

By Legislators Dondorfer and Ancello

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2020

**CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR GREATER ROCHESTER
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, OFF-AIRPORT TREE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL, RUNWAY 10-
28**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature determines that the Greater Rochester International Airport, Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal, Runway 10-28 Project is a Type I action.

Section 2. The Monroe County Legislature has reviewed and considered the Full Environmental Assessment Form dated May 28, 2020 and has considered the potential environmental impacts of the Greater Rochester International Airport, Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal, Runway 10-28 Project pursuant to the requirements of State Environmental Quality Review Act and has found that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The Monroe County Legislature hereby issues and adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto and made a part hereof and determines that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Section 3. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take such actions to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution and publication of the documents required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment and Public Works; November 25, 2020 - CV: 7-0
File No. 20-0403

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

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Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 1 - Project and Setting

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. 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; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: Greater Rochester International Airport, Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal, Runway 10-28		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Beyond airport runway 10-28 ends City of Rochester and Town of Chili. See attached map		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): <p>The proposed project involves the removal of obstructions (trees) in order to maintain safe, navigable airspace beyond the ends of the runways. The project would bring the airport into compliance with FAA design standards and regulations regarding clear airspace.</p> <p>On Airport and State-owned property, the tree removal would include clearing, but not grubbing (i.e., retention of the stumps and root balls) of all trees over 10' in height. Small trees and understory would be retained with the goal to preserve the property as a meadow and scrub-shrub community.</p> <p>In private, residential areas, the tree removal would generally include selective removal of individual tall trees, without removal of stumps. However, if requested by owners, removal of the tree stumps, with minor grading and seeding, removal of woodchips, and general restoration (i.e., clean-up) would be completed.</p>		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Monroe County- Andy Moore		Telephone: 585-753-7158
		E-Mail: A.Moore@monroecounty.gov
Address: 39 West Main Street		
City/PO: Rochester	State: NY	Zip Code: 14614
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Michael Wall, Construction Project Manager		Telephone: 585-753-7109
		E-Mail: MichaelWall@monroecounty.gov
Address: 1200 Brooks Avenue		
City/PO: Rochester	State: NY	Zip Code: 14624
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor): Various-see attached.		Telephone:
		E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)		
Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Council, Town Board, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
c. City, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Monroe County	June 30, 2020 (projected)
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NYS Canal Corporation (permit) NYSDOT (approval)	January 2021 upon completion of Design (projected)
h. Federal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	FAA (funding)	June 30, 2020 (projected)
i. Coastal Resources.		
i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.	
Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Yes, complete sections C, F and G. If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part I 	
C.2. Adopted land use plans.	
a. Do any municipally-adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway, Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, identify the plan(s): NYS Heritage Areas West Erie Canal Corridor	
c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, identify the plan(s): Town of Chili Open Space Master Plan, Town of Chili Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan, Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan	

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C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?
City of Rochester-R-1- Low-Density Residential District & O-S -Open Space District, Town of Chili-General Industrial and RAO- Rural Agriculture Overlay, Town of Chili has an Airport Development Overlay District.

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes,
 i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? _____

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? Rochester City, Gates-Chili and Wheatland-Chili

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?

Monroe County Sheriff

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?

Chili Fire Department, Chili Volunteer Ambulance, Rochester Fire Department

d. What parks serve the project site?

Genesee Valley Park

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)? Tree obstruction removal.

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 58.6 acres

b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 24.5 acres

c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 1,185 acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes,
 i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, if mixed, specify types)

ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iii. Number of lots proposed? _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No

iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? ☐ Yes ☒ No

i. If No, anticipated period of construction: _____ months

- ii. If Yes:
- Total number of phases anticipated _____
 - Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) _____ month _____ year
 - Anticipated completion date of final phase _____ month _____ year
 - Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____

f. Does the project include new residential uses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	One Family	Two Family	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)
Initial Phase				
At completion				
of all phases				

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes,

- i. Total number of structures _____
- ii Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: _____ height; _____ width; and _____ length
- iii Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: _____ square feet

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes,

- i Purpose of the impoundment: _____
- ii If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: ☐ Ground water ☐ Surface water streams ☐ Other specify: _____
- iii If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. _____
- iv Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area _____ acres
- v Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height, _____ length
- vi Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete). _____

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

- i What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____
- ii How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?
- Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____
 - Over what duration of time? _____
- iii Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them _____

iv Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe. _____

v What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres

vi What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres

vii What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet

viii Will the excavation require blasting?

☐ Yes ☐ No

ix Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- i Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): Tree obstruction removal will take place in federal wetlands.

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres: Any trees within the wetland will be cut by hand over winter during frozen ground conditions and will be pulled out as needed. No grubbing or ground disturbance would occur in the tree removal areas within the wetland. No equipment will be allowed within the wetland. No decrease in wetland acreage will result from the tree removal.

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe: _____

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: _____
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: _____
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): _____
- proposed method of plant removal: _____
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): _____

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: _____

No ground disturbance is proposed within wetland.

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: _____
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do existing lines serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____
- Source(s) of supply for the district: _____

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: _____

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: _____

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: _____ gallons/minute

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial, if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): _____

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: _____
- Name of district: _____
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____

- iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____

- v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans): _____

- vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____

- e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

- i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?

_____ Square feet or _____ acres (impervious surface)

_____ Square feet or _____ acres (parcel size)

- ii. Describe types of new point sources. _____

- iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)? _____

- If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____

- Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, identify:

- i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g. heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles) _____

- ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, hatch plant, crushers) _____

- iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation) _____

- g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

- i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) ☐ Yes ☐ No

- ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:

- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

- i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____
 ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____

i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): _____

j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): ☐ Morning ☐ Evening ☐ Weekend
☐ Randomly between hours of _____ to _____

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks). _____

iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? ☐ Yes ☒ No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: _____

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within 1/2 mile of the proposed site? ☐ Yes ☒ No

vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? ☐ Yes ☒ No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? ☐ Yes ☒ No

k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action _____

ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): _____

iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

i. During Construction:

- Monday - Friday: 7AM-5PM
- Saturday: _____
- Sunday: _____
- Holidays: _____

ii. During Operations:

- Monday - Friday: _____
- Saturday: _____
- Sunday: _____
- Holidays: _____

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes:
i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:
Tree removal will cause temporary noise that will take place Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7am-5pm.

ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Describe: The tree removal will open up areas between the airport and the residential properties along Beahan Road as well as between the airport and the residential properties on Kingsboro Road.

n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes:
i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Describe: _____

o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____

p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes:
i. Product(s) to be stored _____
ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)
iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: _____

q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes:
i. Describe proposed treatment(s): _____

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? ☐ Yes ☐ No

r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:
i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:
• Construction: trees tons per n/a (unit of time)
• Operation: n/a tons per n/a (unit of time)
ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:
• Construction: The tree clearing operation will likely mulch most of the trees.
• Operation: n/a
iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:
• Construction: n/a
• Operation: n/a

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s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): _____

ii Anticipated rate of disposal/processing: _____

• _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or

• _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: _____

ii Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents _____

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month

iv Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

i Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: _____

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: _____

E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site

a. Existing land uses.

i Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site

☒ Urban ☒ Industrial ☒ Commercial ☒ Residential (suburban) ☐ Rural (non-farm)
☒ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☒ Other (specify) Erie Canal Erie Canal Trail Airport

ii If mix of uses, generally describe _____

b. Land uses and cover types on the project site

Land use or Cover type	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	9.1	9.1	0
• Forested	24.5	0	-24.5
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	22	46.5	+24.5
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	0	0	n/a
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	3	3	0
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	3.5*	3.5*	0
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	0	0	n/a
• Other Describe: _____			

*acreage also included in the forested cover type

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c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 i. If Yes: explain: Trees will be cut along the Erie Canal Trail.

d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes,
 i. Identify Facilities:
Creekview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes:
 i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:
 • Dam height: _____ feet
 • Dam length: _____ feet
 • Surface area: _____ acres
 • Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet
 ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: _____
 iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection: _____

f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes:
 i. Has the facility been formally closed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 • If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____
 ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility: _____
 iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: _____

g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes:
 i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred: _____

h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes:
 i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply. ☒ Yes ☐ No
☒ Yes - Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): 0206990 0205263, 9003507, 1309722
☐ Yes - Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): _____
☐ Neither database
 ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: _____
 n/a

iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): V00206 828015 828095
 iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s): _____
 Classifications: V00206-No further action at this time. 828015- Properly closed. 828095- Active. All spill cases have been closed.

1. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

• If yes, DEC site ID number: _____

• Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____

• Describe any use limitations: _____

• Describe any engineering controls: _____

• Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• Explain: _____

E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site?

>6.67 feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ %

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:

Urban Land (Ub)

15 %

Scholarie silt loam (SeB)

40 %

Made land (Mb)

45 %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: 0 to >6.67 feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils: ☒ Well Drained:

5 % of site

☒ Moderately Well Drained:

75 % of site

☒ Poorly Drained

20 % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes: ☒ 0-10%:

100 % of site

☐ 10-15%:

_____ % of site

☐ 15% or greater:

_____ % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe: _____

h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes to either i or ii, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency?

☒ Yes ☐ No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

• Streams:

Name 820-18, 821-16

Classification B, C

• Lakes or Ponds:

Name

Classification

• Wetlands:

Name Federal Waters, Federal Waters, Federal Waters....

Approximate Size

• Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC)

A-0.8 ac (wetland) B-C-2.9 ac

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____

i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway?

☐ Yes ☒ No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain?

☒ Yes ☐ No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain?

☐ Yes ☒ No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Name of aquifer: _____

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:		
<u>white-tailed deer</u>	<u>various birds</u>	<u>chipmunk</u>
<u>gray squirrel</u>	<u>various amphibians</u>	
<u>raccoon</u>	<u>eastern garter snake</u>	
n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes:		
i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): <u>Silver Maple-Ash Swamp</u>		
ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: <u>Noted by CHA during wetland delineation on October 21 and 22, 2019.</u>		
iii. Extent of community/habitat:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently: _____ acres • Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres • Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres 		
o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes:		
i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____		
p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes:		
i. Species and listing: _____		
q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: <u>Eric Canal-fishing. Tree stands were noted in the western project area</u>		
F.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site		
a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____		
b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____		
ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____		
c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes:		
i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature		
ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____		
d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes:		
i. CEA name: <u>Not named</u>		
ii. Basis for designation: <u>Environmentally sensitive</u>		
iii. Designating agency and date: <u>Agency Rochester City of, Date 3-14-86</u>		

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e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: ☐ Archaeological Site ☒ Historic Building or District

ii. Name: Enlarged Erie Barge Canal Nominated by NPS (2014)

iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based:
Meets the National Register criteria. Associated with events that made a contribution to history. Embodies distinctive characteristics.

f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory? ☒ Yes ☐ No

g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Describe possible resource(s): _____

ii. Basis for identification: _____

h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Identify resource: Genesee Valley Greenway, Erie Canal Trail

ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): greenway and trail

iii. Distance between project and resource: 0.11 and 0 miles

i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____

ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? ☐ Yes ☐ No

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Andrew G. Moore Date 5/28/2020

