



**Governor's Office of
Storm Recovery**

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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (NEGATIVE DECLARATION)**

TOWN OF OWEGO MUNICIPAL FACILITY PROJECT

DATE: May 25, 2017

NAME OF ACTION: Town of Owego Municipal Facility Project

LOCATION: 2354 NYS Route 434, Apalachin, Town of Owego, NY 13732

SEQRA CLASSIFICATION: ☐ Type I; ☒ Unlisted

REVIEW TYPE: ☒ Coordinated; ☐ Uncoordinated

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☒ Negative Declaration; ☐ Positive Declaration

The Proposed Project:

GOSR is managing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013). The NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), which administers the CDBG-DR program funds on behalf of GOSR, intends to approve funding for the new facility to house critical municipal operations located in the Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York, from the CDBG-DR Community Reconstruction and Infrastructure Program Fund. The Project would disturb approximately 3 acres of undeveloped land, on an approximately 4-acre Project site.

The proposed Project site is an approximately 4-acre parcel on the northwest side of the current Owego Town Hall and police barracks on SR 434. The Project site is both wooded and undeveloped land. There is a septic system located on the southeast perimeter of the Project site. The site is bounded by SR 434 to the northeast, and the Owego Town Hall, police barracks, and a parking area to the southeast. There are residential properties to the northwest and undeveloped parcels to the southwest. The Project site is located over the Clinton Street Ballpark Sole Source Aquifer.

The Project would include the construction of a new 33,181 square foot facility to house municipal operations for the Town of Owego. The new building would be designed to include a shared space for the Town's Sewer and Water Department, Parks Department Office, and Highway Department Office, including office space, meeting rooms, rest rooms, and garage bays. The facility would have a 9,300-square foot second floor. The interior layout has not been finalized. It is anticipated that this location would also be used as a staging area for utility companies, law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, National Guard, and other municipal operations during emergency situations such as floods.

The current Owego Town Hall obtains water from an on-site well. The water supplies for both the town hall and the new facility would be supplemented by the addition of a new supply well. These two wells would provide water to the town hall and the new facility.

A new septic system with an on-site leachate field would be constructed in accordance with local and state

requirements including permitting requirements. Stormwater runoff would be directed to onsite stormwater retention basins and allowed to infiltrate the ground. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) permits would be obtained for the stormwater system. The basins could be somewhat revised during finalization of site plans in response to NYSDEC permitting process.

Construction activities would include tree removal; clearing; grubbing; site preparation; soil borings; adding footings, a roadway, and parking; installing a water well; and constructing an on-site septic and leachate field. Trees would be removed from approximately 3 acres for the construction of the new facility, septic system, supply well, parking and storm drainage basins. The project would be constructed on property owned by the Town of Owego, so there would be no property acquisition.

Purpose and Need:

In 2011, Tioga County was severely damaged by the combination of the effects of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. On August 28, 2011, rains from Hurricane Irene saturated the soils, wetlands reached their storage capacity, and the runoff in the area brought streams and rivers to near flood conditions. When Tropical Storm Lee hit the county ten days later, on September 7, 2011, the conditions remaining from Irene resulted in rapidly rising waters of the Susquehanna River and the Owego and Huntington Creeks that caused severe flash flooding, destroying homes, businesses, and infrastructure. High water flowed through these communities for three days. Critical Town of Owego municipal facilities flooded, hampering critical municipal services and releasing stored fuel, salt, and sand into the environment, causing contamination.

The existing Town of Owego Highway Department, Parks Department, and Sewer and Water Department were completely inundated at their current locations impacting municipal services. These critical Town of Owego facilities are in the 100-year floodplain and are vulnerable during large storm events.

Implementation of the project would allow the Town to provide uninterrupted municipal services during and following storm events. The project beneficiaries are the residents of the Town of Owego. Ensuring unrestricted access to response and recovery equipment and the provision of critical municipal services during and following storm events is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the town residents.

Existing Conditions:

The proposed Project is located in the Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York. The Town of Owego is located along the Susquehanna River and is located within in the Susquehanna River Watershed. Owego contains a mix of residential neighborhoods, commercial properties including restaurants, retail stores, banks, medical centers, and open spaces. Because Owego is located along the Susquehanna River, many of its critical natural, economic, recreational, historic, and residential assets are located in the flood-prone portions of the community. The current land cover of the 3-acre portion to be disturbed is undeveloped forest and grassland. The Project site is surrounded by forest to the northwest and southwest with minimal residential development. The existing Owego Town Hall abuts the Project site to the southeast. State Route 435 and 17 abut the Project site to the northeast.

Funding:

The total Project cost is estimated at \$4,882,868. GOSR proposes to allocate funding pursuant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program as authorized by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013). The NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), which administers the CDBG-DR program funds on behalf of GOSR, intends to approve funding for the proposed Project as described in this notice.

Environmental Considerations:

The proposed Project site is located outside of the 100-year floodplain and the Town of Owego experienced severe flooding during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The severity of these storms created rapidly rising waters in the Susquehanna River, and Owego and Huntington Creek causing severe flash flooding,

which flooded critical municipal facilities and demonstrated the need for the relocation of these facilities outside of the floodplain. The proposed new facility will relocate the municipal facilities outside of the floodplain, critical to reducing the risk of flood damage and environmental contamination from fuel, salt, and sand that is often stored at these facilities which will benefit the Town residents.

Land Use, Zoning, Public Policy and Urban Design – The proposed Project is consistent with existing zoning regulations, land use types, building height and scale. The Project would maintain current land use and would therefore be compatible with existing land use. The Project site would continue to be zoned as Highway Interchange District (HIC). The proposed Project falls under the 2014 Tioga County NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan (NYRCR), and the Planning Committee and members of the public consider the relocation of the municipal facilities outside of the floodplain critical to reducing the risk of flood damage and environmental contamination from fuel, salt, and sand that is often stored at these facilities. The proposed Project would not result in the creation of new jobs and/or an increase in the number of employees and would therefore not have an urbanizing effect.

Soil Suitability, Slope, Erosion, Drainage, and Storm Water Runoff – The proposed site is primarily undeveloped forest with some open grassland along the southeast edge of the site. It is largely surrounded by forest to the northwest and southwest with minimal residential development. The existing Owego Town Hall abuts the Project site to the southeast. State Route 435 and 17 abut the Project site to the northeast. According to the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey, the proposed Project site is flat to moderately sloped with 0 to 15% slopes. The proposed activities will not change the slope of the existing site. Because the amount of ground disturbance at the Project site is greater than one acre, a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit for Phase II regulations for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities is required. In addition, best management practices (BMPs), such as silt fence and erosion prevention, would be implemented to eliminate erosion impacts for program locations that require excavation or soil modification, so impacts from erosion are not anticipated as a result of this Project. The existing trees will need to be removed as a result of the new facility. Approximately 3 acres of tree removal is anticipated. Although in-ground disturbance will occur for the new facility, any soil impacts during construction would be considered negligible. Stormwater runoff will be directed to onsite storm water retention basins and allowed to infiltrate into the groundwater system. The locations of the retention basins may be somewhat revised during finalization of the Project site plans in response to the NYSDEC permitting process. Construction and operation of the stormwater control system and all Project construction would be in accordance with Section 402 of the Clean Water Act that required authorization by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit or by a state permit program. New York State's Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) is a NPDES-approved program. Coverage under the NYSDEC GP-15-002 permit would be obtained prior to the commencement of construction activity.

