

Environmental
Assessment
Cole Hollow Road
Realignment Project

Appendix – H

State Environmental Quality
Review and Lead Agency
Coordination

TOWN OF BLENHEIM
P.O. Box 176
BLENHEIM, NEW YORK 12131

SEQR Resolution 412
Date: 2/5/13

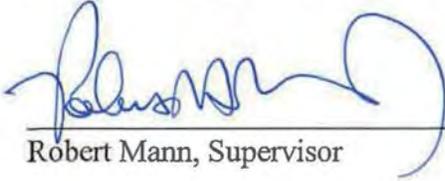
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Blenheim is undertaking a Cole Hollow Road Relocation Project (hereinafter called "the Project") to relocate a portion of the road to avoid slope stability issues caused by recent flooding events in order to maintain public safety.

WHEREAS, the Town is applying to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) for funds to finance said improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BLENHEIM AS FOLLOWS:

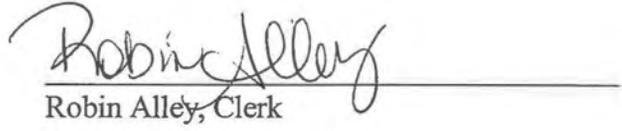
1. The Town Board intends to proceed with the Cole Hollow Road Relocation Project to relocate a portion of Cole Hollow Road to eliminate slope stability concerns in the Town of Blenheim, and
2. The Town Board hereby determines that the Cole Hollow Road Relocation Project is a Type I Action and a coordinated review will be conducted pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation law and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617; and
3. The Town Board hereby declares itself to be the Lead Agency for purposes of coordinated review pursuant to SEQRA; and
4. The Town Board hereby instructs the Supervisor, with the assistance of the consulting engineer, to notify all potentially involved government agencies, or those agencies which may have discretionary decisions to make with respect to the Project, of the Town Board's desire to serve as SEQRA lead agency and to further initiate the coordinated review of the Cole Hollow Road Realignment under the SEQRA regulations; and
5. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign all environmental review and funding documents for the Cole Hollow Road Relocation Project on their behalf.

By (unanimous/majority) vote of the Town Board of the Town of Blenheim at its meeting of February 5 2013.



Robert Mann, Supervisor

2/5/13
Date



Robin Alley, Clerk

2/5/13
Date

Date: 2/6/13

To: Involved and Interested Agencies (See Attached List)

Re: Cole Hollow Road Realignment Project

Dear Involved and Interested Agencies:

The Town of Blenheim, in Schoharie County, plans to complete a Cole Hollow Road Realignment Project in the Town of Blenheim. The Project shall consist of relocating a portion of Cole Hollow Road in order to avoid slope stability concerns resulting from recent flooding events causing a potential threat to public safety. Pursuant to state regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 which implement the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), this is to notify you that the Town Board of the Town of Blenheim intends to act as Lead Agency in conducting the environmental review.

Enclosed is a map locating the project and a completed Part 1 of the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form which provides a description of the proposed project and the project area. The Town of Blenheim considers this project to be a SEQR Type 1 Action and will conduct a coordinated review.

Involved agencies have been identified to include:

Town of Blenheim
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO)

Involved Agencies should indicate any concerns with the proposed Lead Agency. Please use the enclosed form to indicate your interest and concerns regarding your agency's role as lead agency and the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. If you do not respond by 3/13/2013, the Town of Blenheim will assume that your agency has no interest in the choice of lead agency and no comments on the project. It is understood that your agency may have already provided comments on the project.

Interested agencies have been identified to include:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)
Schoharie County Planning Office

Interested Agencies should not comment on the proposed Lead Agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Brendon Becker at (518) 234-4028.