Signature Andrew Moore Title Airport Director

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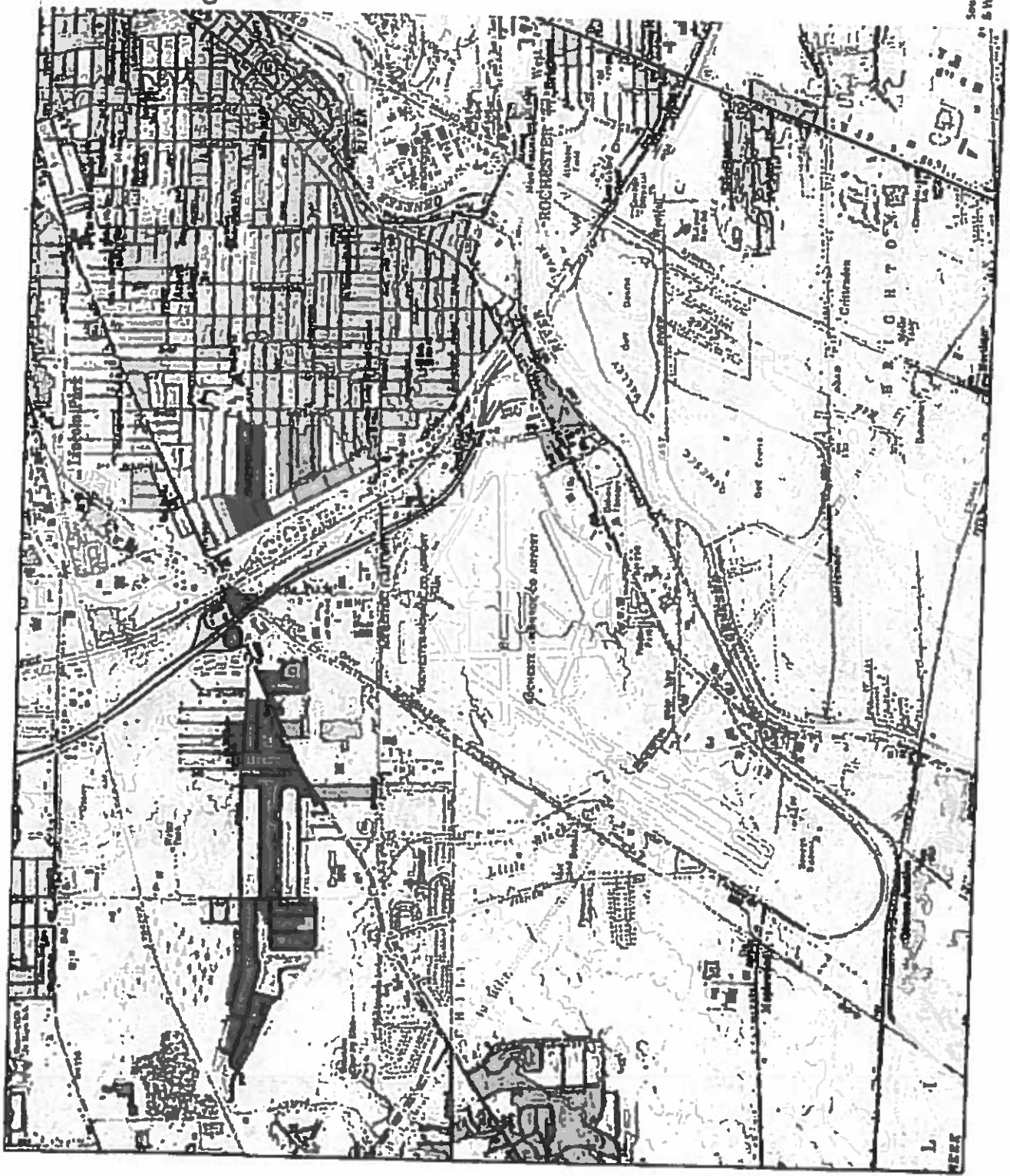


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**Figure 1
USGS Project Location**

Source: Topographic Quadrangles Rochester West
& West Henrietta, USGS (1995 & 2000)



Involved Agencies:

Monroe County- Lead Agency
New York State Canal Corporation
New York State Department of Transportation

Interested Agencies:

NYSOPRHP- can be submitted to the CRIS by CHA (NYSOPRHP has already reviewed the project)
FAA
Town of Chili
City of Rochester

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Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

Agency Use Only (If applicable)
 Project: _____
 Date: _____

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency and the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1, D.1)			
If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet	E2d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E3a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides)	D2e, D2q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts. _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Impact on Geological Features

The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part I, E.2 g)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a Identify the specific land form(s)-attached _____	E2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark Specific feature: _____	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Other impacts _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Impacts on Surface Water

The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes) (See Part I, D.2, E.2 h)

☐ NO☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - i. If "No", move on to Section 4.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Other impacts _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Impact on groundwater

The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer.

☒ NO

☐ YES

(See Part I, D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t)

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source: _____	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater	D2d, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Impact on Flooding

The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding.

(See Part I, E.2)

☒ NO

☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	E1e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

g. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Impacts on Air The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels: i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO ₂) ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N ₂ O) iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs) iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF ₆) v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HFCs) emissions vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
b The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E 2. m.-q.) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source: _____	E2n	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source: _____ <u>tree cutting proposed</u>	E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Impact on Agricultural Resources The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part I, E.3.a. and b.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.</i>			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).	E1a, F1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.	E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.	E1b, E3a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.	E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.	C2c, C3, D2c, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.	C2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part I. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	E3h E2q. E1c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile 1/2 - 3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part I. E.3.e, f. and g.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 11.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.	E3e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source:	E3g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. Other impacts _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:			
i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.	E3c, E3g, E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.	E3c, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.	E3c, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. (See Part I, C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2c, E1b, E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c, E1c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part I, E.3.d) If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Impact on Transportation

The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems.
(See Part 1. D.2.j)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Impact on Energy

The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy.
(See Part 1. D.2.k)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1g, D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed	D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Impacts: _____			

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting.
(See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)

☐ NO☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation	D2m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part I.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.)
If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.

☐ NO

☒ YES

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2i	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.	D2r, D2s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	E1f, F1g, E1h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	E1f, E1g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. Consistency with Community Plans

The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.
(See Part 1, C.1, C.2, and C.3.)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations	C2, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Consistency with Community Character

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.
(See Part 1, C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)

☐ NO☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, F3f, C3g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.	C2, E3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project

Date

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Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

See attached

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status

☒ Type 1

☐ Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project. ☒ Part 1

☒ Part 2

☒ Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information
 Environmental Resource Mapper results and NHP response, USEWS IPaC results, NYSOPRHP response, Visual Impact Assessment

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
 Monroe County as lead agency that:

☒ A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

☐ B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

☐ C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: Greater Rochester International Airport, Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal, Runway 10-28

Name of Lead Agency: Monroe County

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Adam J. Bello

Title of Responsible Officer: County Executive

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Michael Wall

Date: 7/20/20

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

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Part 3

Impact on Land-The proposed project entails tree obstruction removal. On Airport and state-owned property, the tree removal would include clearing, but not grubbing (i.e., retention of the stumps and root balls) of all trees over 10' in height. Small trees and understory would be retained, with the goal to preserve the property as a meadow and scrub-shrub community.

On private lands (residential areas) the tree removal would generally include selective removal of individual tall trees, without removal of stumps. However, if requested by owners, removal of the tree stumps, with minor grading and seeding, removal of woodchips, and general restoration (i.e., clean-up) would be completed.

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Monroe County Soil Survey, the water table is less than three feet in the soils identified as Canandaigua silt loam (Ca), Claverack loamy fine sand (CkB), and Schoharie silt loam (SeB). Due to the nature of the project, minimal impact to these soil types are proposed. Soil erosion and sedimentation controls would be implemented to minimize impacts. Therefore, no significant impacts are anticipated.