Hazards and Nuisances, including Site Safety and Noise – The proposed Project will not adversely affect air quality. The proposed Project is not located in a designated non-attainment area for air quality and the proposed activities will not affect transportation patterns or levels of service thereby aiding the preservation of local air quality. Standard BMPs will be implemented during construction to control dust and other emissions. No significant impacts on air quality will result due to the proposed Project.

No hazardous or solid waste storage is evident on the site, and the Project would not expose new populations to hazardous or nuisances because no new populations would reside on the Project site. A search of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Bulk Storage Program Database identified two petroleum bulk storage facilities within 1 mile of the Project site. A search of the NYSDEC Remedial Site Database identified no records of the sites being addressed under one of DER's remedial programs (State Superfund, Brownfield Cleanup, Environmental Restoration and Voluntary Cleanup, the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites, and Institutional and Engineering Controls) within 1 mile of the Project site.

Some noise may be generated during construction; however, this will be temporary and will not adversely impact the surrounding areas. The proposed activities will not significantly increase the level of noise or vibration compared to current conditions. In addition, no blasting will be required.

Energy Consumption – The proposed Project will not cause an increase in the use of energy as the new facility will be replacing existing municipal facilities including Town of Owego Highway Department, Parks Department, and Sewer and Water Department. The new facility would use more modern and energy-saving building materials and practices. Some energy savings may be realized. No impacts would occur to existing nearby suppliers.

Socioeconomic Impacts and Community Facilities and Services – The proposed Project would create temporary construction jobs. However, these jobs would not significantly increase employment opportunities or impact income patterns. The proposed Project would not result in the creation of new permanent jobs and/or result in an increase in the number of employees in the Town of Owego and therefore would not impact employment and income patterns or alter the demographic characteristics of the surrounding community.

In addition, the Project would not increase the demand for educational, health care or social service facilities, nor would it directly or indirectly displace people, businesses, institutions, or community facilities as it would occur within existing undeveloped parcel owned by the Town of Owego.

The Project site does not contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Consultation with the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was initiated on November 30, 2016 to confirm that the proposed Project would not affect listed state or NRHP sites or districts. A response was received on December 1, 2016 indicating that the Project will result in ‘No Historic Properties Affected’. In addition, a consultation request for the proposed Project was sent to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the Onondaga Nation, Cayuga Nation, and Seneca-Cayuga Nation in March and April of 2016. The three Tribes have not responded.

The Project site has been identified as being sensitive for archaeological sites, which indicates that the Project site contains an archaeologically sensitive resource designated on the SHPO archaeological site inventory. A Phase I Archaeological Survey was conducted by Louis Berger in April 2016, which found no archaeological sites or cultural material within the Project area. The draft report, dated April 11, 2016, concluded that no cultural resources are present in the Project area that are eligible for inclusion under NRHP.

Construction activities will include tree removal; clearing; grubbing; site preparation; soil borings; adding footings, a roadway, and parking; installing a water well; and constructing an on-site septic and leachate field. These construction activities would result in the generation of waste. The amount of solid waste generated from the construction would not significantly increase short-term generation of municipal solid waste as the total acreage would be 3 acres. All Project-generated solid waste materials must be managed and transported in accordance with the state’s solid and hazardous waste rules.

No expansion of the sanitary sewer system would be required. The Project would not place a demand on a public sewer system.

No changes to the public/public water systems are anticipated. The adjacent Owego Town Hall obtains water from an on-site water supply well. The water supplies for both the existing Town Hall and new municipal facility will be supplemented by the addition of a supply well. The two water supply wells will provide water supplies to both the Town Hall and the new municipal facility. The proposed Project plans currently involve the construction of a new septic system with on-site septic leachate field in between the existing Owego Town Hall and proposed new municipal facility.

The proposed Project would not result in the creation of new jobs and/or result in an increase in the number of employees in the Town of Owego and therefore would not increase demand for police protection, fire protection, or emergency medical services. The proposed new facility would be constructed in compliance with local building codes. The Project is expected to ensure that the critical municipal facilities are relocated outside of the floodplain which will reduce the risk of flood damage and environmental contamination from fuel, salt, and sand that is often stored at these facilities, and is expected to have a beneficial impact on public safety.

The proposed Project of constructing the new facility would not impact open space or recreation.

The proposed Project would not impact transportation. There would be a negligible increase in construction traffic.

Natural Features – The Project site is not located within a state listed Critical Environmental Area (CEA). The nearest CEA is the Newark Valley Well Head Protection CEA, located approximately 9.6 miles north of the Project site.

The NWI has mapped a small freshwater pond immediately adjacent to the northwest of the Project site. The Susquehanna River has been mapped as a riverine feature. There are no NYSDEC mapped wetlands within the immediate vicinity of the Project site. A wetland delineation was performed by Shumaker Consulting Engineering and Land Surveying, D.P.C. on November 20, 2015. No wetlands, streams, or indicators of hydrology were identified during the delineation effort. The proposed Project would not physically alter, or encroach into the adjacent NWI mapped freshwater pond.

The Project site is within an EPA regulated Sole Source Aquifer (SSA), the Clinton Street Ballpark SSA. Consultation with the EPA occurred on December 7, 2016. A response was received on December 29, 2016, indicating that the Project satisfies the requirements of Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Project site is not within the 100-year or 500-year floodplain. In addition, the proposed Project will not result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems. The proposed actions will not create additional stormwater runoff that would adversely affect the existing of drainage systems. There will be an increase in impervious surface on the Project site of approximately 3 acres.

The NY Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) has no records of any rare or state-listed species in the Project area. There is a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nest located on Hiawatha Island, greater than 660 feet from the Project site based on review of NYSDEC data. Based on the proximity of the nest to the project, the intervening river and forested island cover, and additional coordination with the NYSDEC during the permit review process, no impact to endangered or threatened species is anticipated. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) online review process, completed in December 2016, indicated the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*), federal-listed as threatened and several species of migratory birds may occur within the boundary of the Project. Consultation was initiated with the USFWS on December 6, 2016. GOSR determined that this project may affect the NLEB, but that any resulting incidental takes of the NLEB is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule and if the USFWS did not respond within 30 days from submittal of the consultation that GOSR may presume that GOSR's determination was informed by the best available information and that GOSR's project responsibilities under 7(a)(2) with respect to the NLEB are fulfilled through the USFWS January 5, 2016, "Programmatic Biological Opinion (BO) on the Final 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Activities Excepted from Take Prohibitions." GOSR also determined that the proposed action will not likely to adversely affect the Bald Eagle due to distance to the nest and that migratory birds will leave the area during construction activities resulting in a no effect determination. The USFWS has not responded within 30 days of the consultation.

The Project will not convert farmland to nonagricultural use; will not require preparation of an Agricultural Impact Statement and Notice of Intent, and is exempt under the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The proposed Project is classified as an Unlisted action, and GOSR, as the lead agency, prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) under SEQRA. The proposed Project is funding the new facility to house the Town of Owego Sewer and Water Department, Parks Department, and Highway Department outside of the 100-year floodplain to protect these critical facilities during major storm events, and as such is not of sufficient scale to result in adverse effects to existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic patterns, solid waste production or disposal, or to create erosion or drainage problems.

The proposed Project would include the following measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects:

- Implementation of standard best management practices (BMP) would control dust and other emissions during construction.

Standard Requirements:

Any change to the proposed Project as described will require re-evaluation by GOSR's Certifying Officer for

compliance with SEQRA and other law, regulations and policies.