Sincerely,



Brendon Becker

bbecker@lamontengineers.com

Asst. Project Engineer

Lamont Engineers

Enclosures

CC: Robert Mann, Town of Blenheim
FV Lamont Engineers

ESTABLISHMENT OF LEAD AGENCY

PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

Proposed Lead Agency: Town of Blenheim, located in Schoharie County

Proposed Action/Project: Cole Hollow Road Realignment Project

Project Sponsor: Town of Blenheim

On behalf of _____ (agency name), I acknowledge receipt of the Town of Blenheim's notice of intent to be lead agency with respect to the project noted above, issued pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act. I hereby:

1. endorse the Town of Blenheim acting as lead agency

OR

do not endorse the Town of Blenheim acting as lead agency and desire _____ serve as lead agency instead

OR

take no position on who acts as lead agency

2. provide comments on the proposed project (as an attachment)

OR

have no comments on the proposed project

Agency Name _____
(please print)

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this form by _____ to:

Brendon Becker
Asst. Project Engineer II
Lamont Engineers
P.O. Box 610
548 Main Street
Cobleskill, New York 12043

State Environmental Quality Review
Cole Hollow Road Realignment Project
Town of Blenheim, Schoharie County, New York
List of Involved and Interested Agencies

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Town of Blenheim
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Blenheim, New York 12131
Phone: (518) 827-6115

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FEMA/SEMO
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Don Holton
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Schoharie, NY 12157

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Schoharie, NY 12157
518-295-8770

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Appendix A
State Environmental Quality Review
FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Purpose: The full EAF is designed to help applicants and agencies determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The question of whether an action may be significant is not always easy to answer. Frequently, there are aspects of a project that are subjective or unmeasurable. It is also understood that those who determine significance may have little or no formal knowledge of the environment or may not be technically expert in environmental analysis. In addition, many who have knowledge in one particular area may not be aware of the broader concerns affecting the question of significance.

The full EAF is intended to provide a method whereby applicants and agencies can be assured that the determination process has been orderly, comprehensive in nature, yet flexible enough to allow introduction of information to fit a project or action.

Full EAF Components: The full EAF is comprised of three parts:

- Part 1:** Provides objective data and information about a given project and its site. By identifying basic project data, it assists a reviewer in the analysis that takes place in Parts 2 and 3.
- Part 2:** Focuses on identifying the range of possible impacts that may occur from a project or action. It provides guidance as to whether an impact is likely to be considered small to moderate or whether it is a potentially-large impact. The form also identifies whether an impact can be mitigated or reduced.
- Part 3:** If any impact in Part 2 is identified as potentially-large, then Part 3 is used to evaluate whether or not the impact is actually important.

THIS AREA FOR LEAD AGENCY USE ONLY

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE -- Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

Identify the Portions of EAF completed for this project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3
Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF (Parts 1 and 2 and 3 if appropriate), and any other supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each impact, it is reasonably determined by the lead agency that:

- A. The project will not result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, is one which **will not** have a significant impact on the environment, therefore a **negative declaration will be prepared.**
- B. Although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect for this Unlisted Action because the mitigation measures described in PART 3 have been required, therefore a **CONDITIONED negative declaration will be prepared.***
- C. The project may result in one or more large and important impacts that may have a significant impact on the environment, therefore a **positive declaration will be prepared.**

*A Conditioned Negative Declaration is only valid for Unlisted Actions

Cole Hollow Road Realignment Project

Name of Action

Town of Blenheim

Name of Lead Agency

Robert Mann

Supervisor

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency



Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)

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 Cole Hollow Road Realignment

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

Cole Hollow Road, Town of Blenheim, Schoharie County

Name of Applicant/Sponsor Town of Blenheim

Address 2123 St. Route 30

City / PO Blenheim State NY Zip Code 12131

Business Telephone 518-827-6077

Name of Owner (if different) _____

Address _____

City / PO _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Business Telephone _____

Description of Action:

Due to recent flooding events, the slope adjacent to a portion of Cole Hollow Road has become eroded and the stability of the road is at risk. This Project intends to relocate this portion of the road to a location away from the unstable slope to maintain public safety. This portion of Cole Hollow Road will be relocated to an area which is currently comprised of woods and an open field as shown in Attachment #1.

The Town will be purchasing the property for the proposed realignment from various adjacent property owners. A portion of the existing road will remain as driveway access for one property owner while the remaining will be scarified and seeded with grass.

