

Owego Apalachin Maintenance and Storage Building Replacement Project

Appendix B SEQRA Documents

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State Environmental Quality Review
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School Demolition & Construction of New School, Administration, and Maintenance Buildings

Name of Action

Owego Apalachin Central School District

Name of Lead Agency

Dr. William C. Russell

Superintendent of Schools

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer


Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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PART 1--PROJECT INFORMATION

Prepared by Project Sponsor

NOTICE: This document is designed to assist in determining whether the action proposed may have a significant effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form, Parts A through E. Answers to these questions will be considered as part of the application for approval and may be subject to further verification and public review. Provide any additional information you believe will be needed to complete Parts 2 and 3.

It is expected that completion of the full EAF will be dependent on information currently available and will not involve new studies, research or investigation. If information requiring such additional work is unavailable, so indicate and specify each instance.

Name of Action Owego Elementary School

Location of Action (include Street Address, Municipality and County)

1 Christa McAuliffe Lane, Owego, NY 13827, Broome County

Name of Applicant/Sponsor Dr. William C. Russell

Address 36 Talcot Street

City / PO Owego

State NY

Zip Code 13827

Business Telephone (607) 687-6224

Name of Owner (if different) Owego Apalachin Central School District

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Description of Action:

Work to include Demolition of the 70,000 sq.ft. elementary school. New construction of a new Elementary school will take place in same location of existing school.

The new school shall be approx 120,000 sq.ft. total, 100,000 first floor. In order to achieve proper floodplain measures, the existing finish floor will be raised approximately 4 feet and structure is to be built on fill. An area within the existing school district property shall be mitigated in order to achieve proper floodplain mitigation requirements.

Also within the district property a new 15,120 sq.ft., two story administration building will be constructed which is not within existing floodplain areas. All required parking areas will be constructed to accommodate both buildings.

The new Maintenance Building is a 25,100 sq.ft. one story building and will be constructed outside of the existing floodplain areas as well. Parking and service areas will be constructed to support this building.

Please Complete Each Question--Indicate N.A. if not applicable

A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Physical setting of overall project, both developed and undeveloped areas.

1. Present Land Use: Urban Industrial Commercial Residential (suburban) Rural (non-farm)
 Forest Agriculture Other School
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2. Total acreage of project area: 135.78 acres.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	PRESENTLY	AFTER COMPLETION
Meadow or Brushland (Non-agricultural)	<u>25</u> acres	<u>25</u> acres
Forested	<u>12</u> acres	<u>12</u> acres
Agricultural (Includes orchards, cropland, pasture, etc.)	<u>0</u> acres	<u>0</u> acres
Wetland (Freshwater or tidal as per Articles 24,25 of ECL)	<u>0</u> acres	<u>0</u> acres
Water Surface Area	<u>0</u> acres	<u>0</u> acres
Unvegetated (Rock, earth or fill)	<u>0</u> acres	<u>0</u> acres
Roads, buildings and other paved surfaces	<u>30</u> acres	<u>31</u> acres
Other (Indicate type) <u>Athletic Fields & Lawn</u>	<u>68.78</u> acres	<u>67.78</u> acres

3. What is predominant soil type(s) on project site? Unadilla silt loam & Howard grave

- a. Soil drainage: Well drained 100 % of site Moderately well drained ____ % of site.
 Poorly drained ____ % of site

b. If any agricultural land is involved, how many acres of soil are classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System? _____ acres (see 1 NYCRR 370).

4. Are there bedrock outcroppings on project site? Yes No

a. What is depth to bedrock >30 (in feet)

5. Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes:

- 0-10% 100 % 10- 15% ____ % 15% or greater ____ %

6. Is project substantially contiguous to, or contain a building, site, or district, listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places? Yes No

7. Is project substantially contiguous to a site listed on the Register of National Natural Landmarks? Yes No

8. What is the depth of the water table? 12-20 (in feet)

9. Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer? Yes No

10. Do hunting, fishing or shell fishing opportunities presently exist in the project area? Yes No

11. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identified as threatened or endangered? Yes No

According to:

Identify each species:

12. Are there any unique or unusual land forms on the project site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, other geological formations?)

Yes No

Describe:

13. Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?

Yes No

If yes, explain:

Athletic fields are used by the community.