This review does not address all federal, state and local requirements. Acceptance of federal funding requires recipient to comply with all federal, state and local laws. Failure to obtain all appropriate federal, state and local environmental permits and clearances may jeopardize federal funding.

Additional Mitigation Measures:

To the extent practicable, the following mitigation measures recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency would be implemented by the Responsible Entity to minimize environmental impacts and create a more sustainable Project:

- Construction and demolition – utilize local and recycled materials in the construction process and to recycle materials generated onsite to the maximum extent possible
- Clean diesel – implement diesel controls, cleaner fuel, and cleaner construction practices for on-road and off-road equipment used for transportation, soil movement, or other construction activities, including:
 - Strategies and technologies that reduce unnecessary idling, including auxiliary power units, the use of electric equipment, and strict enforcement of idling limits; and
 - Use of clean diesel through add-on control technologies like diesel particulate filters and diesel oxidation catalysts, repowers, or newer, cleaner equipment.
- Stormwater – utilize low impact development (LID) principles such as minimizing effective imperviousness to create site drainage, and the planting of native and non-invasive vegetation on the Project site for stormwater management purposes. Other LID practices can include bioretention facilities, rain gardens, vegetated rooftops, rain barrels, and permeable pavements;
- Cost-efficient, environmentally friendly landscaping – EPA’s GreenScapes program provides cost-efficient and environmentally friendly solutions for landscaping;
- Energy efficiency – energy-efficient technologies should be incorporated into the firehouse when possible; and
- Water conservation and efficiency – promote water conservation and efficiency through the use of water efficient products and practices.
 - The use of products with the WaterSense label where appropriate.

In addition to the factors considered above, the GOSR considered the following guidance from the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations and determined that the Proposed Action would:

- (i) Not result in “a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;” (§617.7(c)(1)(i))
- (ii) Not result in “the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; impacts on a significant habitat area; or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources;” (§617.7(c)(1)(iii))
- (iii) Not result in “the impairment of the environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area as designated pursuant to subdivision 617.14(g) of this Part;” (§617.7(c)(1)(iii))
- (iv) Not result in “the creation of a material conflict with a community’s current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted;” (§617.7(c)(1)(iv))
- (v) Not result in “the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archaeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character;” (§617.7(c)(1)(v))

- (vi) Not result in “a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy;” (§617.7(c)(1)(vi))
- (vii) Not result in “the creation of a hazard to human health;” (§617.7(c)(1)(vii))
- (viii) Not result in “a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses;” (§617.7(c)(1)(viii))
- (ix) Not result in “the encouraging or attracting of a large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action;” (§617.7(c)(1)(ix))
- (x) Not result in “the creation of a material demand for other actions that would result in one of the above consequences;” (§617.7(c)(1)(x))
- (xi) Not result in “changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment; or (§617.7(c)(1)(xi))

Therefore, GOSR, acting as Lead Agency, and having prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF), has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not need to be prepared.

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Date: May 25, 2017
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Attachments:

Environmental Assessment Form (Parts, 1, 2 and 3)
Site Location Figure
Site Plan
Negative Declaration Distribution List

A copy of this Notice is available at the following web address:

<http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

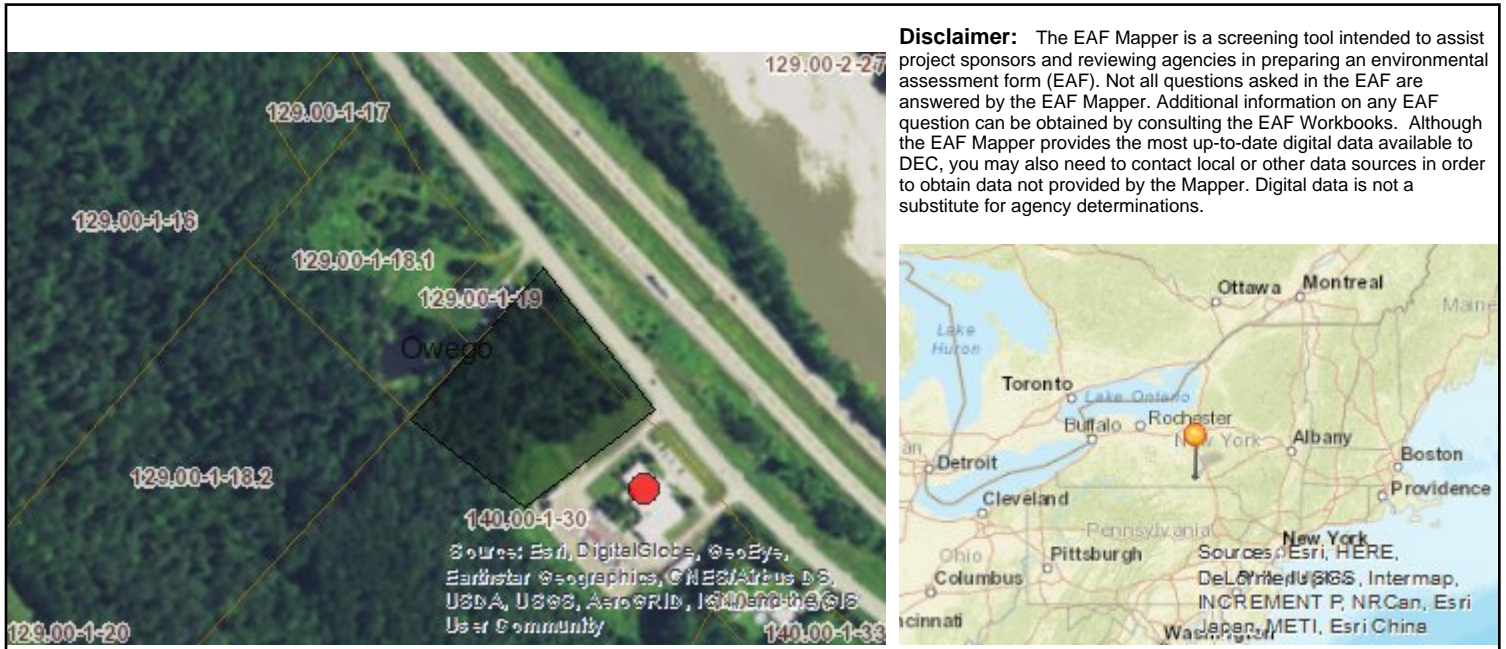
Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information							
Name of Action or Project: Town of Owego - Municipal Facility (Highway Department, Parks Department, Sewer and Water Department Office Relocation)							
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 2354 NYS Route 434, Apalachin, New York 13732, Lat. 42.082329, Long. -76.226042							
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The proposed project will include the construction of a 33,181 sf facility to house critical municipal operations for the Town of Owego. This facility will be built adjacent to the existing Owego Town Hall. This building will be staging area for utility companies, law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, National Guard, and other municipal operations in response to a storm. The project will relocate the Town's municipal operations outside of the floodplain to ensure continuous operation of municipal services during future storm events. Construction activities will include tree removal; clearing; grubbing; site preparation; soil borings; adding footings, a roadway, and parking; installing a water well, and constructing an on-site septic and leachate field.							
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Town of Owego, Donald Castellucci Jr. Town Supervisor		Telephone: 607-687-0213 E-Mail: DCastellucci@TownofOwego.com					
Address: Owego Town Hall, 2354 NYS Route 434							
City/PO: Apalachin		State: NY	Zip Code: 13732				
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYSDEC: State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES), permits for the stormwater system; NYSDOT: Highway Work Permit; Town of Owego: Building Permit, Site Plan Approval, Special Use Permit; NYSHCR - CDBG-DR Funding			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 3 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 3 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 4 acres							
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland							

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: The new facility would use more modern and energy-saving building materials and practices. Some energy savings may be realized.	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ As part of the proposed project, a new water well will be installed and connected into the existing supply well for the adjacent town bldg.	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ On-site septic and leachate field to be constructed	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places? b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ Wetland delineation determined no wetlands on the site.	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Town of Ouego</u> Date: <u>12-12-16</u> Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>		



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National Register of Historic Places]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

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Date:

5/25/2017

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Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.


