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

Subject: Classification of Action and Determination of Significance Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act for the First Time Home Buyers Program funded through the Monroe County Home Investment Partnerships Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body determine whether the First Time Home Buyers Program funded through the Home Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program may have a significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

This project develops affordable housing opportunities by providing a direct subsidy for down payment or closing cost assistance for income eligible first time home-buyers purchasing their first home in suburban Monroe County. This is an administrative program that will aid individuals purchasing private homes that are still subject to existing municipal building and zoning codes.

This program has no direct effects on the environment, all property involved in this program are privately owned and still subject to the New York State Building Code and municipal zoning laws. This program will not result in construction or other physical projects; encroachment on wetlands, Critical Environmental Areas, floodplains; encroachment on 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. This program will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts.

The First Time Home Buyers Program, funded through the Monroe County Home Investment Partnerships, has been preliminarily classified as an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617(b). The State Environmental Quality Review Act 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 First Time Home Buyers Program funded through the Monroe County Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) is an Unlisted Action.
2. Make a determination of significance for the First Time Home Buyers Program funded through the Monroe County Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.7.
3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to take such actions to comply with the requirements of SEQRA, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution and publication of the documents required under SEQRA, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution.

No additional net County support is required in 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: First Time Home Buyers Program							
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Monroe County, with the exception of the City of Rochester.							
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Develop affordable housing opportunities by providing a direct subsidy for down payment or closing cost assistance for income eligible first time home-buyers purchasing their first home in suburban Monroe County. This is an administrative program that will aid individuals purchasing homes that are still subject to existing municipal building and zoning codes.							
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Monroe County		Telephone: 585-753-2032 E-Mail: patrickgooch@gmail.com					
Address: 39 W Main Street							
City/PO: Rochester		State: New York	Zip Code: 14620				
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☒</td> <td>☐</td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	☒	☐
NO	YES						
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2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Dept. of Housing and Urban Development			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>NO</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐</td> <td>☒</td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	☐	☒
NO	YES						
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3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 0 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 0 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 0 acres							
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: ☒ Urban ☒ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☒ Residential (suburban) ☒ Forest ☒ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify): _____ ☒ Parkland							

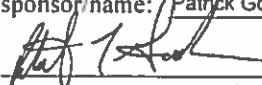
5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	☐	☒	☐
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	☐	☒	☐
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	☐	☒	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	☒	☐	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☒	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☒	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	☒	☐	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	☐	☒	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	☐	☒	
12. a. 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?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. 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?	☒	☐	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	☐	☒	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	☒	☐	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: ☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional ☐ Wetland ☒ Urban ☒ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
	☒	☐
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	☒	☐
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO	YES
	☒	☐
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	☐	☐
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	☐	☐

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO	YES
	☒	☐

19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
	☒	☐

20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
	☒	☐

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Patrick Gooch</u> Date: <u>April 22, 2021</u>		
Signature: <u></u> Title: <u>Senior Planner</u>		

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?	☒	☐
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	☒	☐
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	☒	☐
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	☒	☐
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?	☒	☐
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?	☒	☐
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:	☒	☐
a. public / private water supplies?	☒	☐
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	☒	☐
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	☒	☐
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	☒	☐
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	☒	☐
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	☒	☐

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.

The First-Time Home Buyer Program is a Monroe County program that provides one-time grants for down payment and closing assistance to income-eligible first time home buyers who purchase homes in the suburban towns and villages of Monroe County. This program has no direct effects on the environment, all property involved in this program are privately owned and still subject to the the New York State Building Code and municipal zoning laws. This program will not result in construction or other physical projects; encroachment on wetlands, Critical Environmental Areas, floodplains; encroachment on 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. This program will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts.

- ☐ 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

Date

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Patrick T. Gooch

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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