14. Does the present site include scenic views known to be important to the community? Yes No

15. Streams within or contiguous to project area:

Yes

a. Name of Stream and name of River to which it is tributary

Owego Creek, Class C(T), tributary to the Susquehanna River

16. Lakes, ponds, wetland areas within or contiguous to project area:

No

b. Size (in acres):

17. Is the site served by existing public utilities? Yes No
- a. If YES, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection? Yes No
- b. If YES, will improvements be necessary to allow connection? Yes No
18. Is the site located in an agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? Yes No
19. Is the site located in or substantially contiguous to a Critical Environmental Area designated pursuant to Article 8 of the ECL, and 6 NYCRR 617? Yes No
20. Has the site ever been used for the disposal of solid or hazardous wastes? Yes No

B. Project Description

1. Physical dimensions and scale of project (fill in dimensions as appropriate).
- a. Total contiguous acreage owned or controlled by project sponsor: 135.78 acres.
- b. Project acreage to be developed: 12 acres initially; 12 acres ultimately.
- c. Project acreage to remain undeveloped: 37 acres.
- d. Length of project, in miles: N/A (if appropriate)
- e. If the project is an expansion, indicate percent of expansion proposed. N/A %
- f. Number of off-street parking spaces existing 172 ; proposed 227
- g. Maximum vehicular trips generated per hour: N/C (upon completion of project)?
- h. If residential: Number and type of housing units:
- | | One Family | Two Family | Multiple Family | Condominium |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Initially | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Ultimately | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
- i. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: 38 height; 350 width; 350 length.
- j. Linear feet of frontage along a public thoroughfare project will occupy is? 800 +/- ft.
2. How much natural material (i.e. rock, earth, etc.) will be removed from the site? 0 tons/cubic yards.
3. Will disturbed areas be reclaimed Yes No N/A
- a. If yes, for what intended purpose is the site being reclaimed?
- Disturbed areas will be re-used for either athletic fields or maintained lawn areas.
- b. Will topsoil be stockpiled for reclamation? Yes No
- c. Will upper subsoil be stockpiled for reclamation? Yes No
4. How many acres of vegetation (trees, shrubs, ground covers) will be removed from site? 5 acres.

5. Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally-important vegetation be removed by this project?

Yes No

6. If single phase project: Anticipated period of construction: _____ months, (including demolition)

7. If multi-phased:

a. Total number of phases anticipated 4 (number)

b. Anticipated date of commencement phase 1: Mar month 2013 year, (including demolition)

c. Approximate completion date of final phase: Sep month 2014 year.

d. Is phase 1 functionally dependent on subsequent phases? Yes No

8. Will blasting occur during construction? Yes No

9. Number of jobs generated: during construction 250 ; after project is complete 0

10. Number of jobs eliminated by this project 0 .

11. Will project require relocation of any projects or facilities? Yes No

If yes, explain:

12. Is surface liquid waste disposal involved? Yes No

a. If yes, indicate type of waste (sewage, industrial, etc) and amount _____

b. Name of water body into which effluent will be discharged _____

13. Is subsurface liquid waste disposal involved? Yes No Type _____

14. Will surface area of an existing water body increase or decrease by proposal? Yes No

If yes, explain:

15. Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain? Yes No

16. Will the project generate solid waste? Yes No

a. If yes, what is the amount per month? _____ tons

b. If yes, will an existing solid waste facility be used? Yes No

c. If yes, give name Tioga County Solid Was ; location Barton, NY

d. Will any wastes not go into a sewage disposal system or into a sanitary landfill? Yes No

e. If yes, explain:

17. Will the project involve the disposal of solid waste? Yes No

a. If yes, what is the anticipated rate of disposal? _____ tons/month.

b. If yes, what is the anticipated site life? _____ years.

18. Will project use herbicides or pesticides? Yes No

19. Will project routinely produce odors (more than one hour per day)? Yes No

20. Will project produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels? Yes No

21. Will project result in an increase in energy use? Yes No

If yes, indicate type(s)

Electric & Gas

22. If water supply is from wells, indicate pumping capacity _____ gallons/minute.

23. Total anticipated water usage per day _____ gallons/day.

24. Does project involve Local, State or Federal funding? Yes No

If yes, explain:

FEMA Funding

25. Approvals Required:

			Type	Submittal Date
City, Town, Village Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
City, Town, Village Planning Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<u>Floodplain Development</u>	_____
			<u>Permit</u>	_____
			_____	_____
City, Town Zoning Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
City, County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
Other Local Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
Other Regional Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
State Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<u>NYSED</u>	_____
			<u>SHPO</u>	_____
			<u>SPDES</u>	_____
			_____	_____
Federal Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<u>FEMA</u>	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____

C. Zoning and Planning Information

1. Does proposed action involve a planning or zoning decision? Yes No

If Yes, indicate decision required:

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning variance | <input type="checkbox"/> New/revision of master plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Special use permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource management plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

2. What is the zoning classification(s) of the site?

School (612)

3. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the present zoning?