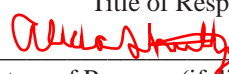
2. Land Use/Intensity: The proposed Project will change the current land use of the proposed site from undeveloped forest to the new 33,181 square foot facility that will house critical municipal operations for the Town of Owego. However, this impact has been determined to be small as the new facility will be constructed adjacent to the existing Owego Town Hall, which serves similar functions. The new facility will also be consistent in size with the surrounding development patterns. Approximately 3 acres are proposed to physically disturbed. Propose construction activities will not extend beyond the property owned by the Town of Owego. The action will not convert farmland to nonagricultural use and will not require preparation of an Agricultural Impact Statement and Notice of Intent.

7b. Public/Private Wastewater Treatment Utilities: The proposed Project plans currently involve the construction of a new septic system with on-site septic leachate field in between the existing Owego Town Hall and proposed new municipal facility.

8. Important Historic, Archaeological, Architectural or Aesthetic Resources: The Project site has been identified as being sensitive for archaeological sites. A Phase I Archaeological Survey was conducted by Louis Berger in the spring of 2016 , which found no archaeological sites or cultural material within the Project area. The draft report, dated April 11, 2016, concluded that no cultural resources are present in the Project area that are eligible for inclusion under NRHP.

9. Natural Resources: One listed federal wildlife species, the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), was identified on or adjacent to the Project area through database searches. Several migratory birds of concern could also potentially be affected by the propose Project. In addition, there is a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nesting site located on Hiawatha Island greater than 660 feet from the Project site based on review of NYSDEC data. However, it is unlikely that these species or any other endangered or threatened species are in the Project area as there is no critical or suitable habitat. There are also currently no known maternity roost trees or hibernacula known to be occupied by NLEB within the vicinity of the Project site.

10. Erosion, Flooding or Drainage: The proposed Project will not result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems. Storm water runoff will be directed to onsite storm water retention basins and allowed to infiltrate into the groundwater system. The locations of the retention basins may be somewhat revised during finalization of the Project site plans in response to the NYSDEC permitting process. Construction and operation of the stormwater control system and all Project construction would be in accordance with Section 402 of the Clean Water Act that required authorization by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit or by a state permit program.

<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.	
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery	05/25/2017
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Lori A. Shirley	Certifying Officer
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)

ATTACHMENT A

NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM PART 1 – PROJECT INFORMATION

OWEGO MUNICIPAL FACILITY PROJECT

DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION

This supplemental information has been prepared for the Project listed above as a companion to the Short Environmental Assessment Form (6 NYCRR Part 617.20 - Appendix B) completed by GOSR as part of an independent review as an Involved Agency, with consideration of Criteria for Determining Significance listed in 6 NYCRR 617.7.

Project Description: In 2011, Tioga County was severely damaged by the combination of the effects of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. On August 28, 2011, rains from Hurricane Irene saturated the soils, wetlands reached their storage capacity, and the runoff in the area brought streams and rivers to near flood conditions. When Tropical Storm Lee hit the county ten days later, on September 7, 2011, the conditions remaining from Irene resulted in rapidly rising waters of the Susquehanna River and the Owego and Huntington Creeks that caused severe flash flooding, destroying homes, businesses, and infrastructure. High water flowed through these communities for three days. Critical Town of Owego municipal facilities flooded, hampering critical municipal services and releasing stored fuel, salt, and sand into the environment, causing contamination.

The existing Town of Owego Highway Department, Parks Department, and Sewer and Water Department were completely inundated at their current locations impacting municipal services. These critical Town of Owego facilities are in the 100-year floodplain and are vulnerable during large storm events.

The Town of Owego intends to construct a new 33,181 square foot facility to house critical municipal operations for the Town of Owego. This facility will be built adjacent to the existing Owego Town Hall, located outside of the 100-year floodplain to mitigate the threat of flooding due to future storm events (See Attachment A1_Project Site Map). Implementation of the Project would allow the Town to provide uninterrupted municipal services during and following storm events. The Project beneficiaries are the residents of the Town of Owego. Ensuring unrestricted access to response and recovery equipment and the provision of critical municipal services during and following storm events is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the town residents.

The proposed Project consists of constructing the new facility outside of the 100-year floodplain to ensure continuous operation of municipal services during future storm events. The new facility will house the Town of Owego Sewer and Water Department, Parks Department Office, and Highway Department Office, including office space, meeting rooms, rest rooms, and garage bays. The proposed Project will include consolidation of these municipal operations into one campus, which will lead to cost savings as well. The facility would have a 9,300-square foot second floor. The interior layout has not been finalized. It is

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anticipated that this area will also be used as a staging area for utility companies, law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, National Guard, and other municipal operations in response to a storm event. Construction activities will include tree removal; clearing; grubbing; site preparation; soil borings; adding footings, a roadway, and parking; installing a water well; and constructing an on-site septic and leachate field (See Attachment A2_Site Plans). Trees would be removed from approximately 3 acres for the construction of the new facility, septic system, supply well, parking and storm drainage basins.

No land acquisition is anticipated as the Town of Owego owns the proposed Project site.

The Town of Owego will function as the Subrecipient for this \$4,882,868.00 Project. Accordingly, the Town will be responsible for the entire implementation of the proposed Project in accordance with all local, state, and federal requirements.

Environmental Issues

The subject property, is located on approximately 4 acres of undeveloped land, and the surrounding area can be described as primarily undeveloped forest, with minimal residential development. The existing Owego Town Hall abuts the Project site to the southeast. State Route 434 and 17 abut the Project site to the northeast.

Based on review of available databases and consultations with appropriate state and federal agencies, there are no known or anticipated environmental issues involved with the proposed Project.

SEQR Classification: Operating under the auspices of New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) disburses funding made available by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. For this proposed Project, GOSR serves Lead Agency and must make a discretionary decision to fund the proposed action. It is independently responsible for ensuring that its own decision is consistent with the requirements of SEQR.

The proposed Town of Owego Municipal Facility Project involves the construction of a new facility to house critical municipal operations, which will total approximately 33,181 square feet of physical disturbance. The new facility will be located in the Town of Owego, on currently undeveloped land that will comprise an approximately 4-acre Project area.

The subject property and proposed Project site has been classified as an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQR and reviewed and completed as such. GOSR conducted a Coordinated review to make its determination of significance and decision to fund the action. GOSR used the Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) as the basis for its determination of significance for the proposed action. For an Unlisted, there are no filing requirements for a negative declaration; however, GOSR will maintain the Administrative Record, provide a copy of the negative declaration to the applicant and to any other involved agencies, and make its files available for public reference.

