

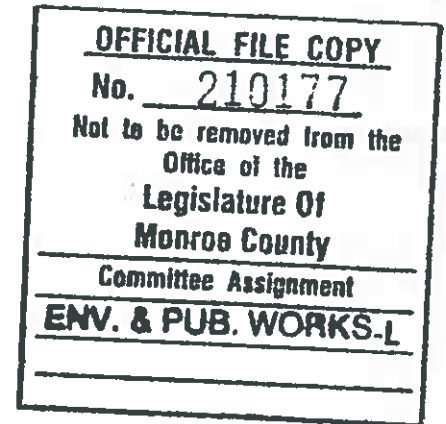


# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello  
County Executive

May 7, 2021



To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Classification of Action and Determination of Significance Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Specialized Secure Detention Facility Project, Phase Two

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body determine whether the Specialized Secure Detention Facility Project, Phase Two (the "Project") may have a significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

The Project involves construction of new housing units to optimize accommodations for the fluctuating number of mixed populations of male and female Adolescent Offenders, Juvenile Offenders, and Juvenile Delinquents, and expanding and modernizing the program space necessary for education, health care, counselling, security, administration, food service, and recreation so that proper sight and sound separation is achieved for the mixed populations of male and female Adolescent Offenders, Juvenile Offenders, and Juvenile Delinquents.

The Project has been preliminarily classified as an Unlisted action. The SEQRA regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617 requires that no agency shall carry out or approve an Action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQRA.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Determine that the Project is an Unlisted action.
2. Make a determination of significance regarding the Project pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.7.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, 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.

This determination will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive

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## Short Environmental Assessment Form

### Part 1 - Project Information

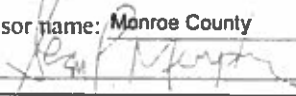
#### Instructions for Completing

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

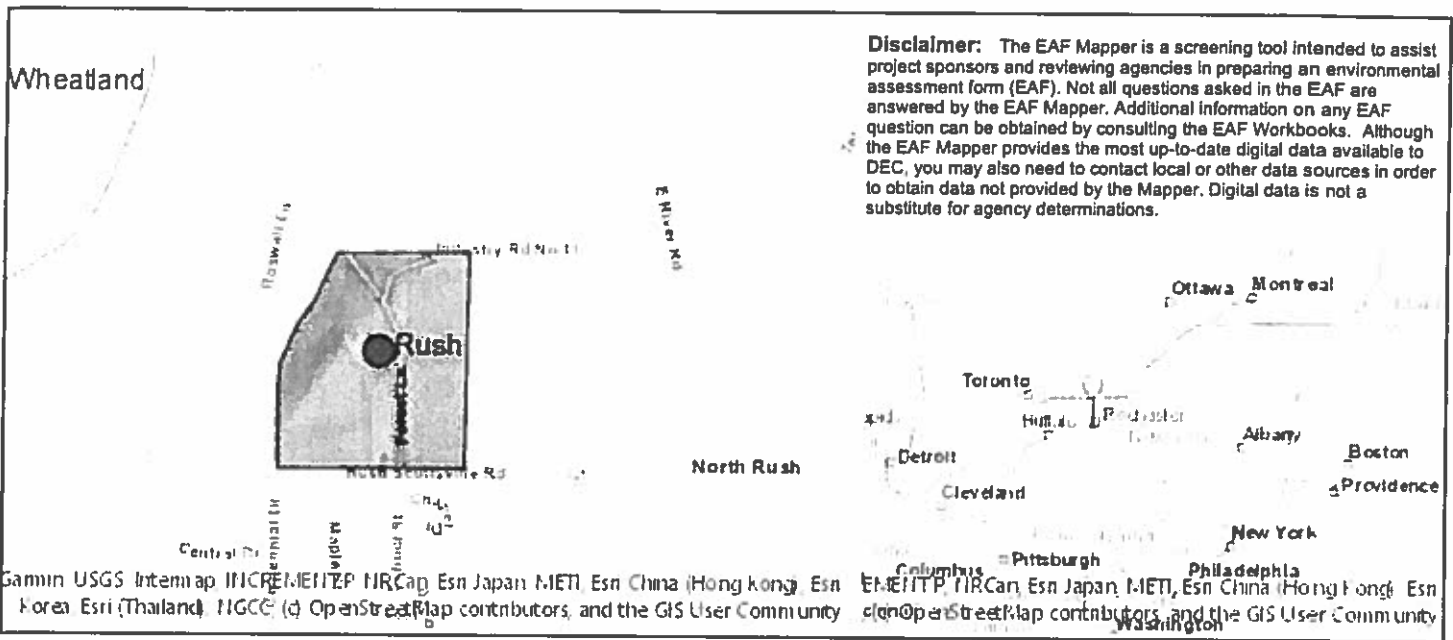
Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Children's Detention Center Modification and Expansion			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 400 Rush Scottsville Road in the Town of Rush, Monroe County			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Children's Detention Center was relocated in early 2014 from Westfall Road in Rochester to the current site in Rush. An environmental review was conducted at that time and a Negative Declaration was issued by the County on December 18, 2013. Subsequent Memorandums To File was issued by Monroe County staff on 04/16/14 and 05/22/18. These Memorandum described modifications to the original plans for the facility. The conclusion was that the modifications were "consistent with the scope of work considered in the environmental review" and that no further environmental review was required. Modifications from the 2018 conceptual plans are now proposed in response to the "Raise The Age" program initiated by the State of New York. These modifications include a proposed approximately 45,050 square foot addition and interior renovations to approximately 3,560 square feet in Building 67. There may be some further improvements to Building 68 to maintain functionality while the new addition is constructed. The purpose of this project is to provide 34 SSD beds and associated program space.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Monroe County		Telephone: (585) 753-7541	
		E-Mail: seanmurphy@monroecounty.gov	
Address: 39 West Main Street			
City/PO: Rochester		State: New York	Zip Code: 14614
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYS Office of Children and Family Services-Approval of plans and funding			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		53.6 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		5 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		53.6 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Institutional</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			