N/A

4. What is the proposed zoning of the site?

No change

5. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the proposed zoning?

N/A

6. Is the proposed action consistent with the recommended uses in adopted local land use plans?

Yes

No

7. What are the predominant land use(s) and zoning classifications within a ¼ mile radius of proposed action?

Industrial (I), Commercial (B), Residential (R1, R2, & R4)

8. Is the proposed action compatible with adjoining/surrounding land uses with a ¼ mile?

Yes

No

9. If the proposed action is the subdivision of land, how many lots are proposed? N/A

a. What is the minimum lot size proposed? _____

10. Will proposed action require any authorization(s) for the formation of sewer or water districts? Yes No

11. Will the proposed action create a demand for any community provided services (recreation, education, police, fire protection)?

Yes No

a. If yes, is existing capacity sufficient to handle projected demand? Yes No

12. Will the proposed action result in the generation of traffic significantly above present levels? Yes No

a. If yes, is the existing road network adequate to handle the additional traffic. Yes No

D. Informational Details

Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify your project. If there are or may be any adverse impacts associated with your proposal, please discuss such impacts and the measures which you propose to mitigate or avoid them.

E. Verification

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Dr. William C. Russell Date 01/24/2013

Signature _____

Title Superintendent

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

PART 2 - PROJECT IMPACTS AND THEIR MAGNITUDE

Responsibility of Lead Agency

General Information (Read Carefully)

- ! In completing the form the reviewer should be guided by the question: Have my responses and determinations been **reasonable**? The reviewer is not expected to be an expert environmental analyst.
- ! The **Examples** provided are to assist the reviewer by showing types of impacts and wherever possible the threshold of magnitude that would trigger a response in column 2. The examples are generally applicable throughout the State and for most situations. But, for any specific project or site other examples and/or lower thresholds may be appropriate for a Potential Large Impact response, thus requiring evaluation in Part 3.
- ! The impacts of each project, on each site, in each locality, will vary. Therefore, the examples are illustrative and have been offered as guidance. They do not constitute an exhaustive list of impacts and thresholds to answer each question.
- ! The number of examples per question does not indicate the importance of each question.
- ! In identifying impacts, consider long term, short term and cumulative effects.

Instructions (Read carefully)

- a. Answer each of the 20 questions in PART 2. Answer **Yes** if there will be **any** impact.
- b. **Maybe** answers should be considered as **Yes** answers.
- c. If answering **Yes** to a question then check the appropriate box(column 1 or 2)to indicate the potential size of the impact. If impact threshold equals or exceeds any example provided, check column 2. If impact will occur but threshold is lower than example, check column 1.
- d. Identifying that an Impact will be potentially large (column 2) does not mean that it is also necessarily **significant**. Any large impact must be evaluated in PART 3 to determine significance. Identifying an impact in column 2 simply asks that it be looked at further.
- e. If reviewer has doubt about size of the impact then consider the impact as potentially large and proceed to PART 3.
- f. If a potentially large impact checked in column 2 can be mitigated by change(s) in the project to a small to moderate impact, also check the **Yes** box in column 3. A **No** response indicates that such a reduction is not possible. This must be explained in Part 3.

1	2	3
Small to Moderate Impact	Potential Large Impact	Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change

Impact on Land

1. Will the Proposed Action result in a physical change to the project site?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

• Any construction on slopes of 15% or greater, (15 foot rise per 100 foot of length), or where the general slopes in the project area exceed 10%.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction on land where the depth to the water table is less than 3 feet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction of paved parking area for 1,000 or more vehicles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction on land where bedrock is exposed or generally within 3 feet of existing ground surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction that will continue for more than 1 year or involve more than one phase or stage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
• Excavation for mining purposes that would remove more than 1,000 tons of natural material (i.e., rock or soil) per year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
• Construction or expansion of a sanitary landfill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction in a designated floodway.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Will there be an effect to any unique or unusual land forms found on the site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, geological formations, etc.)

