

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY
TOWN OF HANCOCK, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK
FEMA-1650-DR-NY**

The Town of Hancock, Delaware County, New York, has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance with a public assistance project to construct a new Town Highway Garage as an Alternate Project. The new highway garage would replace the Town's original highway garage facility at West Main Street. The original facility was severely damaged during a June 2006 flood event, condemned, and is slated for demolition. The Town has been temporarily renting space for their highway operations at the former commercial lumberyard on Apex Road/NYS Route 268, along the western bank of the Cadosia Creek. FEMA's Public Assistance Program is considering providing funding as an Alternate Project under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1650-DR-NY.

Repair of the original highway garage facility and reconstruction at the original location were alternatives screened from consideration due to the extensive flood damage experienced at that location, inherent building code issues, and the site's location within a flood prone area. A No Action Alternative, involving continued rental of space to facilitate Town Highway Garage operations was dismissed, as this alternative was not feasible due to cost.

Description

The Town has elected to construct a new Town highway garage and associated subsurface sanitary system and stormwater management system at a site located off of County Route 28, in Fishs Eddy, New York. The property was formerly owned by Delaware County and was used by the Delaware County DPW as a materials storage area. A 7-acre portion of the site has been subdivided and purchased by the Town.

The proposed structure will be an insulated metal building on an 8" thick reinforced concrete slab. The building will be 55' wide x 130' long. The building will be used for vehicle maintenance and storage with four vehicle maintenance bays, office space, a break room as well as bathrooms and a mechanical room.

The project involves construction of a new subsurface wastewater treatment system, paved parking areas, roadways, a salt storage shed, fuel tank storage pad, drilled well and permanent storm water control measures. The salt storage shed and fuel tank will be located outside the 500-year floodplain.

CONDITIONS

The following conditions are to mitigate this projects potential adverse impact. The Applicant/Sub-applicant must meet these conditions as part of the project. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize Federal funds:

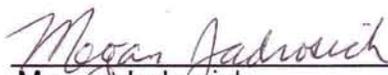
1. If cultural resources are unexpectedly discovered during construction, activities would cease in the immediate area and the New York State Historic Preservation Office, the FEMA Regional Environmental Officer and the New York State Emergency Management Office Historic Preservation Officer would be notified before work would continue.

2. A General State Point Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit, or a waiver of the permit, could be required to be obtained from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The applicant is responsible for obtaining and adhering to all conditions of applicable local, state and federal permits.

Findings

Based on the findings of the attached Environmental Assessment, coordination with the appropriate agencies, and adherence to the project conditions set forth in the EA, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (44 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and FEMA regulations for environmental consideration pertaining to NEPA compliance (44 CFR Part 10), FEMA has determined that the proposed action will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the biological or human environments. As a result of this FONSI, an EIS will not be prepared and the proposed project as described in the attached EA may proceed.

Approved:



Megan Jadrosich
Regional Environmental Officer
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region II

3/22/10

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Environmental Officer
Federal Emergency Management Agency Headquarters, Washington, DC

3/22/10

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