<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?          If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____          _____          _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?          If Yes, describe: _____          _____          _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?          If Yes, describe: _____          _____          _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Monroe County</u> Date: <u>09-April-2021</u></p> <p>Signature: <u></u></p>		

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



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

Project:

Date:

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

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

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

Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
 Part 3 Determination of Significance**

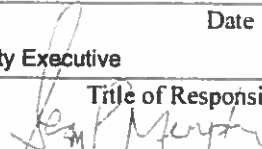
For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify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

New modifications are proposed to the existing Children's Detention Center in response to the "Raise The Age" program initiated by the State of New York. Modifications include a proposed approximately 45,050 square foot addition and interior renovations to approximately 3,560 square feet at Building 67. There may be some minor improvements to Building 68 to maintain functionality while the new addition is constructed. Once the project is completed it is expected that Building 68 will only be used in case of occupancy overflow conditions. There will also be modifications to the existing fence, construction of a new entrance and 6 car visitor parking lot. The purpose of this project is to reconfigure the existing space and provide 34 SSD-rated beds with programmatic space.

The site appears to be within an archaeologically sensitive area according to information from the New York State Historic Preservation Office. There will be minimal ground disturbance for the construction of the new addition, a small area of fencing and the reconfigured entrance within the existing site. These areas have been significantly disturbed in the past for the construction of the original buildings and the soccer/recreational areas. It is anticipated that there will be no significant impact to archaeological resources. Part 1 of the environmental assessment form (EAF) also indicates that there may be wetlands or waterbodies present on site. The proposed activities on site are not within or adjacent to any wetland, adjacent or waterbody. The proposed project only impacts about 1.5 acres of a 53.6 acre parcel. All improvements are inside the existing fenced areas that are either currently gravel roadway or manicured grass. The project will not impact any areas that may contain threatened or endangered species. Traffic from the proposed project is expected to be very similar to the conditions resulting from the previous use.

This proposal results in a minor expansion of the existing use. The net increase after considering the removal of operations from Building 68 will be minimal. There is not expected to be any significant increase in traffic or any other potential impact from this project. Based on information contained in this EAF, as well as supporting documentation contained at the Department of Environmental Services, Monroe County has determined that there will not be any significant adverse environmental impact associated with this proposal.

- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Monroe County _____ Name of Lead Agency Adam J. Bello _____ Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency _____ Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	_____ Date County Executive _____ Title of Responsible Officer  _____ Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)
	09-April-2021

**PRINT FORM**