



Governor's Office of Storm Recovery



Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

Lisa Bova-Hiatt
Executive Director

January 27, 2016

Re: Lead Agency Designation for Environmental Review of the Tioga Salt Storage Facility Project (Tioga 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 Salt Storage Facility 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. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development under 42 USC § 5304(g).¹

The Proposed Action includes the construction of a new covered salt storage facility at 8 Dry Brook Road, Tioga, in Tioga County, New York (Figures 1 and 2), the current location of the Town's salt storage facility. The salt is currently stored uncovered on the ground. The new facility will mitigate salt loss and the associated impacts to the neighboring waterways and agricultural property from potential salt contamination during future storm and flood events. Immediately after Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee dropped an additional 11 inches of rain in the Tioga Area. The extreme rains associated with these storms caused the Town's unprotected salt supply to wash away, causing potential environmental contamination to nearby surface water and agricultural lands. The proposed project will protect the Town's salt supply and prevent the likelihood of a similar event in the future.

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.



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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 February 27, 2016 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



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The undersigned hereby consents to The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery serving as lead agency for Tioga Salt Storage Facility Project.

Agency/Organization: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Permits/Approvals/Comments: _____

Enclosure: Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1
Figures 1 and 2
List of Involved and Interested Agencies

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

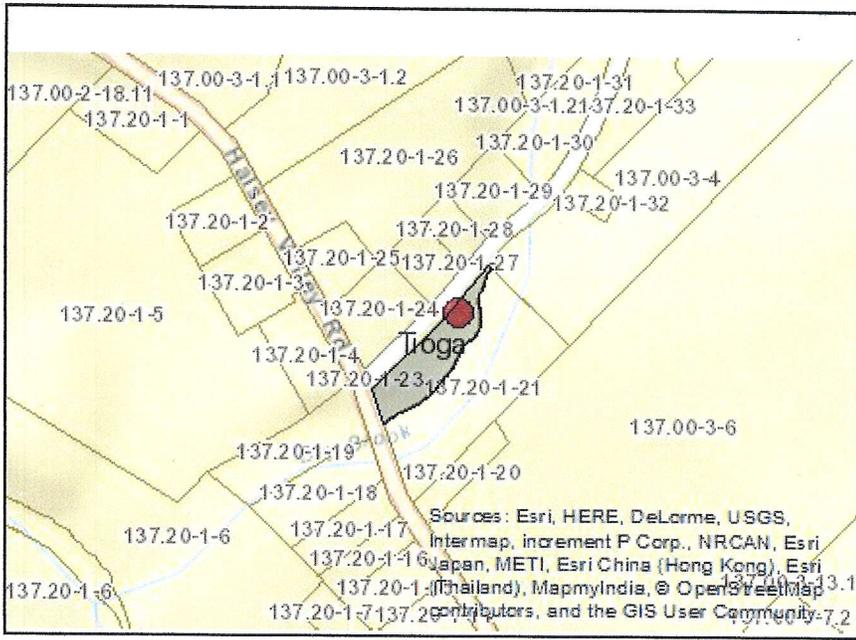
Instructions for Completing

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: Salt Storage Facility and Cover				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): The proposed project is located at 8 Dry Brook Road, in the Town of Tioga, Tioga County, New York.				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Town of Tioga is proposing to construct a salt storage facility and cover at this location to mitigate salt loss and associated impacts to the neighboring waterways and agricultural property from potential salt contamination during future storm and flooding events. The new facility construction will have steel internal supports and straight sidewalls and will be designed to prevent run-off of materials. The facility will consist of an approximately 6,000 square feet and 20 feet tall covered metal framed structure with a concrete floor. A concrete wall (approximately 4 feet high) will be constructed at the base of the east side of the building to prevent water from entering the facility. The footing for the wall will be approximately 4 feet deep. The proposed salt storage facility and cover will help the facility to resist storm damage and protect the local community and environment from salt contamination to waterways and agricultural lands.				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Town of Tioga / Lewis Zorn (Town Supervisor)		Telephone: (607) 687-2292 E-Mail: lzornsupervisor@htva.net.		
Address: 54 Fifth Avenue				
City/PO: Barton	State: NY	Zip Code: 13734		
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 checked="" 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: HUD CDBG-DR Public Facilities (funding), Town of Tioga Building Permit, NYDEC SPDES permit			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		1.4 acres		
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		1.2 acres		
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		1.4 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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Public Works Services</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland				

<p>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: _____ _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>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: _____ _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>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: _____ _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p>		
<p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Lewis Zorn, Supervisor</u></p>		<p>Date: <u>1/20/2016</u></p>
<p>Signature: <u>Lewis W Zorn</u></p>		



Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.