Impact on Surface Water- A wetland delineation was completed by CHA on October 21-22, 2019. Wetlands were delineated pursuant to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and current regional supplement. Wetlands were identified based on the presence of vegetation typically adapted to wet conditions (hydrophytes), hydric soils, and the presence or evidence of hydrology. Wetland boundaries were demarcated with vinyl flagging and survey located. The delineated areas include Wetland A, which contains an intermittent stream and Wetland B/C within the western project limits. The Erie Canal, a perennial stream, has been identified within the eastern limits.

The project proposes the removal of trees within 3.5 acres of the delineated wetlands. The tree removal would include clearing of all trees over 10 feet in height. Small trees and understory would be retained, with the goal to preserve the property as an undeveloped meadow and scrub shrub community.

Any trees within the wetland would be cut by hand over winter during frozen ground conditions to the extent practical and would be pulled out as needed. No grubbing or ground disturbance would occur in the tree removal areas within the wetland. No equipment would be allowed within the wetland. No decrease in wetland acreage would result from the tree removal.

The contractor would be responsible for identifying suitable areas for staging that are outside of wetlands. Sedimentation and erosion controls would be incorporated into the design plans.

CHA did not have access to all areas within the project limits during the wetland delineation. Areas that were not field verified will be treated as if wetlands are present. Trees in these areas would be cut by hand and removed as described above.

Due to the tree removal method described above, it is not anticipated that a Section 404 permit would be required from the USACE for tree removal within wetland. Since there are no state wetlands or associated 100-foot adjacent areas within the project areas, an Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit would not be required from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

As noted above, soil erosion and sedimentation controls would be implemented. Therefore, the project would have no significant impact on surface water.

Impact on Flooding- Based on review of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps, there is an area of Zone A (100-year floodplain) associated with the New York State Barge Canal/Erie Canal within the eastern project area.

Tree removal would not impact flood elevations; however, it has potential to increase runoff rates. In this instance, the remaining vegetation, consisting of shrubs, small trees, and groundcover, will control runoff. Erosion and sedimentation controls would further mitigate any potential impacts. Therefore, there would be no significant impact on flooding.

Impact on Plants and Animals- A field investigation was completed by CHA on October 21-22, 2019 to document the habitats within the project areas. Vegetative community types within the project areas are described according to *Ecological Communities of New York State, Second Edition* (Edinger 2014)¹ and *Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States* (Cowardin 1979)². Vegetative communities identified within the project areas consist of shallow emergent marsh, red maple-hardwood swamp, silver maple-ash swamp, successional old field, mowed lawn, mowed lawn with trees, mowed roadside/pathway, successional northern hardwoods and spruce/fir plantation.

As noted in the Impact on Land section, the small trees and understory would be retained, with the goal to preserve the property as a meadow and scrub-shrub community on Airport and state-owned property and the in private, residential areas, the tree removal would generally include selective removal of individual tall trees. The project would include the removal of trees from areas that total approximately 24.5 acres. On the west side, forested areas remain to the north as well as across Beahan Road to the west. On the east side, forested areas would remain to the northwest. Since there would be trees remaining in the vicinity of the project, since some areas are just selective removal and since small trees would remain, no significant impacts to forested habitats are anticipated.

The NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper (ERM) was reviewed (Attachment A). No threatened or endangered species are mapped within the western project area; however, the ERM indicates that the eastern project area is in vicinity of rare freshwater mussels not listed by NYS.

¹ Edinger, G. J., D. J. Evans, S. Gebauer, T. G. Howard, D. M. Hunt, and A. M. Olivero (editors). 2014. *Ecological Communities of New York State, Second Edition*. A revised and expanded edition of Carol Reshke's *Ecological Communities of New York State*. New York Natural Heritage Program, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany, NY.

² Cowardin, L. M., V. Carter, F. C. Golet, E. T. LaRue. 1979. *Classification of wetlands and deepwater habitats of the United States*. U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C.

Therefore, the NYSDEC Natural Heritage Program (NHP) was contacted to see if any rare or state listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities are mapped within the eastern project area. A response was received from the NHP dated October 2, 2019, indicating the potential presence of two unlisted species, including the pink heelsplitter (*Potamilus alatus*) and the fragile papershell (*Leptodea fragilis*). These species are present in the Genesee River, 0.2 miles south of the eastern project area. No state listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities were identified within or in the immediate vicinity of the project area (Attachment A).

The United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) database indicates that there are no threatened, endangered, or candidate species listed for the project areas. Additionally, no critical habitats have been identified for this location (Attachment A).

As a result of the site visit, the habitat types identified within the project areas were compared to those of the species identified above.

Pink Heelsplitter & Fragile Papershell

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Fact Sheet for the pink heelsplitter, this species can be found in rivers and lakes of various sizes and speeds with sand to coarse gravel bottom³. The USGS Fact Sheet for the fragile papershell indicates that this species can be found in moderate to large rivers with silty mud bottoms, sand and gravel, sand and silty sand⁴. As noted above, an intermittent stream that flows through Wetland A and the perennial Erie Canal are within the project area. The pink heelsplitter and the fragile papershell are present in the Genesee River, which is not within the project area, therefore, the habitat for these species would not be impacted.

Impact on Aesthetic Resources- A portion of the project within the eastern project area is located along the Erie Canal and is within or adjacent to the New York State Barge Canal Historic District and a potential Environmental Justice community. Given these historic and sensitive resources, the impact of the project on the visual character of the surrounding area has been assessed (Visual Impact Assessment-Attachment B). With site investigations and the closer study of the existing and proposed conditions of three key views, it has been determined that the project would not significantly impact the visual quality and experience for users along the Erie Canal Trail or residents within the Environmental Justice community along Kingsboro Road. Further, no mitigation is recommended at this time. Therefore, there would be no significant impact to Aesthetic Resources.

Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources- The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) has reviewed the project and has indicated in

³ Benson, A.J., 2019, *Potamilus alatus*: U.S. Geological Survey, Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Database, Gainesville, FL, <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?speciesID=2241>, Revision Date: 9/1/2017, Access Date: 10/14/2019.

⁴ Benson, A.J., 2019, *Leptodea fragilis*: U.S. Geological Survey, Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Database, Gainesville, FL, <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/factsheet.aspx?speciesID=2239>, Revision Date: 9/1/2017, Access Date: 10/14/2019.

a letter dated December 10, 2019, that the project would have No Adverse Effect (Attachment C): Therefore, there would be no significant impact to Historic and Archeological Resources.