NO YES

• Specific land forms:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Impact on Water

3. Will Proposed Action affect any water body designated as protected? (Under Articles 15, 24, 25 of the Environmental Conservation Law, ECL)

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

• Developable area of site contains a protected water body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from channel of a protected stream.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Extension of utility distribution facilities through a protected water body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction in a designated freshwater or tidal wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. Will Proposed Action affect any non-protected existing or new body of water?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

• A 10% increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction of a body of water that exceeds 10 acres of surface area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

1	2	3
Small to Moderate Impact	Potential Large Impact	Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change

6. Will Proposed Action alter drainage flow or patterns, or surface water runoff?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Proposed Action would change flood water flows | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action may cause substantial erosion. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action is incompatible with existing drainage patterns. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will allow development in a designated floodway. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Project meets the local floodplain ordinance. Any alteration of drainage flows or patterns, or surface water runoff are being mitigated by an approved SWPPP.

IMPACT ON AIR

7. Will Proposed Action affect air quality?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Proposed Action will induce 1,000 or more vehicle trips in any given hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will result in the incineration of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Emission rate of total contaminants will exceed 5 lbs. per hour or a heat source producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will allow an increase in the amount of land committed to industrial use. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will allow an increase in the density of industrial development within existing industrial areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

IMPACT ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS

8. Will Proposed Action affect any threatened or endangered species?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Reduction of one or more species listed on the New York or Federal list, using the site, over or near the site, or found on the site. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
• Removal of any portion of a critical or significant wildlife habitat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Application of pesticide or herbicide more than twice a year, other than for agricultural purposes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

9. Will Proposed Action substantially affect non-threatened or non-endangered species?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

• Proposed Action would substantially interfere with any resident or migratory fish, shellfish or wildlife species.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Proposed Action requires the removal of more than 10 acres of mature forest (over 100 years of age) or other locally important vegetation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND RESOURCES

10. Will Proposed Action affect agricultural land resources?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

• The Proposed Action would sever, cross or limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Construction activity would excavate or compact the soil profile of agricultural land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• The Proposed Action would irreversibly convert more than 10 acres of agricultural land or, if located in an Agricultural District, more than 2.5 acres of agricultural land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
• The Proposed Action would disrupt or prevent installation of agricultural land management systems (e.g., subsurface drain lines, outlet ditches, strip cropping); or create a need for such measures (e.g. cause a farm field to drain poorly due to increased runoff).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IMPACT ON AESTHETIC RESOURCES

11. Will Proposed Action affect aesthetic resources? (If necessary, use the Visual EAF Addendum in Section 617.20, Appendix B.)

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

• Proposed land uses, or project components obviously different from or in sharp contrast to current surrounding land use patterns, whether man-made or natural.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Proposed land uses, or project components visible to users of aesthetic resources which will eliminate or significantly reduce their enjoyment of the aesthetic qualities of that resource.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Project components that will result in the elimination or significant screening of scenic views known to be important to the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IMPACT ON HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

12. Will Proposed Action impact any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

• Proposed Action occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any facility or site listed on the State or National Register of historic places.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Any impact to an archaeological site or fossil bed located within the project site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Proposed Action will occur in an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NYS Site Inventory.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

See Part 3 for Evaluation of Potential Large Impact on Historic and Archaeological Resources

IMPACT ON OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

13. Will proposed Action affect the quantity or quality of existing or future open spaces or recreational opportunities?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • The permanent foreclosure of a future recreational opportunity. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • A major reduction of an open space important to the community. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

IMPACT ON CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS

14. Will Proposed Action impact the exceptional or unique characteristics of a critical environmental area (CEA) established pursuant to subdivision 6NYCRR 617.14(g)?

NO YES

List the environmental characteristics that caused the designation of the CEA.

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Proposed Action to locate within the CEA? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quality of the resource? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will impact the use, function or enjoyment of the resource? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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Small to Moderate Impact	Potential Large Impact	Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change

IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION

15. Will there be an effect to existing transportation systems?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Alteration of present patterns of movement of people and/or goods. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will result in major traffic problems. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

IMPACT ON ENERGY

16. Will Proposed Action affect the community's sources of fuel or energy supply?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Proposed Action will cause a greater than 5% increase in the use of any form of energy in the municipality. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • 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 major commercial or industrial use. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

NOISE AND ODOR IMPACT

17. Will there be objectionable odors, noise, or vibration as a result of the Proposed Action?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Blasting within 1,500 feet of a hospital, school or other sensitive facility. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Odors will occur routinely (more than one hour per day). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels for noise outside of structures. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Proposed Action will remove natural barriers that would act as a noise screen. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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• Proposed Action will set an important precedent for future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Proposed Action will create or eliminate employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

20. Is there, or is there likely to be, public controversy related to potential adverse environment impacts?

NO YES

If Any Action in Part 2 Is Identified as a Potential Large Impact or If you Cannot Determine the Magnitude of Impact, Proceed to Part 3

Part 3 - EVALUATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPACTS

Responsibility of Lead Agency

Part 3 must be prepared if one or more impact(s) is considered to be potentially large, even if the impact(s) may be mitigated.