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]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

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Project Area

Legend

 Project Area

Tioga Salt Storage Facility and Cover
8 Dry Brook Road
Town of Tioga
Tioga County, New York



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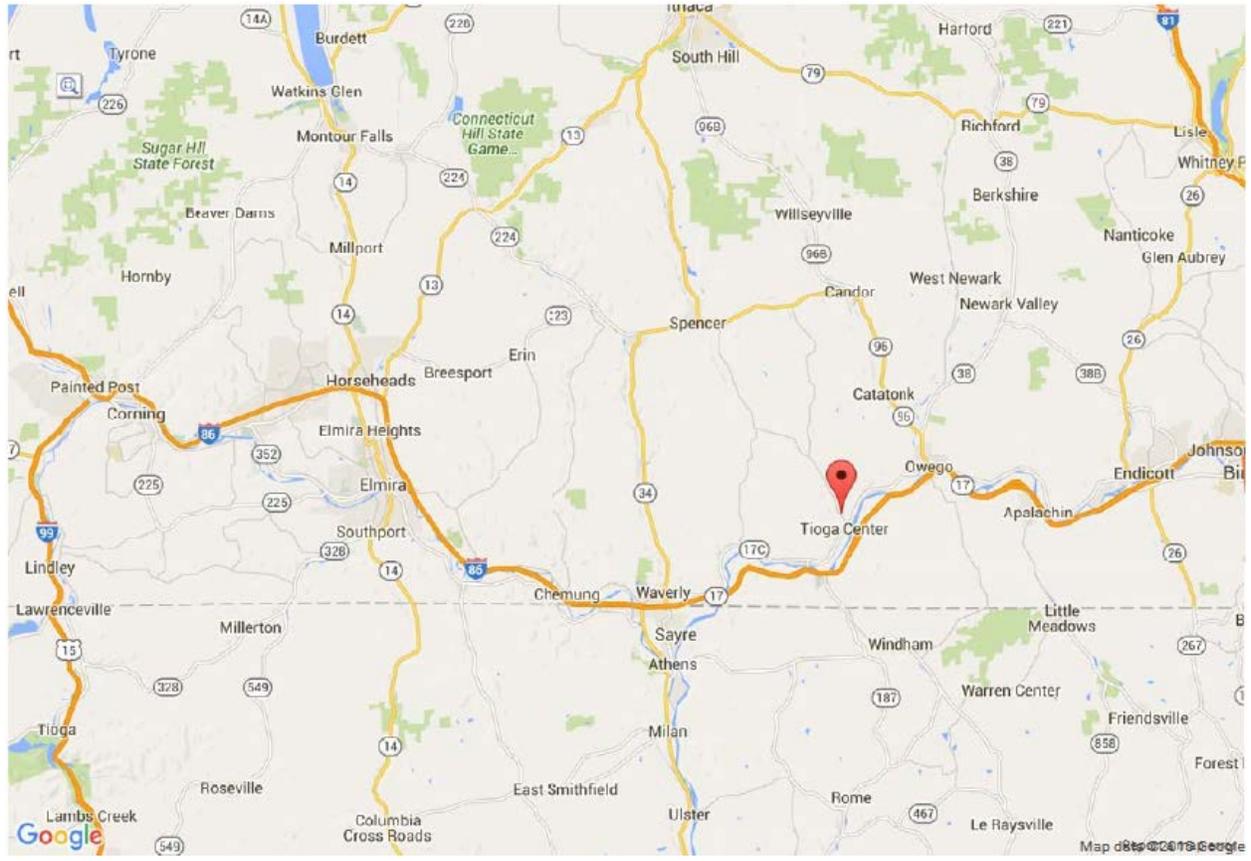


Figure 1. Site Location

Involved/Interested Agencies - Tioga Salt Storage Facility

Involved

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Ruth Pierpont, Deputy Commissioner
New York State Historic Preservation Office
Peebles Island Resource Center
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Waterford, NY 12188-0189

New York State Homes and Community Renewal
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Albany, NY 12207

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54 Fifth Avenue
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Interested

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44 Hawley Street
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