Impact on Critical Environmental Areas-The canal is designated as a Critical Environmental Area (CEA) by the City of Rochester. The CEA is called: *Land within 100' of Genesee River-Barge Canal, Lake Ontario or River Gorge except in manufacturing industrial zone*. The basis for designation is environmentally sensitive. The canal is within the eastern project area.

According to the NYSDEC website (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6184.html>), "To be designated as a CEA, an area must have an exceptional or unique character with respect to one or more of the following:

- a benefit or threat to human health;
- a natural setting (e.g., fish and wildlife habitat, forest and vegetation, open space and areas of important aesthetic or scenic quality);
- agricultural, social, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, or educational values; or
- an inherent ecological, geological or hydrological sensitivity to change that may be adversely affected by any change."

No impact to the canal itself is proposed, however, trees would be cut within 100-feet of the canal. This area is state owned; therefore, the removal would entail clearing, but not grubbing of all trees over 10' in height. Small trees and understory would be retained, with the goal to preserve the property as a meadow and scrub-shrub community. Since small trees and understory would remain along the canal and since there are no impacts to the canal itself, no significant impacts to the CEA are anticipated. This determination is further supported by the No Adverse Effect recommendation by the NYSOPRIIP and the results of the visual impact assessment.

Impact on Noise- There would be temporary/short term noise impact due to the tree removal. This impact would take place from Monday through Friday from the hours of 7am to 5pm. The project is anticipated to take approximately 8-10 weeks. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated.

Impact on Human Health- Creekview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is located within 1,500 feet of the project area. The project areas are beyond the runway ends, therefore, the center would not be impacted by the project.

The NYSDEC Spill Incidents Database Search revealed two spills within the western project area (Spill Numbers: 0206990 & 0205263) and two spills in the vicinity of the eastern project area (Spill Numbers 9003507 & 1309722). One of these spills was located at the intersection of I-390 north and Scottsville Road and the other was identified as Barge Canal. Therefore, these two spills may or may not be within the eastern project area. All spill cases have been closed, therefore, these would be no impact.

The NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database did not identify any remediation within the project areas. However, it did identify locations within 2,000 feet of the project areas. The sites are:

- Kozel Structural Steel & Fabrication (V00206) at 1150 Scottsville Road,
- Rochester Fire Academy (828015) at 1190 Scottsville Road, and
- Rochester Gas & Electric (828095) at 755 Brooks Avenue.

No further action at this time is required at V00206, 828015 has been properly closed and 828095 is active. None of these sites would be impacted by the project.

Tree obstruction removal does not, in and of itself, create hazardous materials or result in direct impacts to the environmental status of soils or groundwater in proximity to each specific tree removal location. However, activities or disturbances in existing contaminated areas that encounter contaminated materials would require that the contaminated materials be properly managed. In an effort to identify potentially contaminated areas within the project areas, environmental databases were reviewed to determine if any documented concerns were identified within or immediately abutting the limits of the tree removal areas. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps and historic aerial photographs were also reviewed to evaluate historical uses of the lands within the project areas presenting possible sources of contamination associated with those historic uses. In addition, a visual site inspection of the project areas were conducted on October 21-22, 2019.

Potential areas of concern were identified as follows:

Western Project Area (Runway 10)

- Rear of 682 Beahan Road – debris, drums, scrap metal, old equipment along wood line.
- Rear of 680 Beahan Road – large pile of wood scrap, drums, plastic buckets, cans, cinder blocks.
- Airport property to rear of 676 Beahan Road – discarded materials consisting of propane tank, scrap metal, tile, concrete, glass trash, rusted paint cans, and a small engine with attached gas tank. In addition, a gasoline odor was noted in that general area during the site inspection.

Eastern Project Area (Runway 28)

- C&C Service, 230 Scottsville Road – adjacent to the southeastern corner of the project area. This facility was listed as a gasoline station from 1960 – 1991. From 1992 – 2014 it was identified as a general automotive repair center. There were no tank or spill listings for the facility, however, that is most likely due to the lack of extensive databases kept prior to 1991. There is a garage-type structure on the west side of the service center that has a stack on the front typical of what is or may have been associated with a remediation system operated within the building. However, no additional information concerning this facility was able to be obtained.

For Airport and state-owned lands, tree removal would include clearing, but not grubbing (i.e. retention of the stumps and root balls) of all trees over 10 feet in height. Small trees and understory would be retained, with the goal to preserve the property as an undeveloped meadow and scrub shrub community. As a result, the ground surfaces in these areas would not be disturbed to any significant depth during the tree removal activities. Based on this, the potential of encountering

hazardous materials or petroleum products is not expected to be a concern on Airport or state-owned lands within the project areas.

For the residential properties identified below, no stump removal or grading will occur at these locations in order to avoid the potential to disturb potentially hazardous materials. If desired by property owners, tree stumps would be ground down to existing grade level and covered with top soil and seed. This method would prevent disturbance of any existing hazardous materials that may be present. This project will not include any hazardous material remediation.

- Residential properties 682 Beahan Road and 680 Beahan Road within the western project area.

Wooded undeveloped area on the eastern end of the eastern project area adjacent to the south/southwest sides of the C&C property at 230 Scottsville Road.

Since all the spill cases have been closed, since the remediation sites would not be impacted, since no potential hazardous materials or concerns were identified by the database review and since stump removal is precluded on private properties of concern identified above, no significant adverse impact on human health is anticipated.