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 _____

2. Total acreage of project area: 2.8 acres.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	PRESENTLY	AFTER COMPLETION
Meadow or Brushland (Non-agricultural)	<u>1.9</u> acres	<u>1.5</u> acres
Forested	<u>.8</u> acres	<u>.6</u> acres
Agricultural (Includes orchards, cropland, pasture, etc.)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Wetland (Freshwater or tidal as per Articles 24,25 of ECL)	<u>.1</u> acres	<u>0</u> acres
Water Surface Area	_____ acres	_____ acres
Unvegetated (Rock, earth or fill)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Roads, buildings and other paved surfaces	_____ acres	<u>.7</u> acres
Other (Indicate type) _____	_____ acres	_____ acres

3. What is predominant soil type(s) on project site? Mardin channery Silt Loam

- a. Soil drainage: Well drained 30 % of site Moderately well drained 65 % of site.
 Poorly drained 5 % 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? 0 acres (see 1 NYCRR 370).

4. Are there bedrock outcroppings on project site? Yes No See Attachment #2

a. What is depth to bedrock 3 (in feet)

5. Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes:

- 0-10% _____ % 10- 15% 20 % 15% or greater 80 %

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 See Attachment #3

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? _____ (in feet) See Attachment #4

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:

United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife service, ipac determination and NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper. See Attachments 5 and 6.

Identify each species:

Bald Eagle potentially - not known to be located in Project Area

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:

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:

Cole Hollow Creek

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

Schoharie Creek

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

There is a wetland within the project area. The new road alignment will cross a 0.6 wetland which drains into the Cole Brook. The area of the wetland within the Limits of Disturbance is just under 1/10 acre. A wetland delineation and report has been conducted by North Country Ecological Services (See Attachment #7). This reports explains the justification for the delineation and jurisdiction determined in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers. It has been determined that the size of the disturbance for this activity will not require coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers under the NWP 14 Permit Guidelines.

- b. Size (in acres):

0.6

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: 2.8 acres.
- b. Project acreage to be developed: 0.7 acres initially; 0.7 acres ultimately.
- c. Project acreage to remain undeveloped: 2.1 acres.
- d. Length of project, in miles: 0.3 (if appropriate)
- e. If the project is an expansion, indicate percent of expansion proposed. 0 %
- f. Number of off-street parking spaces existing 0; proposed 0
- g. Maximum vehicular trips generated per hour: SAME (upon completion of project)?
- h. If residential: Number and type of housing units:

	One Family	Two Family	Multiple Family	Condominium
Initially	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Ultimately	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

- i. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: 0 height; 0 width; 0 length.
- j. Linear feet of frontage along a public thoroughfare project will occupy is? 0 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?

The Project is designed to attempt a net cut/fill of 0. Existing soils will be regraded within the project site.

- 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? 0.2 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 1 (number)

b. Anticipated date of commencement phase 1: 4 month 2013 year, (including demolition)

c. Approximate completion date of final phase: 10 month 2013 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 ; after project is complete

10. Number of jobs eliminated by this project .

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 _____; location _____

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)

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:

25. Approvals Required:

			Type	Submittal Date
City, Town, Village Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Town	3/2013
City, Town, Village Planning Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
City, Town Zoning Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
City, County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Other Local Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Other Regional Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
State Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	NYSDEC (SWPPP)	3/2013
			SEMO	2/2013
			SHPO	2/2013
Federal Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	FEMA	2/2013
			ACOE	2/2013

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?

None

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?

None

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?

Road, rural hunting/recreation and residential

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?

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 Town of Blenheim Date 2/5/13

Signature 

Title Tom Supervisor

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



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAN-OP-RU
Upstate Regulatory Field Office
1 Buffington Street, Building 10, 3rd Fl. North
Watervliet, N.Y. 12189-4000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Upstate New York Section

MAR 06 2013

SUBJECT: Proposed Cole Hollow Road Relocation
Application Number: NAN-2012-01315

Brendon Becker
Lamont Engineers
548 Main Street
P.O. Box 610
Cobleskill, New York 12043

MAR 7 2013

Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of February 6, 2013, request for SEQR Classification and Lead Agency Determination regarding the proposed Cole Hollow Road Relocation in the Town of Blenheim, Schoharie County, New York.

