: include professional and technical advice that will be provided by individuals or groups of individuals. Consultants are normally retained for a short period to provide advice about specific aspects of the project. Consultants are normally expected to provide a report of their activities, usually at a time agreed upon before the consultancy begins. Please see Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Â§90.12 for eligible/ineligible costs.

Please see NYSED Grants Finance (Fiscal Guidelines for Federal and State Grants) for more information on categories of budget components (purchased services versus supplies and materials).

Purchased Services: include professional or technical activities that will be performed by commercial vendors or qualified individuals. Contractual services are normally used for project activities that cannot be carried out by the institution, or for those activities that can be more economically performed by firms or individuals specializing in a particular service. **If the same vendor is purchasing supplies/equipment and installing/constructing, list this amount as Purchased Services. Please combine multiple expenses from the same contractor/vendor into one budget line.**

Supplies and Materials: when possible, consolidate items from same vendor. For example: ACME Furniture-shelving, tables, seating. **Do not** list as three items.

* Cost is the Cost of project for which funding is being requested.

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Service Type	Consultant/Vendor	Description
Purchased Services	HVAC Company (TBD by	Installation of heating an
Cost*	AmtApproved	ExpSubmitted ExpApproved
305,000	\$0	\$0 \$0
Delete		

Service Type	Consultant/Vendor	Description
Purchased Services	Lothrop and Associates	Design work, permitting,
Cost*	AmtApproved	ExpSubmitted ExpApproved
48,520	\$0	\$0 \$0
Delete		

Service Type	Consultant/Vendor	Description
Purchased Services	Environmental Maintena	Testing for asbestos
Cost*	AmtApproved	ExpSubmitted ExpApproved
2,350	\$0	\$0 \$0
Delete		

Save Purchased Records

* Cost is the Cost of project for which funding is being requested.

Purchased Service

(Code 40) Totals

Cost*	Amount Approved	Expense Submitted	Expense Approved
\$355,870	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total for all

Budget Categories

Cost*	Amount Approved	Expense Submitted	Expense Approved
\$355,870	\$0	\$0	\$0



Statement Period
From July 01, 2025
To July 31, 2025
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PRIVATE CLIENT GROUP 721
1C QUAKER RIDGE ROAD
NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10804
ROSEMARY MC LAUGHLIN
(914) 712-2210

OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
53 CROTON AVE
OSSINING NY 10562

8-721

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Primary Account: [REDACTED] 0

Relationship Summary

BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

[REDACTED] MONOGRAM INSURED MMA

RELATIONSHIP TOTAL

Opening Bal.

Closing Bal.

3,208,219.43

2,626,671.60

2,626,671.60

**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 Amanda Curley, and seconded by Rachel Murphy The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

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

Y
Y
Y
Y
Y
Y
Y

Signed: Amrinda Curley

Dated: May 8, 2025

Exhibit A

Project Scope

Project Scope

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**

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 SEORA 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

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.			
	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"/>

I. 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)

☒ NO

☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - i. If "No", move on to Section 7.

	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) 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 iii. More than 100 short tons/year of particulate matter (PM-10, PM-2.5) 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 v. More than 100 short tons/year of sulfur dioxide (SO ₂)	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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.)

☒ NO☐ YES*If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.*

	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.

☒ NO☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.j)

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.

	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.

☒ NO☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.k)

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.

	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.

☐ NO☒ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.

	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)

☐ 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. 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:

Karen LaRocca-Fels

Date: 5/8/2025

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Karen LaRocca-Fels

Address: 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562

Telephone Number: 914-941-2416, ext. 333

E-mail: kfels@ossininglibrary.org

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.



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STATE SMART GROWTH PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT STATEMENT

District: Ossining Public Library Date: 8/13/2025
Building: Ossining Public Library Firm: _____
Address: 53 Croton Ave. Address: _____
Ossining, NY 10562

Project #:	0	3	8	6	-	2	6	-	1	8	1	6
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NYSED Project Number

In accordance with the Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act, Environmental Conservation Law (Article 6 § 1-11), the applicant attests that the Smart Growth Impact for the proposed building project application has been assessed.