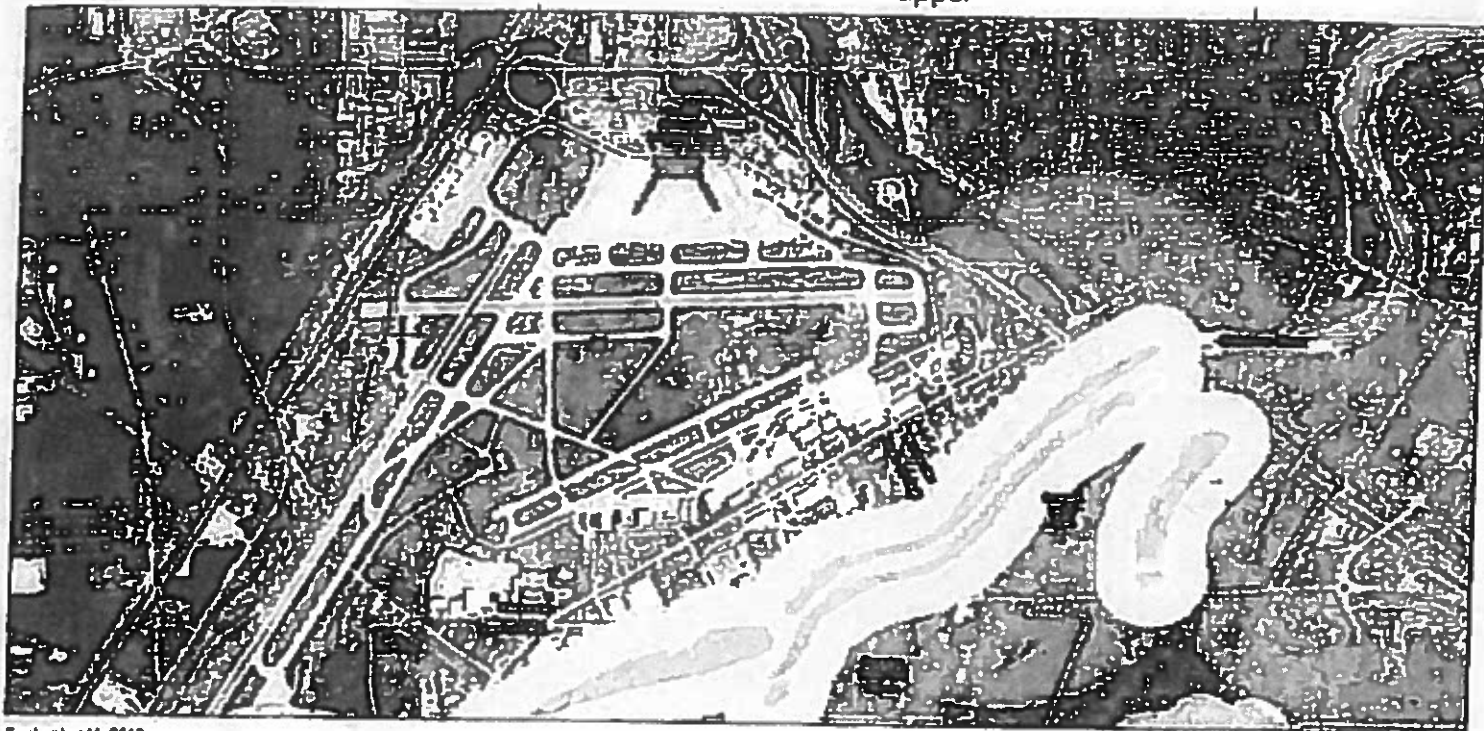
Consistency with Community Character- The project involves tree removal, therefore, there would be an impact to the existing natural landscape. However, since small trees would be retained and since there are adjacent forested areas, no significant impact to natural landscape is anticipated.

As discussed above, the project would not significantly impact the visual quality and experience for users along the Erie Canal Trail or residents within the Environmental Justice community along Kingsboro Road. Additionally, the NYSOPRIIP indicated that the project will have No Adverse Effect. Lastly, the project would not interfere with the use of the Erie Canal or Trail. Therefore, no significant impact to community character is anticipated.

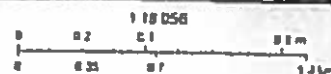
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October 2, 2019

Nicole Frazer
CHA
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Re: Greater Rochester International Airport Off Airport Tree Obstruction Removal
(east end Runway 10-28)
County: Monroe Town/City: Chili

Dear Ms. Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur in the vicinity of the project site.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our database. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

Our database is continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the NYS DEC Region 8 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at dep.r8@dec.ny.gov, (585) 226-5400.

Sincerely,

Andrea Chaloux

Andrea Chaloux
Environmental Review Specialist
New York Natural Heritage Program

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New York Natural Heritage Program

Report on Rare Animals, Rare Plants, and
Significant Natural Communities

The following rare plants, rare animals, and significant natural communities have been documented in the vicinity of the project site.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQRA. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine whether a species currently occurs at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following animals, while not listed by New York State as Endangered or Threatened, are rare in New York and are of conservation concern.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Freshwater Mussels			
Pink Heelsplitter	<i>Potamilus alatus</i>	Unlisted	Imperiled in NYS
Genesee River, approximately 0.2 mile south of the project site, 2012-09-07.			17989
Fragile Papershell	<i>Lopidea fragilis</i>	Unlisted	Vulnerable in NYS
Genesee River, approximately 0.2 mile south of the project site, 2011-08-05.			15366

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If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the rare animals and plants in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at www.natureserve.org/explorer, and from USDA's Plants Database at <http://plants.usda.gov/index.html> (for plants).

Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/97703.html for Ecological Communities of New York State.



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In Reply Refer To:

Consultation Code: 05E1NY00-2019-SLI-3303

Event Code: 05E1NY00-2020-E-03738

Project Name: GRIA Off Airport Tree Cutting (east end)

January 09, 2020

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This list can also be used to determine whether listed species may be present for projects without federal agency involvement. New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list.

Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the ESA, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC site at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list. If listed, proposed, or candidate species were identified as potentially occurring in the project area, coordination with our office is encouraged. Information on the steps involved with assessing potential impacts from projects can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>)

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Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/contow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the ESA. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

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Project Summary

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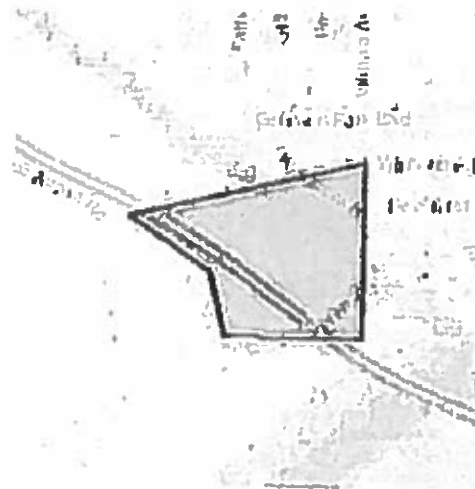
Project Name: GRIA Off Airport Tree Cutting (east end)

Project Type: TRANSPORTATION

Project Description: The project entails tree cutting beyond the runway end, off airport.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/43.12373542100782N77.64871905897817W>



Counties: Monroe, NY

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 0 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

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See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. **NOAA Fisheries**, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS LISTED FOR THIS PROJECT UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.