The New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not take a position for or against lead agency selection in the New York State SEQR process for this proposed action. However, we would like to continue to be apprised of the project as an "involved agency". It should be noted that the drawings entitled "Town of Blenheim, Cole Hollow Road Realignment, Schoharie County, NY" (Sheet W10), prepared by Lamont Engineers and dated November 13, 2012 indicate that there are wetlands located on the parcel and if the development were to involve work in waters of the United States, including the discharge of fill material into streams or wetlands, then the proposed activities may require a Department of the Army permit.

The Army Corps of Engineers regulates activities that include dredging or construction activities in or over any navigable waters of the United States, the placement of any dredged or fill material in any waters of the United States (including coastal or inland wetlands), or the accomplishment of any work affecting the course, location, condition or capacity of such areas. Such activities may require a Department of the Army permit, in accordance with 33 CFR 320-332.

Most waterbodies, including wetlands, intermittent streams and natural drainage courses, are considered waters of the United States. Currently, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) recognizes and maps state freshwater wetlands as those wetland areas that are 12.4 acres or more and/or are ecologically unique. A NYSDEC determination classifying an area as a non-state regulated wetland does not free a property owner from his or her obligations under the Clean Water Act; the Corps regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into most freshwater wetlands, regardless of size.

To remain out of Department of the Army jurisdiction completely, we recommend that the applicant limit the project to those areas upland of any waters or wetlands of the United States. Not

only is this environmentally sound, but it could potentially save the applicant considerable time and expense while attempting to obtain necessary federal, state or local permits.

It is possible that a project may qualify for a nationwide general permit, in accordance with 33 CFR 330 and the Reissuance of Nationwide Permits in the Federal Register dated February 21, 2012 (77 FR 10184).

An activity is authorized under a nationwide general permit only if that activity and the permittee satisfy all of the nationwide permit's terms and conditions. Unless a nationwide general permit contains a condition requiring the applicant to notify the Corps prior to undertaking the proposed activity, a written authorization is not necessary. Activities that do not qualify for authorization under a nationwide general permit may still be authorized by an individual or regional general permit.

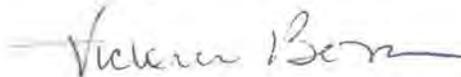
Additional information on the New York District Corps of Engineers regulatory program can also be found at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil>.

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at:

<http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (518) 266-6352.

Sincerely,



Victoria Bova
Legal Instruments Examiner
Upstate New York Section

Cf: NYSDEC-Region 4, Stamford
R. Mann, Supervisor Town of Blenheim

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Permits, Region 4**

1130 North Westcott Road, Schenectady, New York 12306-2014

Phone: (518) 357-2069 • FAX: (518) 357-2460

Website: www.dec.ny.gov



March 5, 2013

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548 Main Street
Cobleskill, NY 12043

RE: LEAD AGENCY COORDINATION RESPONSE
Cole Hollow Road Realignment Project
Town of Blenheim, Schoharie County

Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated February 6, 2013, regarding lead agency coordination for the project referenced herein, under Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review – SEQR) of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC” or “Department”) has the following interest in this project:

Name of Action: Cole Hollow Road Realignment Project, Town of Blenheim, Schoharie County

DEC Contact Person: Michael Higgins, Deputy Regional Permit Administrator

SEQR Classification: Type I

DEC Position: Based on the information provided, the DEC has no objection to the Town of Blenheim assuming lead agency status for this action.

Potential DEC Permits:

- **401 Water Quality Certification** – The plans indicate that the road re-alignment will cross through a small wetland which may be regulated by the US Army Corp of Engineers. Depending upon the Corp jurisdiction the impacts to this wetland may result in the need for this Department to issue a 401 Water Quality certification.
- **SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity** – If this project will disturb more than one acre of land, the applicant must comply with the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Phase II regulations for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities.

Please feel free to contact me at 518-357-2454 or by e-mail at mthiggin@gw.dec.state.ny.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Higgins
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator

CC: Andy Dangler, USACOE

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