



Governor's Office of Storm Recovery



Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

Lisa Bova-Hiatt
Executive Director

November 24, 2015

Re: Lead Agency Designation for Environmental Review of the Village of Esperance Firehouse Rescue Facility – Esperance, Schoharie County, NY

Dear Interested/Involved 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 Village of Esperance Firehouse Rescue Facility (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) and 6 NYCRR Part 617.¹

The proposed actions will be conducted at the existing Village of Esperance Firehouse and Village Hall at 115 Church Street, Esperance, NY. The proposed actions include the construction of a new 5,400 square foot rescue facility (firehouse building), drainage swale, and catch basin; demolition of two truck bays; modification of the village hall; and repairs to the driveway including the addition of asphalt. The rescue facility (firehouse building) will be a pole barn built on the same property as the existing Village of Esperance Firehouse/Village Hall and would include: an area for staging equipment and assembling flood pumps; a sufficiently sized area for the firefighters to change; a storage area; a radio room; and office space. The proposed pole barn will be built in addition to (and adjacent to) the existing Firehouse/Village Hall. The project would also include the installation of a generator at the existing firehouse, which will serve both the existing and proposed facilities. The Village needs a new firehouse large enough to accommodate contemporary fire trucks, equipment and personnel in order to facilitate a timely response.

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.

¹ The 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.

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 SEQRA, please so indicate by signing this letter and returning it at your earliest convenience to Thomas J. King at 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224, Albany, New York 12260, or simply email a signed copy to Thomas.King@Stormrecovery.ny.gov. If we have not heard from you by December 28, 2015, your consent will be assumed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 473-0015. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. King
Assistant General Counsel

The undersigned hereby consents to The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery serving as lead agency for the Village of Esperance Firehouse Rescue Facility project.

Agency/Organization: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Permits/Approvals/Comments: _____

Enclosure:

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1
List of Involved and Interested Agencies

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: Village of Esperance Firehouse Rescue Facility			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 115 Church Street, Esperance NY 12066			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The proposed actions will be conducted at the existing Village of Esperance Firehouse and Village Hall at 115 Church Street, Esperance, NY. The proposed actions include the construction of a new 5,400 square foot rescue facility (firehouse building), drainage swale, and catch basin; demolition of two truck bays; modification of the village hall; and repairs to the driveway including the addition of asphalt. The rescue facility (firehouse building) will be a pole barn built on the same property as the existing Village of Esperance Firehouse/Village Hall and would include: an area for staging equipment and assembling flood pumps; a sufficiently sized area for the firefighters to change; a storage area; a radio room; and office space. The proposed pole barn will be built in addition to (and adjacent to) the existing Firehouse/Village Hall. The project would also include the installation of a generator at the existing firehouse, which will serve both the existing and proposed facilities. The Village needs a new firehouse large enough to accommodate contemporary fire trucks, equipment and personnel in order to facilitate a timely response.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Town of Esperance		Telephone: 518-875-6109	
		E-Mail: ctownofe@biznycap.rr.com	
Address: 104 Charleston Street			
City/PO: Esperance		State: NY	Zip Code: 12066
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.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
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: Village of Esperance site plan and building permit approval; NYSDOT Highway Work Permit; and Governor's Office of Storm Recovery NEPA EA and funding approval.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		0.73 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0.73 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		0.73 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>