ATTACHMENT B
NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
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PART 1 – PROJECT AND SPONSOR INFORMATION

OWEGO MUNICIPAL FACILITY PROJECT

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1. Legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance administrative rule, or regulation

- N/A

2. Permit, Approval or Funding from other Government Agency

Approvals (required and/or received) (See Attachment B1_NYSDEC response)

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) – State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Phase II regulations for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities
- NYSDEC permits for the stormwater system
- NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) - Highway Work Permit
- Town of Owego - Building Permit
- Town of Owego - Planning Board Site Plan Approval
- Town of Owego - Zoning Board of Appeals Special Use Permit

Funding

- NYS Homes and Community Renewal, Governor's Office of Storm Recovery – CDBG-DR Funds

3. Total Acreage

The proposed footprint of disturbance is approximately 3 acres of the entire 4-acre Project area, in the Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York (See Attachment A1).

4. Land Use On, Adjoining and Near the Proposed Action

The Project is located in the Town of Owego and is zoned Highway Interchange District (HIC). The proposed Project site is an approximately 4-acre parcel on the northwest side of the current Owego Town Hall and police barracks on SR 434. The Project site is both wooded and undeveloped land. There is a septic system located on the southeast perimeter of the Project site. The site is bounded by SR 434 to the northeast, and the Owego Town Hall, police barracks, and a parking area to the southeast. There

are residential properties to the northwest and undeveloped parcels to the southwest. The Project site is located over the Clinton Street Ballpark Sole Source Aquifer.

5. Permitted Use under Zoning Regulations

The proposed Project is not anticipated to require the acquisition of new land or changes to land use plans or zoning. The proposed Project falls under the 2014 Tioga County NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan (NYRCR), and the Planning Committee and members of the public consider the relocation of the municipal facilities outside of the floodplain critical to reducing the risk of flood damage and environmental contamination from fuel, salt, and sand that is often stored at these facilities (See Attachment B2_Tioga County NYRCR Plan).

6. Character of the existing built or natural landscape

The Project site is along State Route 434 and 17, in the Town of Owego and will involve the construction of a 33,181 square foot facility to house critical municipal operations. The new facility will not extend beyond the land owned by the Town of Owego (See Attachment A1). The Project site and surrounding area represent a landscape consisting of minimal residential single-family buildings, minimal municipal development, and medium-sized tracts of forest abutted by State Route 434 and 17.

7. State Listed Critical Environmental Area(s)

The Project site is not located within nor adjoins a state listed Critical Environmental Area (CEA). The nearest CEA is the Newark Valley Well Head Protection CEA, located approximately 9.6 miles north of the Project site (See Attachment B3_Newark Valley Well Head CEA).

8.a. Traffic Levels

The 2015 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) provides traffic data along State Route 434 and 17, which abut the Project site to the northeast. State Route 434 is listed as 4,001 to 10,000 vehicles per day and State Route 17 is listed as 25,001 to 75,000 vehicles per day indicating medium to high traffic volumes in the immediate vicinity of the Project. The proposed Project is not expected to increase traffic above the present levels as actions are proposed to occur adjacent to the existing Owego Town Hall (See Attachment B4_NYS DOT AADT). If construction traffic would affect adjacent roads, the applicant would coordinate with local transportation authorities to identify alternate routes or time-of-day mitigations to reduce potential temporary increases in vehicular traffic during construction.

8.b. Public Transportation Service(s)

The Project is located approximately 2.4 southeast miles from the Village of Owego, which has a greyhound bus station providing connections to other regions in New York and neighboring states, and provides connections to New York City. The Project will not require the development of new transit

services or create population demand that will exceed the capacity of current transportation infrastructure or transit service systems.

8.c. Pedestrian Accommodations or Bicycle Routes

The Project site is not located in the vicinity of a NYS Scenic Byway and bike path. State Route 434 and 17 which abut the Project site do not have pedestrian sidewalks.

9. State Energy Code Requirements

The proposed Project will meet state energy code requirements as the proposed Project will be replacing existing municipal facilities including the Town of Owego Sewer and Water Department, Parks Department Office, and Highway Department Office. The new facility would use more modern and energy-saving building materials and practices. Some energy savings may be realized. No impacts would occur to existing nearby suppliers.

10. Public/Private Water Supply

The adjacent Owego Town Hall obtains water from an on-site water supply well. The water supplies for both the existing Town Hall and new municipal facility will be supplemented by the addition of a supply well. The two water supply wells will provide water supplies to both the existing Town Hall and the new municipal facility (See Attachment B5_EPA Consultation).

11. Wastewater Utilities

The proposed Project plans currently involve the construction of a new septic system with on-site septic leachate field in between the existing Owego Town Hall and proposed new municipal facility (See Attachment A2 and Attachment B5). The Project would not place additional demand on a public sewer system.

12.a. Listed State or National Register of Historic Places

The Project site does not contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Consultation with the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was initiated on November 30, 2016 to confirm that the proposed Project would not affect listed state or NRHP sites or districts (See Attachment B6_SHPO Consultation). A response was received on December 1, 2016 indicating that the Project will result in 'No Historic Properties Affected' (See Attachment B7_SHPO Response).

In addition, a consultation request for the proposed Project was sent to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the Onondaga Nation, Cayuga Nation, and Seneca-Cayuga Nation in March and April 2016 (See Attachment B8_THPO Letter Onondaga Chief, Attachment B9_THPO Letter Cayuga Chief, and

Attachment B10_THPO Letter Seneca Cayuga Nation). A response from the three Tribes has not been received.

12.b. Archaeological Sensitive Area

The Project site has been identified as being sensitive for archaeological sites, which indicates that the Project site contains an archaeologically sensitive resource designated on the SHPO archaeological site inventory. A Phase I Archaeological Survey was conducted by Louis Berger in April 2016, which found no archaeological sites or cultural material within the Project area. The draft report, dated April 11, 2016, concluded that no cultural resources are present in the Project area that are eligible for inclusion under NRHP (See Attachment B11_Phase I Archaeological Survey).

13.a. Regulated Wetlands or Other Waterbodies

The NWI has mapped a small freshwater pond immediately adjacent to the northwest of the Project site. The Susquehanna River has been mapped as a riverine feature (See Attachment B12_NWI Wetlands). There are no NYSDEC mapped wetlands within the immediate vicinity of the Project site (See Attachment B13_NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands).

A wetland delineation was performed by Shumaker Consulting Engineering and Land Surveying, D.P.C. on November 20, 2015. No wetlands, streams, or indicators of hydrology were identified during the delineation effort (See Attachment B14_Wetland Delineation Letter).

13.b. Alteration or Encroachment on Wetland or Waterbody

The proposed Project would not physically alter, or encroach into the adjacent NWI mapped freshwater pond.

14. Habitat Types

The Project site and surrounding area consists largely of undeveloped forest interrupted with minimal grassland habitat and residential development, and the adjacent Owego Town Hall. The Susquehanna River is located along State Route 17, approximately 450 feet northeast of the Project site.

15. State or Federal government Threatened or Endangered Species

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) online review process, completed on December 2, 2016 using the Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) planning tool, indicated that the area around the Project site may have habitat for the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*), federal listing as threatened. Several migratory birds of concern could also potentially be affected by the proposed Project (See Attachment B15_USFWS Consultation). In addition, there is a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nesting site located on Hiawatha Island greater than 660 feet from the Project site based on review of NYSDEC data (approximately 0.5 miles east of the Project site) (See

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Attachment B16_Bald Eagle Nest Location). Based on the proximity of the nest to the project, the intervening river and forested island cover, and additional coordination with the NYSDEC during the permit review process, no impact to endangered or threatened species is anticipated. Furthermore, it is unlikely that the NLEB or any other endangered or threatened species are in the Project area as there is no critical or suitable habitat. There are also currently no known maternity roost trees or hibernacula known to be occupied by NLEB within the vicinity of the Project site (See Attachment B15).