Please check appropriate boxes to indicate compliance.

This project adheres to the following criteria of the smart growth legislation:

- ☒ to advance projects for the use, maintenance or improvement of existing infrastructure;
- ☒ to advance projects located in municipal centers;
- ☐ to advance projects in developed areas or areas designated for concentrated infill development in a municipally approved comprehensive land use plan, local waterfront revitalization plan and/or brownfield opportunity area plan;
- ☐ to protect, preserve, and enhance the State's resources, including agricultural land, forests, surface and groundwater, air quality, recreation and open space, scenic areas, and significant historic and archeological resources;
- ☒ to foster mixed land uses and compact development, downtown revitalization, brownfield redevelopment, the enhancement of beauty in public spaces, the diversity and affordability of housing in proximity to places of employment, recreation and commercial development and the integration of all income and age groups;
- ☐ to provide mobility through transportation choices including improved public transportation and reduced automobile dependency;
- ☐ to coordinate between state and local government and intermunicipal and regional planning;
- ☐ to participate in community-based planning and collaboration;
- ☐ to ensure predictability in building and land use codes; and
- ☐ to promote sustainability by strengthening existing and creating new communities which reduce greenhouse gas emissions and do not compromise the needs of future generations, by among other means encouraging broad based public involvement in developing and implementing a community plan and ensuring the governance structure is adequate to sustain its implementation.

Justification that the proposed projects meet one or more of the above criteria: (attach additional sheets as necessary):

The Ossining Public Library is located in a downtown, municipal area. The area is a mixed-use neighborhood. The project, which consists of the installation of an RTU cooling unit and electric duct heaters to heat and cool the library's second floor and mezzanine areas, enhances the community by providing access to these part of the building for the public. The project will allow the library to maintain safe, reasonable indoor temperatures throughout the year.

If no boxes are checked, please provide justification for non-compliance with the Smart Growth Act:

The applicant has determined it cannot adhere to one or more criteria as set forth in the Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Act. Justification for noncompliance with Smart Growth criteria is provided as follows: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Justification:

APPLICANT:

Karen LaRocca-Fels

Print Name of Responsible Chief Officer

Karen LaRocca-Fels

Signature

Library Director

Title

8/13/2025

Date

For SED Use Only:

☐ Impact Statement is Approvable:

☐ Impact Statement is **NOT** Approvable. Reason: _____

Reviewed by: _____

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July 31, 2025

Ms. Karen LaRocca-Fels, Library Director
Ossining Public Library
53 Croton Avenue
Ossining, NY 10562

**Re: Ossining Public Library
HVAC Emergency Replacement Project
New RTU-6 and Electric Duct Heaters for Existing AC-5
Preliminary Schematic Budget Estimate
CCC MEst. # 20209**

Dear Ms. LaRocca-Fels,

We submit for your review our Preliminary Schematic Budget Estimate regarding the construction of Ossining Public Library - HVAC Emergency Replacement Project New RTU-6 and Electric Duct Heaters for Existing AC-5. Our budget estimate is based on preliminary information as prepared and provided by Lothrop Associates Architects D.P.C. P.C, OLA Consulting Engineers and TYLin Structural Engineers.

Preliminary Schematic Budget Estimate *:

Construction Costs	Amount
Selected Demolition	\$18,800
Structural Roof Steel Modification	\$25,000
Roofing Repair	\$20,200
New RTU-6	\$136,000
Electric Duct Heaters for Existing AC-5	\$75,000
Electrical	\$30,000
Project & Construction Cost Total:	\$305,000

*Our budget currently is based on Single prime contract and NYSDOL Prevailing Wage Rate

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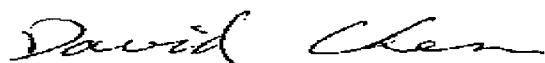
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We trust that our budget estimate will be of assistance to you in your further development of this project. Should you have any questions regarding our budget, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,
Calgi Construction Company, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Chen".

