

APPENDIX H

SEQR Documentation

617.20
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.

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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

Name of Action

Name of Lead Agency

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

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

Name of Applicant/Sponsor

Address

City / PO

State

Zip Code

Business Telephone

Name of Owner (if different)

Address

City / PO

State

Zip Code

Business Telephone

Description of Action:

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: acres.

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

3. What is predominant soil type(s) on project site?

- a. Soil drainage: Well drained % of site Moderately well drained % of site.
 Somewhat
 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 (in feet)

5. Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes:

0-10% % 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? (in feet)

9. Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer? Yes No The site is suitable for hunting, but is private property (not open to the public).

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:

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:

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

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

b. Size (in 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 (number)

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

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

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

8. Will blasting occur during construction? Yes No **Blasting is not anticipated.**

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 Yes No

City, Town, Village Planning Board Yes No

City, Town Zoning Board Yes No

City, County Health Department Yes No

Other Local Agencies Yes No

Other Regional Agencies Yes No

State Agencies Yes No

Federal Agencies Yes No

C. Zoning and Planning Information

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

If Yes, indicate decision required:

Zoning amendment

Zoning variance

New/revision of master plan

Subdivision

Site plan

Special use permit

Resource management plan

Other

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

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

4. What is the proposed zoning of the site?

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

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?

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 Unknown

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

Date

Signature

Title

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.

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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

C	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%.	Yes	No
C	Construction on land where the depth to the water table is less than 3 feet.	Yes	No
C	Construction of paved parking area for 1,000 or more vehicles.	Yes	No
C	Construction on land where bedrock is exposed or generally within 3 feet of existing ground surface.	Yes	No
C	Construction that will continue for more than 1 year or involve more than one phase or stage.	Yes	No
C	Excavation for mining purposes that would remove more than 1,000 tons of natural material (i.e., rock or soil) per year.	Yes	No

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| | C Construction or expansion of a sanitary landfill. | Yes | No |
| | C Construction in a designated floodway. | Yes | No |
| | C Other impacts: | Yes | 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

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|--|------------------------|-----|----|
| | C Specific land forms: | Yes | No |
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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

- | | | | |
|--|--|-----|----|
| | C Developable area of site contains a protected water body. | Yes | No |
| | C Dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from channel of a protected stream. | Yes | No |
| | C Extension of utility distribution facilities through a protected water body. | Yes | No |
| | C Construction in a designated freshwater or tidal wetland. | Yes | No |
| | C Other impacts: | Yes | No |

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

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | |
|--|--|-----|----|
| | C A 10% increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease. | Yes | No |
| | C Construction of a body of water that exceeds 10 acres of surface area. | Yes | No |
| | C Other impacts: | Yes | No |

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5. Will Proposed Action affect surface or groundwater quality or quantity?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

C	Proposed Action will require a discharge permit.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action requires use of a source of water that does not have approval to serve proposed (project) action.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action requires water supply from wells with greater than 45 gallons per minute pumping capacity.	Yes	No
C	Construction or operation causing any contamination of a water supply system.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action will adversely affect groundwater.	Yes	No
C	Liquid effluent will be conveyed off the site to facilities which presently do not exist or have inadequate capacity.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action would use water in excess of 20,000 gallons per day.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action will likely cause siltation or other discharge into an existing body of water to the extent that there will be an obvious visual contrast to natural conditions.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action will require the storage of petroleum or chemical products greater than 1,100 gallons.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action will allow residential uses in areas without water and/or sewer services.	Yes	No
C	Proposed Action locates commercial and/or industrial uses which may require new or expansion of existing waste treatment and/or storage facilities.	Yes	No
C	Other impacts:	Yes	No

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

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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| C Proposed Action would change flood water flows | Yes | No |
| C Proposed Action may cause substantial erosion. | Yes | No |
| C Proposed Action is incompatible with existing drainage patterns. | Yes | No |
| C Proposed Action will allow development in a designated floodway. | Yes | No |
| C Other impacts: | Yes | No |

IMPACT ON AIR

7. Will Proposed Action affect air quality?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| C 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. | Yes | No |
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	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change	
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| C | Removal of any portion of a critical or significant wildlife habitat. | | | Yes | No |
| C | Application of pesticide or herbicide more than twice a year, other than for agricultural purposes. | | | Yes | No |
| C | Other impacts: | | | Yes | No |