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In Reply Refer To:

Consultation Code: 05E1NY00-2019-SLI-3304

Event Code: 05E1NY00-2020-E-03736

Project Name: GRIA Off Airport Tree Cutting (west end)

January 09, 2020

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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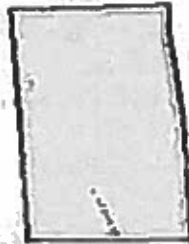
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Critical habitats

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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Paul McDonnell

CC: Nicole Frazer

From: Nicholas Schwartz, RLA
Emily Handelman, RLA

Date: January 15, 2020

Re: Visual impact assessment for Runaway 10-28 tree obstruction removal at Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC)

A portion of the Proposed Action within the eastern project area is located along the Erie Canal and is within or adjacent to the New York State Barge Canal Historic District and potential Environmental Justice community. Given these historic and sensitive resources, the impact of the project on the visual character of the surrounding area has been assessed.

The assessment included two site investigations, one in early October 2019 and another in mid-November 2019. These site investigations allowed the site to be evaluated during both leaf-on and leaf-off conditions. As a result, it was determined that in order to evaluate the greatest potential visual impact to the surrounding area, the existing and proposed conditions should be assessed based on leaf-on conditions. Based on the location of the project, three key views were identified that would show the greatest degree of potential visual impact (see Figure 1 in Appendix A): two views along the Erie Canal Trail and one view from Kingsboro Road. In each view, the impact of the project was evaluated on its effect on the overall visual quality and experience for users of the historic resource.

Key View 1 looks northwest along the Erie Canal Trail with the Erie Canal to the northeast and the I-390 on-ramp to the southwest (see Figure 1 and 2 in Appendix A and B, respectively). The existing visual quality within this corridor is poor due to the scattered tall vegetation along either side of the trail, the presence of the on-ramp, and large overhead cobra roadway lightings. Trail users are likely to move through this section quickly given its proximity to the highway and airport. Figure 3 in Appendix B portrays how this stretch of the trail may look after the project. Most prominent are removal of the large deciduous tree

in the center of the view and the lowering of the tree line to the right hand-side (northeast). Although the removal of the center tree is notable, the lower vegetation adjacent to the trail is maintained and the density of the tree line is preserved. The tree removal may enable users to better visually engage with the Erie Canal. Given the existing visual quality of the view and the amount and type of vegetation remaining, it is anticipated that the project would not likely impact the overall visual quality and experience for users.

Key View 2 looks southeast along the Erie Canal Trail just before the trail splits before going under the Scottsville Road Bridge and into Genesee Valley Park (see Figure 1 and 4 in Appendix A and C, respectively). As in the first view, the existing visual quality within the view is poor due to the inconsistent vegetation adjacent to the trail and presence of unsightly fencing. Figure 5 in Appendix C shows the removal of the large deciduous tree directly northeast of the trail and the deciduous tree on the knoll to the southeast. Select trees within the tree line are also shortened. Although the removal of the tree between the path and the canal allows for more direct views to the east toward Scottsville Road Bridge, the density within the tree line is preserved. As such, the project would not likely impact the overall visual quality and experience for trail users.

Key View 3 looks from Kingsboro Road between houses 89 and 93 within the potential Environmental Justice Community (see Figure 1 and 6 in A and D, respectively). The large deciduous tree behind house 93 (on right) is included within the project. Figure 7 in Appendix D portrays the potential impacts upon completion of the project. Though the removal of the large deciduous tree is notable, other trees in the back and front yards are not impacted, which allows the view to maintain its visual quality. With the removal of select trees on the north side of the canal, it is important to recognize that there may be minor visual impacts to summer time views from the second stories of homes along Kingsboro Road.

In reviewing the existing and proposed conditions in all three views, the Proposed Action would not significantly impact the visual quality and experience for users along the Erie Canal Trail or residents within the Environmental Justice community along Kingsboro Road. Further, no mitigation is recommended at this time.

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Figure 2. Key View 1: Existing Conditions
Greater Rochester International Airport
Off Airport Tree Obstruction Removal
Town of Chili & City of Rochester, Monroe County, NY