David Chen
Estimator/Project Manager

cc: Robert Gabalski, AIA, Principal, LAA
James F. Dolan, P.E., CEM, LEED AP, Principal, OLA
Dominic Calgi, Project Executive, President, CCC

ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS, INC.

Environmental Consulting and Remedial / Abatement Services

August 11, 2025

Ossining Public Library 914-941-2416 kfels@ossininglibrary.org
53 Croton Avenue
Ossining, New York 10562
ATTN: Karen LaRocca-Fels, Director

**RE: Environmental Consulting Services at the Ossining Public Library
53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562 - RTU-6 PROJECT Asbestos Inspection**

Environmental Maintenance Contractors, Inc. (EMC) is pleased to submit the following proposal for asbestos-containing material (ACM) testing required as part of the RTU-6 Project at the Ossining Public Library, located at 53 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562. EMC will provide NYS DOL Certified Asbestos Inspector to perform a site inspection, collect samples of suspect ACMs, package & deliver samples with a completed chain of custody to an accredited laboratory for analysis. Upon receipt of laboratory results, EMC will review the data and prepare a final report. Samples will be analyzed using Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM) and Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), as applicable. All work shall be performed in strict accordance with all applicable guidelines.

Fee Schedule:

NYS DOL Certified Asbestos Inspector(s) to perform site inspection, collect samples, deliver the laboratory with a completed chain of custody, lump sum: \$750

NYS DOL/NYC DEP Certified Asbestos Inspector/Investigator to review sample data/results, prepare and deliver final report or an ACP5 form, lump sum: \$250

*Analysis of friable bulk sample via PLM, estimate 10 samples at \$15/sample: \$150

Analysis of non-friable bulk (NOB) sample via PLM, estimate 12 samples at \$35/sample: \$420

Analysis of non-friable bulk sample via TEM estimate 12 samples at \$65/sample: \$780

**Analysis of Sprayed-On Fireproofing containing Vermiculite (SOF-V) samples via ELAP 198.8 SOF-V method @ \$245/sample, estimate 0 sample: \$0

Total Estimate: \$2,350 + tax

All above pricing is subject to NYS sales tax unless a valid tax exempt and/or Certification of Capital Improvement is provided.

Should the actual total number of samples exceed the estimate, a not-to-exceed proposal will be submitted to the Client for approval. Should sample results by NOB PLM indicate that the material tested is asbestos-containing then NOB TEM analysis will not be required, however, should sample results indicate that the NOB material is not asbestos via NOB PLM, based on the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), the sample will be analyzed via NOB TEM analysis for confirmatory purposes.

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*Should friable bulk sample results by PLM indicate that the material contains vermiculite greater than 10% in concentration, additional analysis via NOB PLM is required to confirm as non-asbestos containing materials, as per the NYS DOH Guidelines. Unit prices in fee schedule will apply to this additional work, as required.

**Should Surfacing Materials (i.e. Sprayed-on Fireproofing, Troweled-on Fireproofing, Acoustical or Finish Plaster on Ceilings or Walls, Fireproofing Materials on Structural Members and Other Materials of Surface for Acoustical, Fireproofing or Other Purposes) containing vermiculite be encountered as determined through lab analyses via PLM, additional analyses via ELAP 198.8 Method is required as per the NYS DOH. Unit prices in the fee schedule will apply to this additional work, as required.

CONTRACTOR INSURANCE AGREEMENT

The contractor will obtain all insurance referred to herein and provided proof as set forth and has been approved by Ossining Public Library (hereinafter referred to as the "Client/Owner").