Instructions (If you need more space, attach additional sheets)

Discuss the following for each impact identified in Column 2 of Part 2:

1. Briefly describe the impact.
2. Describe (if applicable) how the impact could be mitigated or reduced to a small to moderate impact by project change(s).
3. Based on the information available, decide if it is reasonable to conclude that this impact is **important**.

To answer the question of importance, consider:

- ! The probability of the impact occurring
- ! The duration of the impact
- ! Its irreversibility, including permanently lost resources of value
- ! Whether the impact can or will be controlled
- ! The regional consequence of the impact
- ! Its potential divergence from local needs and goals
- ! Whether known objections to the project relate to this impact.

See attachment titled: "Impact on Historic and Archaeological Resources"

Impact on Historic and Archaeological Resources

(Prepared by Nina M. Versaggi, January 21, 2013)

Owego Elementary School Demolition/Reconstruction Area

In November and December of 2012, professional archaeologists from the Public Archaeology Facility (PAF) at Binghamton University completed a Phase 1 cultural resource survey of the proposed Owego Elementary School demolition/reconstruction project. The area of potential effect (APE), which defines the proposed disturbances to the ground for the project, includes the area within and around the proposed footprint for the new building, and a staging area for equipment and trailers. The Phase 1 survey complied with federal and state standards for professional archaeological surveys.

Archaeologists excavated 90 hand-dug shovel test pits (STPs) spaced 15 m (49 ft) apart, and monitored mechanical excavation of nine backhoe trenches in this 7.7 acre area. STP excavation and backhoe tests documented extensive cutting east of the existing elementary school, and deep fill deposits surrounding much of the rest of the current structure. Testing indicated that east of the school, soils had been stripped down to the gravelly sand C horizon and then capped with a relatively thin layer of topsoil. Trenches to the south and west of the existing school documented the presence of fill to an average depth of 85 cm (33 in). Most of the proposed impacts within the proposed elementary school APE and staging area involve the removal of the existing soils to a depth of no more than 60 cm (2 ft). Phase 1 testing provided thorough horizontal and vertical coverage of the APE for the elementary school project. Our methods and results were documented in a Phase 1 report submitted to the Owego Apalachin School District on December 14, 2012. No archaeological sites were identified and no further archaeological investigations were recommended in that report for the elementary school parcel.

Owego Elementary School Flood Mitigation Area

In November and December of 2012, professional archaeologists from the Public Archaeology Facility (PAF) at Binghamton University completed a Phase 1 cultural resource survey of the proposed Owego Elementary School flood mitigation area, which is northwest of the elementary school. The area of potential effect (APE), which defines the proposed disturbances to the ground, includes an approximately 2.5 ha (6.2 ac) area on the current floodplain. Proposed plans call for removal of 60-122 cm (2-4 ft) of soil within this acreage. The Phase 1 survey identified one prehistoric site (the Owego Elementary School Prehistoric Site) within the proposed mitigation area. This report was submitted to the Owego Apalachin School District on December 14, 2012. PAF archaeologists completed a Phase 2 site evaluation during December, 2012 and determined that the site is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Phase 2 report was submitted to the school district on January 22, 2013. Both reports comply with federal and state standards for professional archaeological surveys.

The site found is small, encompassing approximately 88 m² or 950 ft². Archaeologists recovered 198 prehistoric artifacts from three 1 by 1 meter (3.3 by 3.3 ft) excavation units. A single possible postmold was identified as well as one Brewerton-like projectile point, which may suggest a date of ca. 3000-2500 BC. The site is recommended as potentially eligible for the National Register because of the categories of data found during excavation: a large sample of artifacts with research potential; an artifact diagnostic of a specific time period that is poorly understood in our valleys; and a feature (the postmold) that could be part of a temporary dwelling or a drying rack.