Approximately 3 acres of tree clearing will occur for the proposed Project that may occur between April and October, during NLEB active season. Therefore, it is determined that the Project may affect the NLEB, but that any resulting incidental takes of the NLEB is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule. All activities associated with the proposed Project will not:

1. Disturb hibernating NLEBs in a known hibernaculum;
2. Alter the entrance or interior environment of a known hibernaculum;
3. Remove any trees within 0.25 miles of a known hibernaculum at any time of the year; or
4. Cut or destroy known occupied maternity roost trees, or any other trees within a 150-foot radius from the maternity roost tree, during the pup season (June 1 through July 31).

It has also been determined that the proposed Project will have no significant adverse impacts on migratory birds or their habitat, and will not likely adversely affect the bald eagle due to the distance to the nest. The NYSDEC has been consulted to identify mitigation measures to ensure that construction activities do not affect the bald eagle and will require the applicant to obtain any necessary permits identified by NYSDEC to protect the bald eagle. The NYSDEC Permit staff at the NYSDEC Region 7 Office has been consulted to identify potential impacts of the Project on the bald eagle and the Wildlife Manager has been consulted on how to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any impacts (See Attachment B15).

Consultation was initiated with the USFWS on December 6, 2016 for a concurrence on the 'No Effect' determination to NLEB, migratory birds, and the bald eagle (See Attachment B15). GOSR determined that this project may affect the NLEB, but that any resulting incidental takes of the NLEB is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule and if the USFWS did not respond within 30 days from submittal of the consultation that GOSR may presume that GOSR's determination was informed by the best available information and that GOSR's project responsibilities under 7(a)(2) with respect to the NLEB are fulfilled through the USFWS January 5, 2016, "Programmatic Biological Opinion (BO) on the Final 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Activities Excepted from Take Prohibitions." GOSR also determined that the proposed action will not likely to adversely affect the Bald Eagle due to distance to the nest and that migratory birds will leave the area during construction activities resulting in a no effect determination. The USFWS has not responded within 30 days of the consultation.

In addition, consultation with the New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) occurred on November 29, 2016 to identify the potential presence of any federal and/or state listed or rare species, and any other species or habitats of special concern in the vicinity of the proposed Project as the Project site is

within a location that is in vicinity of one or more rare plants or animals (See Attachment B17_NYNHP Consultation). A response was received from the NYNHP on December 13, 2016 indicating that there are no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities at the Project site or in its immediate vicinity (See Attachment B18_NYNHP Response).

16. 100-year Flood Plain

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), the Project site is not located within the 1% annual chance of flood (or 100-year flood hazard zone) or the 0.2% annual chance of flood (or 500-year flood hazard zone) (See Attachment B19_FEMA Floodplain).

The Project site is within an EPA regulated Sole Source Aquifer (SSA), the Clinton Street Ballpark SSA. Consultation with the EPA occurred on December 7, 2016 (See Attachment B5). A response was received on December 29, 2016, indicating that the Project satisfies the requirements of Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act with the following suggestions to minimize environmental impacts:

- Implement diesel controls, cleaner fuel, and cleaner construction practices for on-road and off-road equipment used for transportation, soil movement, or other construction activities;
- Utilize Low Impact Development (LID) principles such as minimizing effective imperviousness to create site drainage, and the planting of native and non-invasive vegetation on the Project site for stormwater management purposes;
- Encourage cost-efficient, environmentally friendly landscaping,
- Incorporate energy-efficient technologies and;
- Promote water conservation and efficiency through the use of water efficient products and practices in the facility (See Attachment B20_EPA Response).

17. Storm Water Discharge

Stormwater runoff will be directed to onsite storm water retention basins and allowed to infiltrate into the groundwater system (See Attachment A2 and B5). Stormwater protection measures would include one or two stormwater retention areas. Construction and operation of the stormwater control system and all Project construction would be in accordance with Section 402 of the Clean Water Act that required authorization by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit or by a state permit program. New York State's Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) is a NPDES-approved program. Coverage under the NYSDEC GP-15-002 permit would be obtained prior to the commencement of construction activity. The basins could be somewhat revised during finalization of site plans in response to NYSDEC permitting process.

18. Impoundment of Water or Other Liquids

Not Applicable

19. Solid Waste Management Facility

Not Applicable

20. Remediation for Hazardous Waste

The Project site or adjoining properties have not been the subject of ongoing or completed remediation for hazardous waste.

A search of the NYSDEC Bulk Storage Program Database identified two petroleum bulk storage facilities within 1 mile of the Project site (See Attachment B21_Bulk Storage Facilities). The Town of Owego Town Hall had a 2,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) that was removed. The Hauser Equipment Rentals site to the north had three USTs that were removed. A search of the NYSDEC Remedial Site Database identified no records of sites being addressed under one of Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) remedial programs (State Superfund, Brownfield Cleanup, Environmental Restoration and Voluntary Cleanup, the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites, and Institutional and Engineering Controls) within 1 mile of the Project site (See Attachment B22_Remediation Sites).

A Phase I Environmental Assessment (ESA) was performed by Foit-Albert Associates, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, P.C. (Foit-Albert), under the direction of LiRo Engineers, Inc. in January 2016. No recognized environmental conditions were identified in connection with the Project site. A stormwater drainage area and septic system was observed on the southeast perimeter of the site, which appears to receive stormwater runoff from the adjacent Owego Town Hall. This was identified as a potential environmental concern that may impact subsurface conditions. However, Foit-Albert concluded that this is not believed to be environmentally significant to the Project site (See Attachment B23_Phase I ESA).

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=owego>

New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets
<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/agsservices/agricultural-districts.html>
<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/agsservices/SOILCOUNTY.htm>

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
<http://gis.ny.gov/gisdata/inventories/member.cfm?organizationid=529&nysgis=>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29392.html>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32501.html>
http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/shoreprotect.pdf
http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits_ej_operations_pdf/visual2000.pdf
http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/wetart24a.pdf
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/38801.html>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/imsmaps/facilities/viewer.htm>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/natureexplorer/app/>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/62.html>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6184.html>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/53826.html>
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/regulations.html>

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
<http://gis3.dot.ny.gov/html5viewer/?viewer=tdv>

New York State Natural Heritage Program
<http://www.acris.nynhp.org/>

U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 American Community Survey
<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

United States Department of Agriculture
http://soils.usda.gov/survey/online_surveys/new_york/
<http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
<http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<http://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/entry.aspx>
<http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/aquifer>
<https://www.epa.gov/green-book>

U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife
<http://ecos.fws.gov/ecos/home.action>
<http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>
<http://refuges.fws.gov>
<http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Boundaries.html>
<http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Mapper.html>
<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/>

U.S. Geological Society
<http://viewer.nationalmap.gov/viewer/>

U.S. Department of Interior – National Park Service
<http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/gis/index.cfm>

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<http://www.nature.nps.gov/nnl/docs/NNLRegistry.pdf>
<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/research/>

U.S. Department of Interior – National Wild and Scenic Rivers System
<http://www.rivers.gov/new-york.php>

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SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
PART 2 – IMPACT ASSESSMENT

OWEGO MUNICIPAL FACILITY PROJECT

This supplemental information has been prepared for the Project listed above as a companion to the Short Environmental Assessment Form (6 NYCRR Part 617.20 - Appendix B) completed by GOSR as part of an independent review as an Involved Agency, with consideration of Criteria for Determining Significance listed in 6 NYCRR 617.7.