Contractor shall secure and maintain the following insurance policies in full force and effect during the term of the agreement:

- (1) Workers Compensation affording coverage under the Workers Compensation laws of the State of New York and Employers Liability coverage subject to a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 for each employee, \$1,000,000 for each accident, and a \$1,000,000 policy limit.
- (2) Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage Combined, Products and Completed Operations Liability and \$2,000,000 General (per project) Aggregate. The policy shall be written on an occurrence basis.
- (3) Automobile Liability Insurance for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined and covering all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles.
- (4) Umbrella Liability Insurance for \$5,000,000 limit.
- (5) Waiver of Subrogation – Contractor agrees to waive its right of recovery and/or subrogation against the Client/Owner, Client/Owner's additional insured.

Additional Insureds – Commercial General Liability policy shall include the Client/Owner, its managing agent, and all other entities that may be reasonably required as additional insured for ongoing and completed operations. The definition of Additional Insured shall include all Officers, Directors, and Employees of the named entity, its agents, and consultants. Further, the insurance policy shall provide coverage for the "additional insured" on a primary basis and non-contributory irrespective of any other insurance, whether collectible or not.

Terms and Conditions:

Length of Proposal and Project Periods – It is understood that the enclosed proposal is valid for a term of thirty (30) days. Upon the expiration of that period of time, EMC reserves the right to review and modify the proposal as necessary. **Samples** - Free and clear access must be provided by the Owner / Client. EMC, unless otherwise directed, is under no obligation to retain test or survey samples after it has submitted the report to the Client and satisfied regulatory requirements for sample retention. **Standard of Care, Warranty Disclaimer, and Liability Limits** - EMC represents that it will perform Services for clients using the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by, and consistent with the standards applicable to, persons performing similar services under similar conditions in the same locality as the site(s). EMC's liability, if any, shall be limited to injury or loss caused by its negligence. **Warranty** - EMC warrants that its services are performed, within the limits prescribed by this Agreement. No other warranty or representation, either expressed or implied, is included or intended in its proposals, contracts, or reports. **Indemnity** - EMC's liability shall be limited to injury or loss caused by the sole negligence of EMC, its agents, or its associates. Furthermore, Client and EMC agree to indemnify and defend each other from any liability, loss, cost, or expense in connection with the Services, including attorney's fees, claimed for property damage, bodily injury, including death, or other injury or loss as caused by their respective negligence or error. The Client, its employees, officers, and agents, therefore agree to defend, indemnify, and hold EMC harmless from any claim, liability, fine, penalty, fee, or defense cost for administrative violations, injury or loss sustained by any party from exposures allegedly caused by EMC's performance of services hereunder, except for injury or loss caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of EMC, its employees, officers and agents. **Payment Terms** – Upon completion of the project and 100% Payment due upon receipt of invoice. Unless otherwise provided, sales or other taxes are not included in the price quotations for services and, as required, will be added to payments due EMC. Invoices are past due after thirty (30) days. Past due amounts are subject to a charge on the outstanding balance of the lesser of one and one-half percent per month or part thereof (18% per annum) or the maximum permissible by law. Client agrees to pay any and all attorney's fees, interest, and all other costs incurred in collecting any past due amounts. A mechanics lien will be filed for any project invoice outstanding over 90 days. All filing fees plus a \$250 lien preparation and submittal fee will be assessed to the total amount due before any liens are released. All pricing is subject to NYS sales tax unless a valid tax exempt and/or Certification of Capital Improvement is provided.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact us. If the above is agreeable, please sign below and return to our office for our files.

Agreed and Accepted.