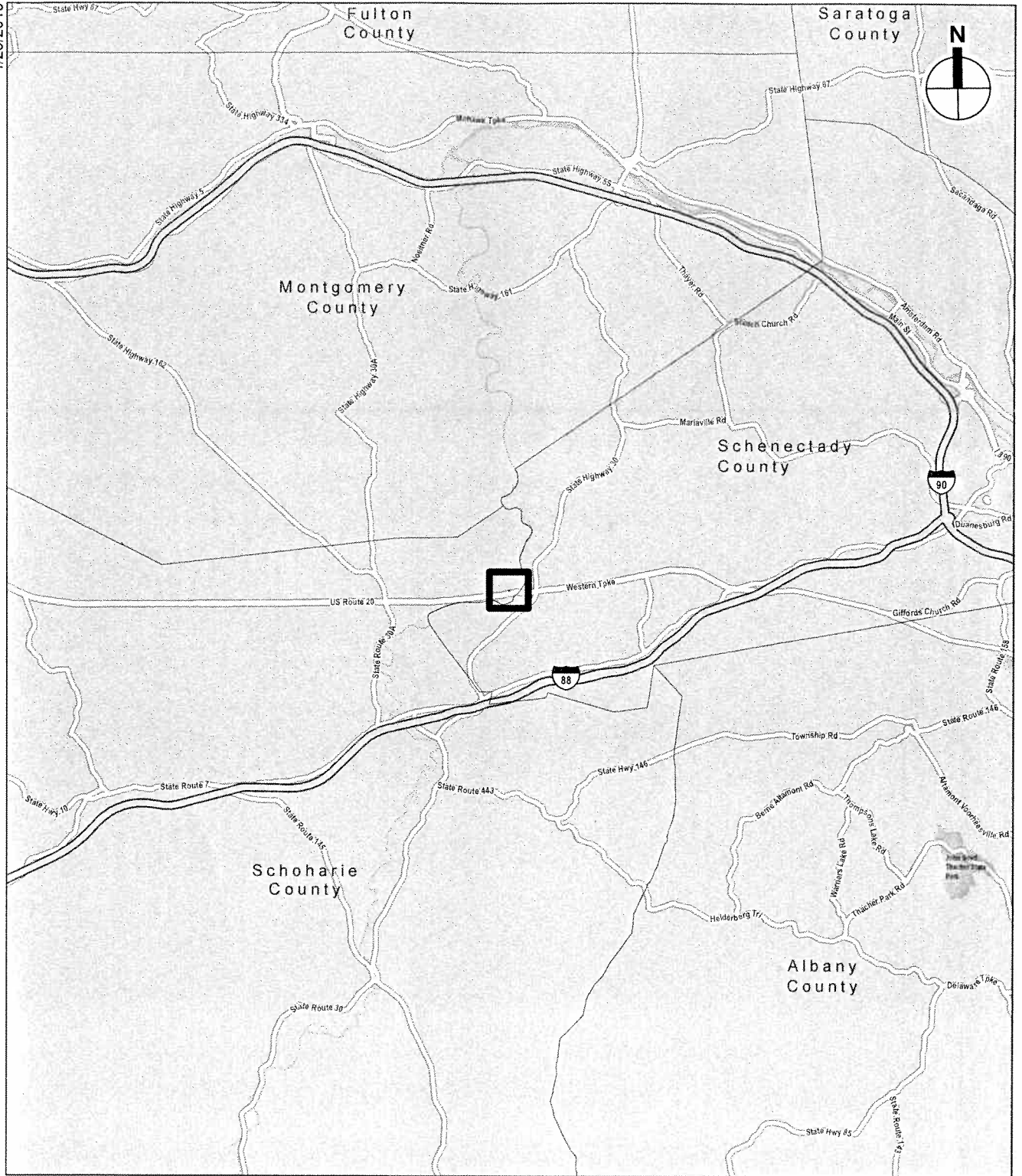
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE


Applicant/sponsor name: Town of Esperance

Date: 11/17/15

Signature: Carl Van Wommert

4/23/2015



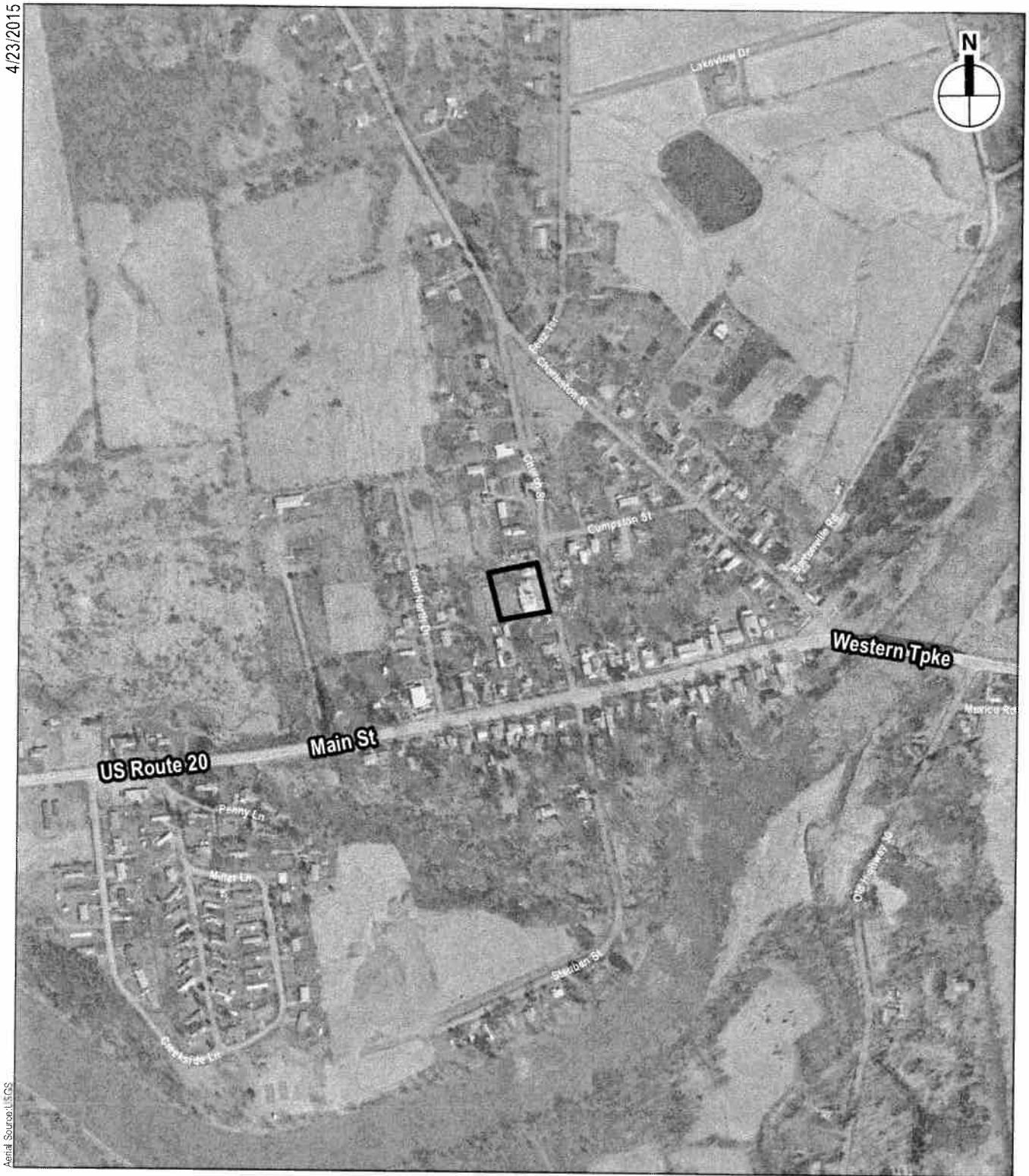
 Project Location

0 10 Miles


ESPERANCE FIREHOUSE RESCUE FACILITY

**Project Location Map
Figure 1**

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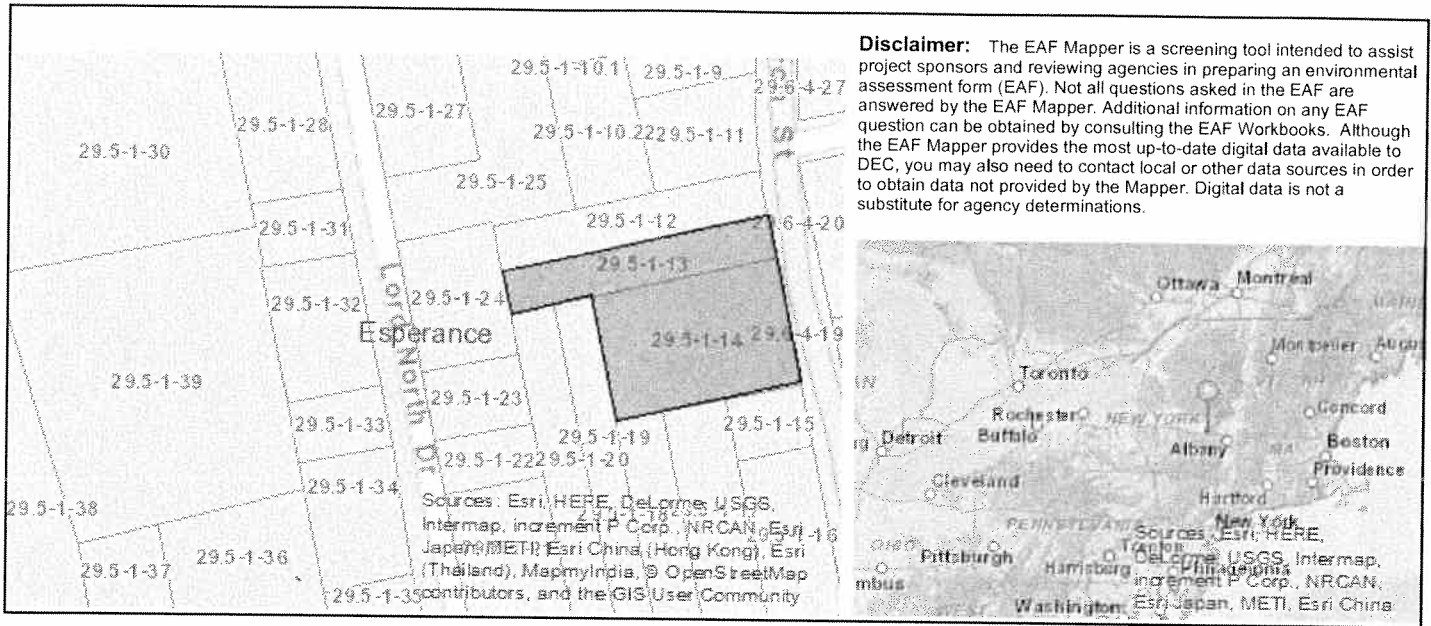
Aerial Source: USGS

 Project Site

0 1,000 FEET


ESPERANCE FIREHOUSE RESCUE FACILITY

Project Site Map
Figure 2



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]	No
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

Involved/Interested Agencies - Proposed Village of Esperance Firehouse Rescue Facility

Involved

SEQR Unit
New York State Department of Transportation
Traffic Engineering & Safety Division
4 Burnett Blvd.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

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New York State Historic Preservation Office
Peebles Island Resource Center
P.O. Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Mr. Ron Rausch, Director
Environmental Management Bureau
Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
625 Broadway, 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12238

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
William J. Clarke, Regional Permit Administrator, Region 4
1130 North Westcott Rd
Schenectady, NY 12306-2014

Alicia Terry, Senior Planner
Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency Office
276 Main Street- Suite 2, PO Box 396
Schoharie, NY 12157

Earl Van Wormer III, Supervisor
Town of Esperance
1498 State Rte 30A
Sloansville, NY 12160

Charles Johnston, Mayor
Village of Esperance
115 Church Street
P.O. Box 16
Esperance, NY 12066

Interested

M. Indica Jaycox, Schoharie County Clerk
P.O. Box 549
Schoharie, New York 12157

Charmayne VanWormer Town Clerk
Town of Esperance
P.O. Box 26
Esperance, NY 12066

Schoharie County Public Works Office
Highway Division
P.O. Box 249
Schoharie, NY 12157