



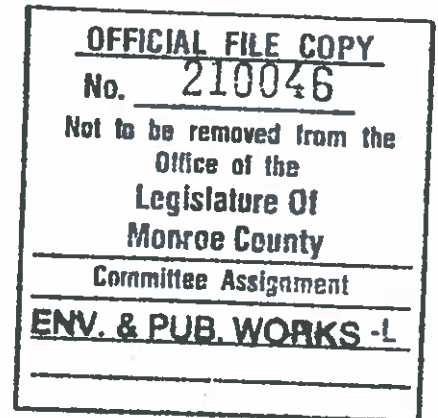
# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello  
County Executive

February 5, 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 Acceptance of Two Grants from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Water Quality Program and Authorize a Contract with the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body determine whether the acceptance of two grants from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Water Quality Program and authorizing a contract with the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District (the "Action") may have a significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

The Action 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 Action is an Unlisted action.
2. Make a determination of significance regarding the Action 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

# 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.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
<b>Name of Action or Project:</b> Acceptance of Grant from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District(SWCD) for MCSWD Water Quality Improvement Program			
<b>Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):</b> Monroe County			
<b>Brief Description of Proposed Action:</b> Acceptance of Grant from Oswego County Soil and Water District for Monroe County Soil and Water Conversation District projects for streambank stabilization using the following as appropriate: rock rip-rap, vegetation, and fill along the banks or within the toe of the streambank. Multiple locations throughout Monroe County as needed and identified by the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District.			
<b>Name of Applicant or Sponsor:</b> Monroe County DES		<b>Telephone:</b> 585-7536-7684  <b>E-Mail:</b> asansone@monroecounty.gov	
<b>Address:</b> 50 West Main St			
<b>City/PO:</b> Rochester		<b>State:</b> NY	<b>Zip Code:</b> 14604
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
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: Any projects on streams that involve bed or bank disturbance or fill require NYSDEC and Army Corp of Engineers permit		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>&lt;2.5 acres</span> <span>&lt;2.5 acres</span> <span>&lt;2.5 acres</span> </div>	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest           <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture)           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture           <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial           <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial           <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)         </div> </div>			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____			

<b>14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
<b>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?</b>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?</b>	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?</b> If Yes,	NO	YES
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____		
<b>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)?</b> If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</b> If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</b> If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>		
Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>MICHAEL J. GARLAND</u> Date: <u>2/2/21</u>		
Signature: <u><i>Michael J. Garland</i></u> Title: <u>DIRECTOR DES</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?	<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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.

The acceptance of a grant from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program in Monroe County by the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District will have not have any significant adverse impacts to the environment for the following reasons:

The actions of Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District are limited to Monroe County Streams that have or will have excessive streambank erosion that impacts water quality. These improvement projects are limited to areas of excessive erosion and are limited in size and scope. Total work conducted throughout Monroe County is expected to be below 2.5 acres, and is primarily performed along the side of streams with planting of vegetation, and with minor work conducted in-stream as necessary. When work is in stream or may impact streams the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District applies for a Protection of Waters Permit through the NYS DEC. As part of the application process for this permit, the applicant is required to conduct a project specific environmental review in accordance with the NYS State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Lastly, the work conducted under this program is an environmental benefit that improves the water quality of Monroe County Streams which flow into larger bodies of water such as rivers, streams, Irondequoit Bay, and Lake Ontario. Any negative impacts to water quality are temporary in-duration and ultimately result in a positive impact on water quality long-term. Accordingly, for the above reasons the acceptance of a grant from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Water Quality Improvement Project Program administered by Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment.

- ☐ 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.

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 Name of Lead Agency

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 Date

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 Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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 Title of Responsible Officer

*Andrew Sansone*


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 Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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 Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)