Signature Karen LaRocca-Fels Name: Karen LaRocca-Fels Date 8/11/2025

Sincerely,
Environmental Maintenance Contractors, Inc.
Allan Ciriaco, VP of Operations

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Before Pictures

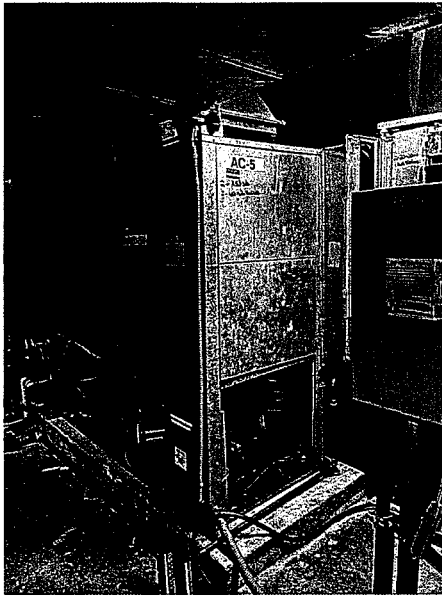


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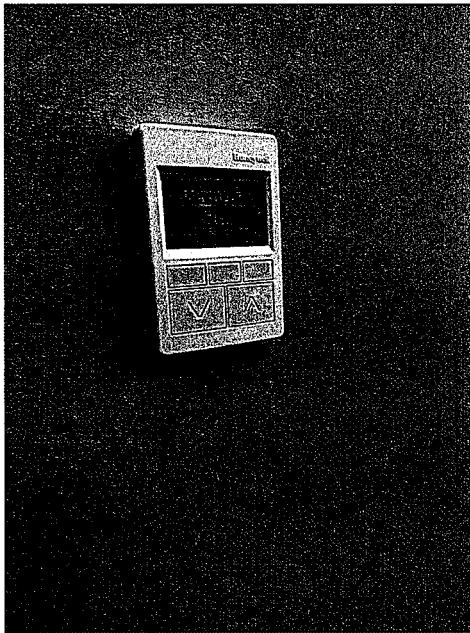