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

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-----|----|
| C | Proposed Action would substantially interfere with any resident or migratory fish, shellfish or wildlife species. | | | Yes | No |
| C | Proposed Action requires the removal of more than 10 acres of mature forest (over 100 years of age) or other locally important vegetation. | | | Yes | No |
| C | Other impacts: | | | Yes | No |

IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND RESOURCES

10. Will Proposed Action affect agricultural land resources?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-----|----|
| C | The Proposed Action would sever, cross or limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc.) | | | Yes | No |
| C | Construction activity would excavate or compact the soil profile of agricultural land. | | | Yes | No |
| C | 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. | | | Yes | No |

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change	
			Yes	No
C 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).			Yes	No
C Other impacts:			Yes	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

C Proposed land uses, or project components obviously different from or in sharp contrast to current surrounding land use patterns, whether man-made or natural.			Yes	No
C 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.			Yes	No
C Project components that will result in the elimination or significant screening of scenic views known to be important to the area.			Yes	No
C Other impacts:			Yes	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

C 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.			Yes	No
C Any impact to an archaeological site or fossil bed located within the project site.			Yes	No
C Proposed Action will occur in an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NYS Site Inventory.			Yes	No

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change	
			Yes	No

c Other impacts:

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

- | | | | | |
|---|--|--|-----|----|
| c The permanent foreclosure of a future recreational opportunity. | | | Yes | No |
| c A major reduction of an open space important to the community. | | | Yes | No |
| c Other impacts: | | | Yes | 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

- | | | | | |
|---|--|--|-----|----|
| c Proposed Action to locate within the CEA? | | | Yes | No |
| c Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource? | | | Yes | No |
| c Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quality of the resource? | | | Yes | No |
| c Proposed Action will impact the use, function or enjoyment of the resource? | | | Yes | No |
| c Other impacts: | | | Yes | No |

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IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION

15. Will there be an effect to existing transportation systems?
 NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

- | | | | |
|---|--|-----|----|
| C | Alteration of present patterns of movement of people and/or goods. | Yes | No |
| C | Proposed Action will result in major traffic problems. | Yes | No |
| C | Other impacts: | Yes | 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

- | | | | |
|---|---|-----|----|
| C | Proposed Action will cause a greater than 5% increase in the use of any form of energy in the municipality. | Yes | No |
| C | 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. | Yes | No |
| C | Other impacts: | Yes | 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

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

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

IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH

18. Will Proposed Action affect public health and safety?
 NO YES

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| <p>C Proposed Action may cause a risk of explosion or release of hazardous substances (i.e. oil, pesticides, chemicals, radiation, etc.) in the event of accident or upset conditions, or there may be a chronic low level discharge or emission.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Proposed Action may result in the burial of "hazardous wastes" in any form (i.e. toxic, poisonous, highly reactive, radioactive, irritating, infectious, etc.)</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Storage facilities for one million or more gallons of liquefied natural gas or other flammable liquids.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Proposed Action may result in the excavation or other disturbance within 2,000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Other impacts:</p> | Yes | No |

**IMPACT ON GROWTH AND CHARACTER
OF COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD**

19. Will Proposed Action affect the character of the existing community?
 NO YES

- Examples** that would apply to column 2
- | | | |
|--|-----|----|
| <p>C The permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located is likely to grow by more than 5%.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C The municipal budget for capital expenditures or operating services will increase by more than 5% per year as a result of this project.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Proposed Action will conflict with officially adopted plans or goals.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Proposed Action will cause a change in the density of land use.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Proposed Action will replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures or areas of historic importance to the community.</p> | Yes | No |
| <p>C Development will create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire, etc.)</p> | Yes | No |

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|---|--|--|-----|----|
| C | Proposed Action will set an important precedent for future projects. | | Yes | No |
| C | Proposed Action will create or eliminate employment. | | Yes | No |
| C | Other impacts: | | Yes | 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.



Tri-County Memorial Hospital
 Town of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County

Figure 1: Regional Site Location
 July 2011

Notes: Base Map: ESRI StreetMap North America, 2008.