1. Adopted Land Use Plan or Zoning Regulations

The Town of Owego Municipal Facility Project (Project) involves the construction of a new 33,181 square foot facility to house critical municipal operations in the Town of Owego. The Project site, which will encompass approximately 4 acres, is located along State Route 434 and 17. The proposed Project will disturb approximately 3 acres. The Project falls under the 2014 Tioga County NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan (NYRCR), and the Planning Committee and members of the public consider the relocation of the municipal facilities outside of the floodplain critical to reducing the risk of flood damage and environmental contamination from fuel, salt, and sand that is often stored at these facilities (See Attachment B2).

The site is currently zoned for Highway Interchange District (HIC), with the construction of the new facility allowable.

2. Land Use / Intensity

There will be a small impact on the intensity of land use. The proposed Project will consist of the construction of a 33,181 square foot facility that will house the Town of Owego Sewer and Water Department, Parks Department Office, and Highway Department Office. It is anticipated this area will also be the staging area for utility companies, law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, National Guard, and other municipal operations in response to a storm. Proposed Project activities will not extend beyond the property owned by the Town of Owego. Approximately 3-acres is anticipated to be physically disturbed. The proposed actions include tree removal; clearing; grubbing; site preparation; soil borings; adding footings, a roadway, and parking; installing a water well; and constructing an on-site septic and leachate field. The action will not convert farmland to nonagricultural use and will not require preparation of an Agricultural Impact Statement and Notice of Intent.

3. Existing Community

Project scale and height will be comparable and consistent with the adjacent Owego Town Hall and surrounding forested landscape in the Town of Owego. The proposed Project site is an approximately 4-acre parcel on the northwest side of the current Owego Town Hall and police barracks on SR 434. The

Project site is both wooded and undeveloped land. There is a septic system located on the southeast perimeter of the Project site. The site is bounded by SR 434 to the northeast, and the Owego Town Hall, police barracks, and a parking area to the southeast. There are residential properties to the northwest and undeveloped parcels to the southwest. The Project site is located over the Clinton Street Ballpark Sole Source Aquifer.

The Project would contribute to the quality of life for the Town residents by ensuring unrestricted access to response and recovery equipment and the provision of critical municipal services during and following storm events, which is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents. The Project would not negatively impact the adjacent properties or the surrounding neighborhood.

4. Critical Environmental Areas

The Project site is not located within nor adjoins a state listed Critical Environmental Area (CEA). The nearest CEA is the Newark Valley Well Head Protection CEA, located approximately 9.6 miles north of the Project site (See Attachment B3).

5. Level of Traffic / Infrastructure

The 2015 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) provides traffic data along State Route 434 and 17, which abut the Project site to the northeast. State Route 434 is listed as 4,001 to 10,000 vehicles per day and State Route 17 is listed as 25,001 to 75,000 vehicles per day indicating medium to high traffic volumes in the immediate vicinity of the Project. The proposed Project is not expected to increase traffic substantially above the present levels as actions are proposed to occur adjacent to the existing Owego Town Hall (See Attachment B4). If construction traffic would affect adjacent roads, the applicant would coordinate with local transportation authorities to identify alternate routes or time-of-day mitigations to reduce potential temporary increases in vehicular traffic during construction.

6. Use of Energy / Energy Conservation / Renewable Energy

The proposed Project will meet state energy code requirements as the proposed Project will be replacing existing municipal facilities including the Town of Owego Sewer and Water Department, Parks Department Office, and Highway Department Office. The new facility would use more modern and energy-saving building materials and practices. Some energy savings may be realized. No impacts would occur to existing nearby suppliers.

7.a. Public / Private Water Supplies

The adjacent Owego Town Hall obtains water from an on-site water supply well. The water supplies for both the existing Town Hall and new municipal facility will be supplemented by the addition of a supply well. The two water supply wells will provide water supplies to both the Town Hall and the new municipal facility (See Attachment B5).

7.b. Public / Private Wastewater Treatment Utilities

The proposed Project plans currently involve the construction of a new septic system with on-site septic leachate field in between the existing Owego Town Hall and proposed new municipal facility (See Attachment A2 and B5). The Project would not place additional demand on a public sewer system.

8. Important Historic, Archaeological, Architectural or Aesthetic Resources

The Project site does not contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Consultation with the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was initiated on November 30, 2016 to confirm that the proposed Project would not affect listed state or NRHP sites or districts (See Attachment B6). A response was received on December 1, 2016 indicating that the Project will result in 'No Historic Properties Affected' (See Attachment B7).

In addition, a consultation request for the proposed Project was sent to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for the Onondaga Nation, Cayuga Nation, and Seneca-Cayuga Nation in March and April of 2016 (See Attachment B8, Attachment B9, and Attachment B10). A response from the three Tribes has not been received.

The Project site has been identified as being sensitive for archaeological sites, which indicates that the Project site contains an archaeologically sensitive resource designated on the SHPO archaeological site inventory. A Phase I Archaeological Survey was conducted by Louis Berger in April 2016, which found no archaeological sites or cultural material within the Project area. The draft report, dated April 11, 2016, concluded that no cultural resources are present in the Project area that are eligible for inclusion under NRHP (See Attachment B11).

9. Natural Resources (e.g., Wetlands, Waterbodies, Groundwater, Air Quality, Flora and Fauna)

The Project will not result in an adverse change to natural resources.

The NWI has mapped a small freshwater pond immediately adjacent to the northwest of the Project site. The Susquehanna River has been mapped as a riverine feature (See Attachment B12). There are no NYSDEC mapped wetlands within the immediate vicinity of the Project site (See Attachment B13). A wetland delineation was performed by Shumaker Consulting Engineering and Land Surveying, D.P.C. on November 20, 2015. No wetlands, streams, or indicators of hydrology were identified during the delineation effort (See Attachment B14). The proposed Project would not physically alter, or encroach into the adjacent NWI mapped freshwater pond.

The Project site is within an EPA regulated Sole Source Aquifer (SSA), the Clinton Street Ballpark SSA. Consultation with the EPA occurred on December 7, 2016 (See Attachment B5). A response was received on December 29, 2016, indicating that the Project satisfies the requirements of Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act with the following suggestions to minimize environmental impacts:

- Implement diesel controls, cleaner fuel, and cleaner construction practices for on-road and off-road equipment used for transportation, soil movement, or other construction activities;
- Utilize Low Impact Development (LID) principles such as minimizing effective imperviousness to create site drainage, and the planting of native and non-invasive vegetation on the Project site for stormwater management purposes;
- Encourage cost-efficient, environmentally friendly landscaping,
- Incorporate energy-efficient technologies and;
- Promote water conservation and efficiency through the use of water efficient products and practices in the facility (See Attachment B20).

The Town of Owego Shared Municipal Facility Project site is not located within an EPA Nonattainment Area (See Attachment C1_Nonattainment Areas). The Project would not require an NYS Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit. The Project activities would not substantively affect air quality. The Project size is consistent with the New York State Implementation Plan (SIP). Implementation of standard best management practices (BMP) would control dust and other emissions during construction. Air quality impacts would be short term and localized. Air quality effects of permanent increases in traffic would be minimal. Therefore, air quality impacts would be short-term and localized during construction and therefore no significant adverse impacts to air quality are anticipated.