Figure 2 Temperature on 2nd floor

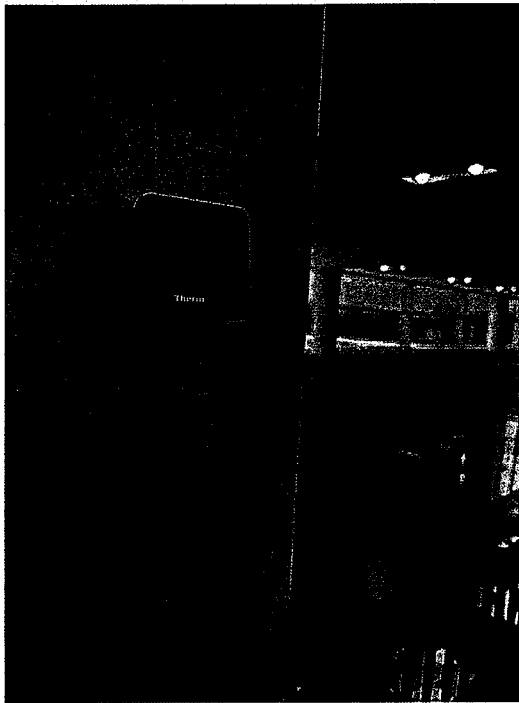


Figure 3 Temperature on Mezzanine



Figure 4 Closed sign to 2nd floor

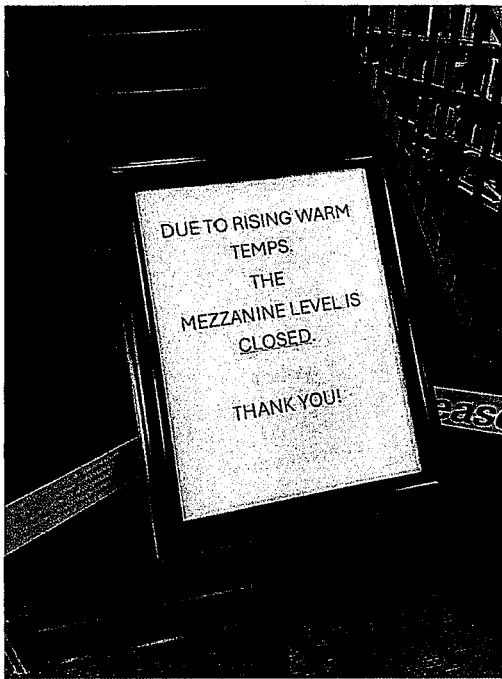


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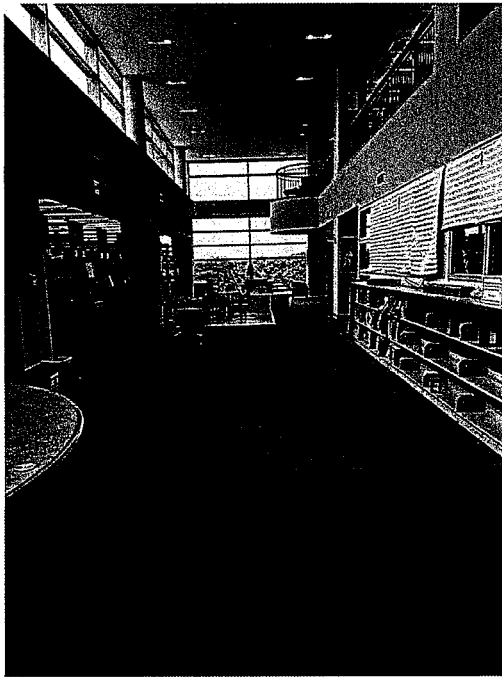


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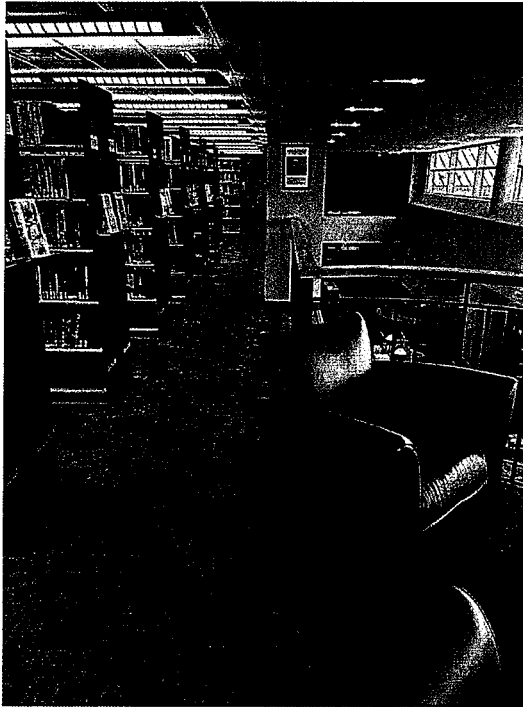


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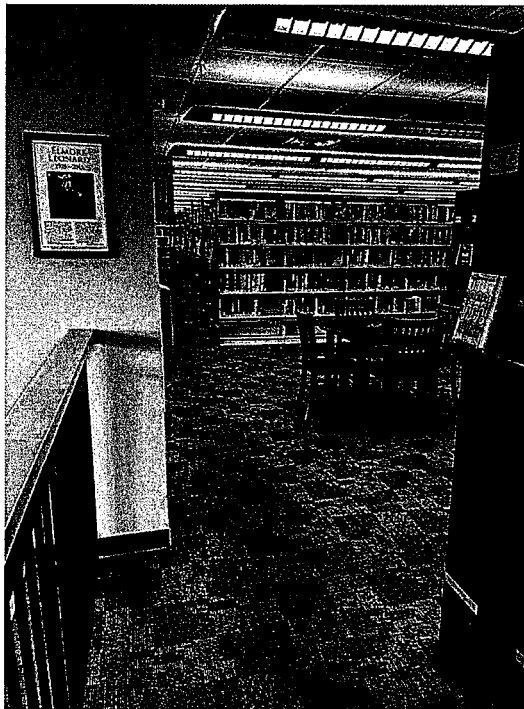


Figure 8 Empty Mezzanine