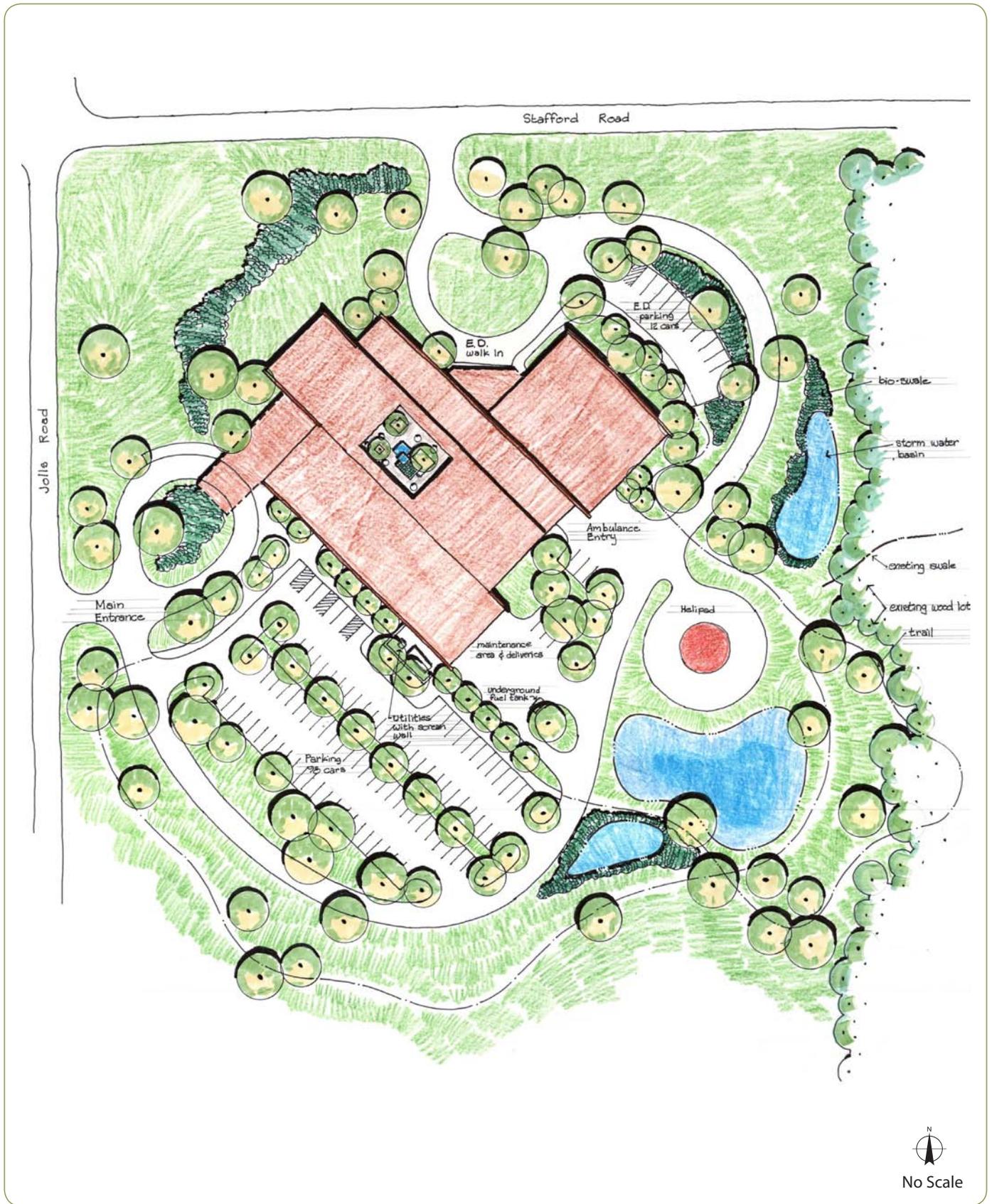
Tri-County Memorial Hospital
Town of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County

Figure 2: Project Site
July 2011

Notes: Base Map: 2 foot resolution natural color orthoimagery, year 2007.