One listed federal wildlife species, the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), was identified on or adjacent to the Project area through database searches. Several migratory birds of concern could also potentially be affected by the proposed Project (See Attachment B15). In addition, there is a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nesting site located on Hiawatha Island greater than 660 feet from the Project site based on review of NYSDEC data (approximately 0.5 miles east of the Project site) (See Attachment B16). Based on the proximity of the nest to the project, the intervening river and forested island cover, and additional coordination with the NYSDEC during the permit review process, no impact to endangered or threatened species is anticipated. Furthermore, it is unlikely that these species or any other endangered or threatened species are in the Project area as there is no critical or suitable habitat. There are also currently no known maternity roost trees or hibernacula known to be occupied by NLEB within the vicinity of the Project site (See Attachment B15).

Approximately 3 acres of tree clearing will occur for the proposed Project that may occur between April and October, during NLEB active season. Therefore, it is determined that the Project may affect the NLEB, but that any resulting incidental takes of the NLEB is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule. All activities associated with the proposed Project will not:

1. Disturb hibernating NLEBs in a known hibernaculum;
2. Alter the entrance or interior environment of a known hibernaculum;
3. Remove any trees within 0.25 miles of a known hibernaculum at any time of the year; or

4. Cut or destroy known occupied maternity roost trees, or any other trees within a 150-foot radius from the maternity roost tree, during the pup season (June 1 through July 31).

It has also been determined that the proposed Project will have no significant adverse impacts on migratory birds or their habitat, and the proposed Project will not likely adversely affect the bald eagle due to the distance to the nest. The NYSDEC has been consulted to identify mitigation measures to ensure that construction activities do not affect the bald eagle and will require the applicant to obtain any necessary permits identified by NYSDEC to protect the bald eagle. The NYSDEC Permit staff at the NYSDEC Region 7 Office has been consulted to identify potential impacts of the Project on the bald eagle and the Wildlife Manager has been consulted on how to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any impacts (See Attachment B15).

Consultation was initiated with the USFWS on December 6, 2016 for a concurrence on the 'No Effect' determination to NLEB, migratory birds, and the bald eagle (See Attachment B15). GOSR determined that this project may affect the NLEB, but that any resulting incidental takes of the NLEB is not prohibited by the final 4(d) rule and if the USFWS did not respond within 30 days from submittal of the consultation that GOSR may presume that GOSR's determination was informed by the best available information and that GOSR's project responsibilities under 7(a)(2) with respect to the NLEB are fulfilled through the USFWS January 5, 2016, "Programmatic Biological Opinion (BO) on the Final 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Activities Excepted from Take Prohibitions." GOSR also determined that the proposed action will not likely to adversely affect the Bald Eagle due to distance to the nest and that migratory birds will leave the area during construction activities resulting in a no effect determination. The USFWS has not responded within 30 days of the consultation.

The New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) confirmed that there are no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities at the site or in its immediate vicinity (See Attachment B18).

10. Erosion, Flooding or Drainage

The Project site is not located within the 1% annual chance of flood (or 100-year flood hazard zone), or the 0.2% annual chance of flood (or 500-year flood hazard zone) (See Attachment B19). The proposed Project will not result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems. Storm water runoff will be directed to onsite storm water retention basins and allowed to infiltrate into the groundwater system (See Attachment A2 and B5). Stormwater protection measures would include one or two stormwater retention areas. Construction and operation of the stormwater control system and all Project construction would be in accordance with Section 402 of the Clean Water Act that required authorization by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit or by a state permit program. New York State's Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) is a NPDES-approved program. Coverage under the NYSDEC GP-15-002 permit would be obtained prior to the

commencement of construction activity. The basins could be somewhat revised during finalization of site plans in response to NYSDEC permitting process.

11. Hazard to Environmental Resources or Human Health

HUD policy requires that the Project site and adjacent areas be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants of the property. All Project-related solid waste materials must be managed and transported in accordance with the NYS's solid and hazardous waste rules.

According to the EPA, the Town of Owego Municipal Facility Project is in Radon Zone 1, where the predicted average indoor radon screening level greater than 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), the highest potential for elevated indoor radon levels. Therefore, a vapor barrier would be installed to prevent radon gas from entering the building.

A Phase I Environmental Assessment (ESA) was performed by Foit-Albert Associates, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, P.C. (Foit-Albert), under the direction of LiRo Engineers, Inc. in January 2016. No recognized environmental conditions were identified in connection with the Project site. A stormwater drainage area and septic system was observed on the southeast perimeter of the site, which appears to receive stormwater runoff from the adjacent Owego Town Hall. This was identified as a potential environmental concern that may impact subsurface conditions. However, Foit-Albert concluded that this is not believed to be environmentally significant to the Project site (See Attachment B23).



ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

LISA BOVA-HIATT
Executive Director

March 8, 2017

Re: Lead Agency Designation for Environmental Review if the Town of Owego DPW,
Parks and Utilities Office Relocation Project, Tioga County, New York

Dear Involved/Interested Agency:

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery ("GOSR") proposes to serve as Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and related laws for the environmental review of the proposed Town of Owego - DPW, Parks and Utilities Office Relocation Project (the "Proposed Action"). GOSR is conducting an environmental review of the Proposed Action on behalf of the State of New York as the recipient of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under 42 U.S.C. § 5304(g).¹

The Proposed Action will include the construction of a new 32,800 sf garage facility to house critical municipal operations for the Town of Owego. This facility will be built adjacent to the existing Owego Town Hall. This building will be staging area for utility companies, law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, National Guard, and other municipal operations in response to a storm event. The project will relocate the town's municipal operations to an area outside the floodplain to ensure continuous operation of municipal services during future storm events. Construction activities will include tree removal, clearing, grubbing, site preparation, soil borings, footings, roadway, parking, installation of a water well, and utilization of the Town's wastewater treatment plant if deemed adequate or construction of an on-site septic system with leachate field.

This action has been preliminarily classified as an UNLISTED action pursuant to SEQRA. Additional information regarding the Proposed Action and its location are provided in the enclosed Short Environmental Assessment Form. The review of the Proposed Action under NEPA and SEQRA would satisfy the requirements of 24 CFR Part 58 and 6 NYCRR Part 617.

Your agency or organization has been identified as a potential cooperating, involved, or interested agency for the review and approval of the Proposed Action. If your agency consents to GOSR's serving as the Lead Agency for review under NEPA and SEQRA, please so indicate by signing this letter and returning it at your earliest convenience to Lori A. Shirley at 38-40 State Street, Hampton Plaza, Albany, New York 12207, or simply email a signed copy to Lori.Shirley@nyshcr.org. If we have not heard from you by April 8, 2017, your consent will be assumed.

¹The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, operating under the auspices of New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Housing Trust Fund Corporation, is the responsible entity for the administration of the CDBG-DR grants to the State of New York.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-0755. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Shirley
Director, Bureau of Environmental Review and Assessment

The undersigned hereby consents to The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery serving as lead agency for the Town of Owego DPW, Parks and Utilities Office Relocation Project described above.

Agency/Organization: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Permits/Approvals/Comments: _____

Enclosure: Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 with Figures
 List of Involved/Interested Agencies

**Involved/Interested Agencies - Town of Owego - DPW, Parks and Utilities Office
Relocation**

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2354 State Route 434
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David Bimber, Regional Permit Administrator, Region 7
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
615 Erie Blvd. West
Syracuse, NY 13204

Jack Williams, P.E., Regional Director
New York State Department of Transportation Region 9
44 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

Ron Schmidt, Code Enforcement & Building Inspector
2354 NY State Route 434
Apalachin, NY 13732

Interested Agencies:

Larry Moss, Technical Specialist
Division for Historic Preservation
New York State Historic Preservation Office
Peebles Island Resource Center
P.O. Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Susquehanna River Basin Commission (*potential because of storm water runoff*)
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