Date: December 2019

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Figure 3. Key View 1: Proposed Conditions
Greater Rochester International Airport
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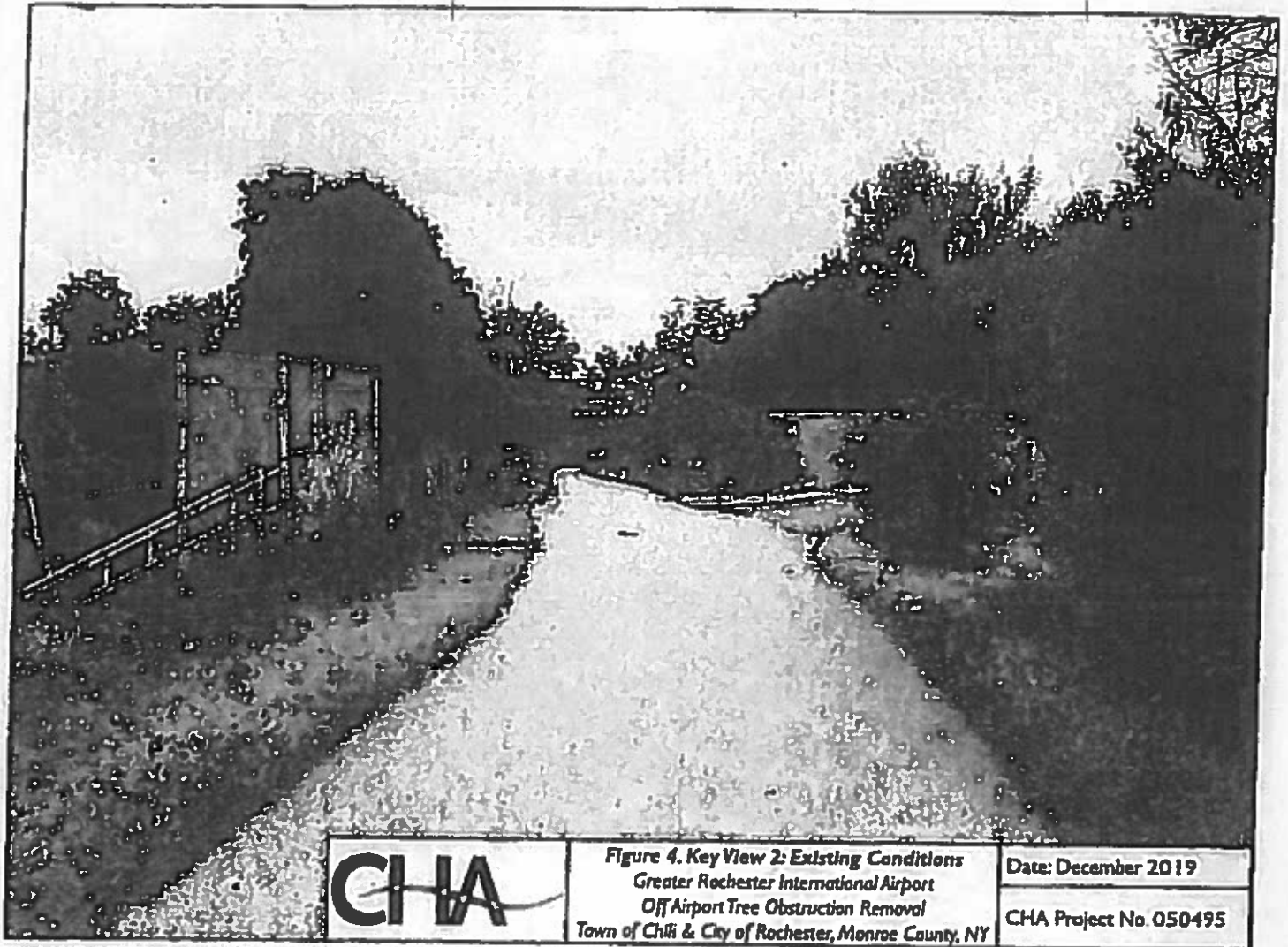
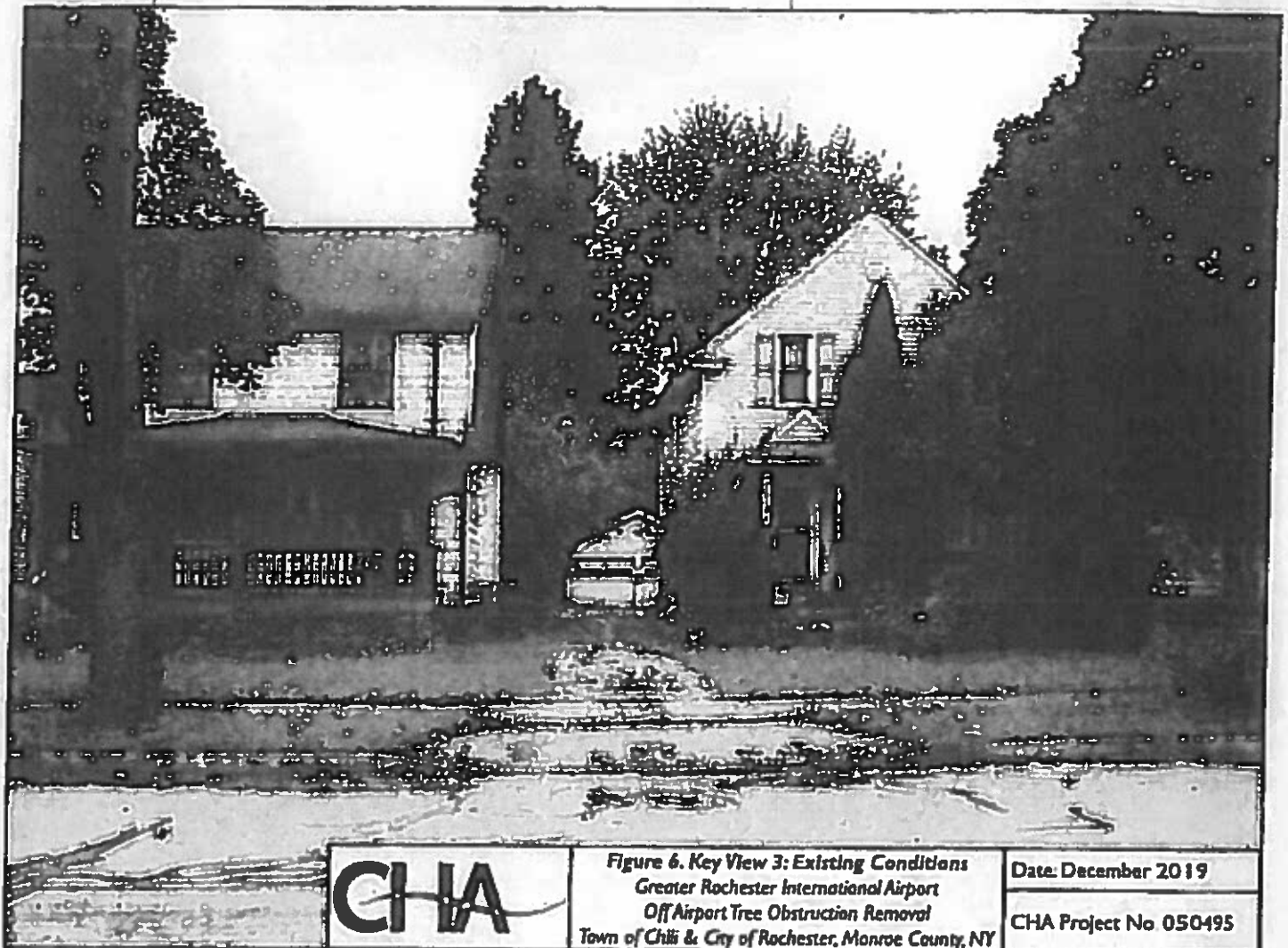


Figure 4. Key View 2: Existing Conditions
Greater Rochester International Airport
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Town of Chili & City of Rochester, Monroe County, NY

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Appendix D

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*Figure 6. Key View 3: Existing Conditions
Greater Rochester International Airport
Off Airport Tree Obstruction Removal
Town of Chili & City of Rochester, Monroe County, NY*

Date: December 2019

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**Parks, Recreation,
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ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

ERIK KULLESEID
Commissioner

December 10, 2019

Mrs. Nicole Frazer
Senior Scientist
CHA
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Albany, NY 12205

Re: FAA
Greater Rochester International Airport Off Airport Tree Obstruction Removal Runway
10-28
1200 Brooks Avenue, Rochester & Chili, Monroe County, NY
19PR07997

Dear Mrs. Frazer:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the provided documentation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include other environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

We note that the proposed project is adjacent to the New York State Barge Canal Historic District, a National Historic Landmark. We have reviewed the submission received on November 21, 2019. Based on that review it is the SHPO's opinion that the project, as proposed, will No Adverse Effect on the National Historic Landmark.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 518-268-2170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robyn Sedgwick".

Robyn Sedgwick
Historic Site Restoration Coordinator
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