-  Area Proposed to be Developed
-  Site Boundary





Tri-County Memorial Hospital
 Town of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County
Figure 3: Schematic Site Plan
 July 2011



APPENDIX I

Eight Step Decision Making Process for
Executive Orders 11988 and 11990

Executive Orders 11988 Floodplain Management and 11990 Wetlands Protection Eight-Step Decision Making Process

Executive Orders 11988 Floodplain Management and 11990 Wetlands Protection require federal agencies to take special care when undertaking actions that may affect wetlands or floodplains, directly or indirectly. The orders require agencies to avoid disrupting these areas wherever there is a practicable alternative, and to minimize environmental harm that might be caused by federal actions. In accordance with the implementing regulations at 44 CFR Part 9.6, an eight-step decision-making process is followed by the Agency in applying these two Executive Orders to its actions. This process is applied to the proposed project, which involves the construction of a new hospital facility in Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, New York, to replace a hospital that was substantially damaged by flooding due to its location within a floodplain and significant storm events. The damaged hospital is located within a 100-year floodplain in the Village of Gowanda, Cattaraugus County, New York. The steps in the decision making process for the subject project are as follows:

Step 1. Determine whether the proposed action is located in a wetland and/or the 100-year floodplain (500-year floodplain for critical actions); and whether it has the potential to affect or be affected by a floodplain or wetland.

The proposed new critical facility will be located outside the 500-Year Floodplain, as illustrated in the National Flood Insurance Program's Flood Insurance Rate Map (Community Panel No. 360091B dated April 20, 1984. The facility would be relocated from an original facility site that is partially located within the 100-Year Floodplain.

One small 0.08 acre forested seep/wetland is located within the eastern half of the new project site; however, the proposed footprint of development is located outside and sufficient buffer distance from the wetland.

Step 2. Notify the public at the earliest possible time of the intent to carry out an action in a floodplain or wetland, and involve the affected and interested public in the decision-making process.

Although the project will not be located within a floodplain or wetland, public notices concerning the proposed project will be published in the Dunkirk Observer and Olean Times Herald newspapers. These notices will serve as Step 2 and also the Notice of Availability of the draft National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment (EA). A hard copy of the EA will be made available for a 30-day public review at the Village of Gowanda, 27 E. Main St., Gowanda, NY 14070 and the Town of Perrysburg, 10460 Peck Hill Road Perrysburg, NY 14129. An electronic copy of the EA will be available for download from the FEMA website at www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region2.shtm.

Step 3. Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to locating the proposed action in a floodplain or wetland (including alternative sites, actions and the "no action" option). If a practicable alternative exists outside the floodplain or wetland FEMA must locate the action at the alternative site.

The proposed action does not involve siting the project in a floodplain or wetland. The project is being relocated from a floodplain to an area that does not contain floodplains or wetlands. Other alternatives that were evaluated also have no affect on floodplains or wetlands, including the no action alternative. However, the no action alternative

would not achieve the project objectives of providing replacement services lost by the damage at the existing hospital location.

Step 4. Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the occupancy or modification of floodplains and wetlands and the potential direct and indirect support of floodplain and wetland development that could result from the proposed action.

The proposed relocation project will benefit floodplain functions and values. The proposed new facility site is located outside both the 100-Year and 500-Year Floodplains; thereby minimizing risk of future flood damage to the structure and federal investment. The proposed action would also secure the original floodplain facility site through demolition of the original facilities. The floodplain habitat value of the original facility site may be further restored in the future if left as open space/parkland or enhanced with passive or active establishment of native vegetation.

Step 5. Minimize the potential adverse impacts and support to or within floodplains and wetlands to be identified under Step 4, restore and preserve the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains, and preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial values served by wetlands.

Minimization of flood damage risks was incorporated into the site alternative evaluation and selection. The proposed facility would be located outside the floodplain. The development footprint of the proposed facility would also be buffered from a small wetland area located at the proposed facility site.

Step 6. Reevaluate the proposed action to determine first, if it is still practicable in light of its exposure to flood hazards, the extent to which it will aggravate the hazards to others, and its potential to disrupt floodplain and wetland values and second, if alternatives preliminarily rejected at Step 3 are practicable in light of the information gained in Steps 4 and 5. FEMA shall not act in a floodplain or wetland unless it is the only practicable location.

The relocation of the hospital facility to outside the 100-Year and 500-Year floodplains is in the best interest of the government and public. Relocation was determined a practicable alternative considering social, financial, engineering, natural, political and legal factors.

Step 7. Prepare and provide the public with a finding and public explanation of any final decision that the floodplain or wetland is the only practicable alternative.

The anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact statement, to be signed after the closure of the public comment period for the Environmental Assessment, will serve as the final notice for the proposed relocation project.

Step 8. Review the implementation and post-implementation phases of the proposed action.

The proposed action will be implemented in accordance with construction documents that include erosion and sediment control plans that protect and avoid adverse direct and indirect impacts to off-site wetlands and floodplains.