Based on current plans, the construction of the proposed flood mitigation area will extend a minimum of 60 cm (2 ft) below the surface, which intersects the prehistoric site. Currently, Impacts to the site cannot be avoided and we recommend that these impacts be mitigated through Phase 3 data recovery. The school district has requested that a Data Recovery Plan be prepared for agency review, and PAF archaeologists are in the process of preparing that plan.

Owego Apalachin School District Administrative Building

In December of 2012, professional archaeologists from the Public Archaeology Facility (PAF) at Binghamton University completed a Phase 1 cultural resource survey of the proposed Owego Apalachin School District's new administration building. The administration building is proposed for a parcel of land located to the southeast of the current Owego Free Academy school building and east of Sheldon Guile Boulevard on the school campus. In addition to the building, there are three new walkways adjacent to Sheldon Guile Boulevard. The total area of potential effect (APE) covers approximately 0.52 ha (1.28 acres). The Phase 1 survey complied with federal and state standards for professional archaeological surveys.

Archaeologists excavated 41 shovel test pits (STPs) throughout the APE. STPs did not locate any prehistoric artifacts. Scattered historic materials (n=14) were found throughout the top stratigraphic layer but this layer also contained modern refuse. No association with historic buildings could be made and no historic archaeological sites were designated. No further archaeological work was recommended within the current project limits. The Phase 1 report was submitted to the school district on December 21, 2012.

Owego School District Maintenance Building

Two areas have been proposed for a new school district maintenance building: one on land owned by the school district north of Huntington (Monkey Run) Creek, and one on an off-campus parcel along Route 96 in Catatonk. Crews from the Public Archaeology Facility (PAF) conducted Phase 1 and Phase 2 investigations of the Monkey Run parcel from 2000 to 2002. PAF archaeologists completed Phase 1 testing of the Rt. 96/Catatonk parcel in December, 2012.

Monkey Run Parcel. In 2000, a project to expand the senior and middle school buildings, and create new ball fields required a Phase 1 archaeological survey. PAF conducted that survey on land west of New York Routes 96/38, north of the high school, and bordering Owego Creek. Testing located three prehistoric sites, one of which (Owego Free Academy Site) overlaps the area proposed for the new maintenance building. Phase 1 testing of the OFA site produced 127 artifacts spread over a 2.9 ha (7.2 ac) area. Many of the artifacts cluster in the northernmost part of the site. Artifacts included two projectile points: one Brewerton-like, and one Susquehanna Broad; these suggest that the site was used from about 3000-2500 BC, and from 1500-1000 B.C. Other tools and chipping debris as well as evidence of hearths (fire-cracked rock) comprised the rest of the artifact assemblage. The Phase 1 report (December 20, 2000) summarized these findings, and recommended that the site was potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The report further recommended that impacts to the site from construction of a vehicle storage shed and ball field be avoided. If avoidance was not possible, then Phase 2/3 final excavations were warranted. A data recovery plan would be the necessary first step, and the school district has authorized the preparation of that plan for agency review.

LEAD AGENCY RESPONSE FORM

From: OWEGO APALACHIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Dated: January 7, 2013
Proposed Lead Agency: Owego Apalachin Central School District

Name of Action/Project: Demolition/Replacement of Flood-Damaged Elementary School Bldg and Construction of Admin Bldg & Maintenance Bldg, at 1 Christa McAuliffe Lane, in the Village of Owego, Town of Owego, Tioga County NY

RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE NAMED AGENCY SERVING AS LEAD AGENCY REGARDING THE ABOVE ACTION

Please Return To: Owego Apalachin Central School District
Name: Dr. William Russell, Superintendent
Address: 1 Sheldon Guile Boulevard, Owego NY 13827

Phone: (607)687-6224
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On behalf of _____(S/C/T/V)

I, _____ acknowledge receipt of the Lead Agency Notice.

As an Involved Agency, we hereby:

[PLEASE CHECK ONE]

[] **CONSENT** that the proposed agency serve as lead agency in this application, and requests that the undersigned continue to be notified of SEQR determinations, proceedings and hearing in this matter.

[] **DO NOT CONSENT** to the proposed agency serving as lead agency in this application and wish that _____serve as lead agency. To contest lead agency designation, the undersigned intends to follow procedures outlined in 6 NYCRR 617.6(b)(5).

[] **TAKE NO POSITION** on Lead Agency Designation.

Date Returned: Janauary, 2013,

SIGNED

PRINT NAME

AGENCY NAME