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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 the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Reconstruction of the Children's Pavilion at Highland Park

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body determine whether the reconstruction of the Children's Pavilion may have a significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

The Children's Pavilion was originally built in 1890 as part of Frederick Law Olmsted's plan for Highland Park. Before it was demolished in 1963, the Children's Pavilion offered panoramic views of the Rochester skyline, Genesee River Valley, and the Bristol Hills. As part of the County's Bicentennial celebration and in anticipation of Olmsted's 200th birthday, the County seeks to reconstruct the Children's Pavilion at the same location in Highland Park to restore Olmsted's vision for the park, create a handicap accessible recreational space, and provide a resting spot for park users.

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

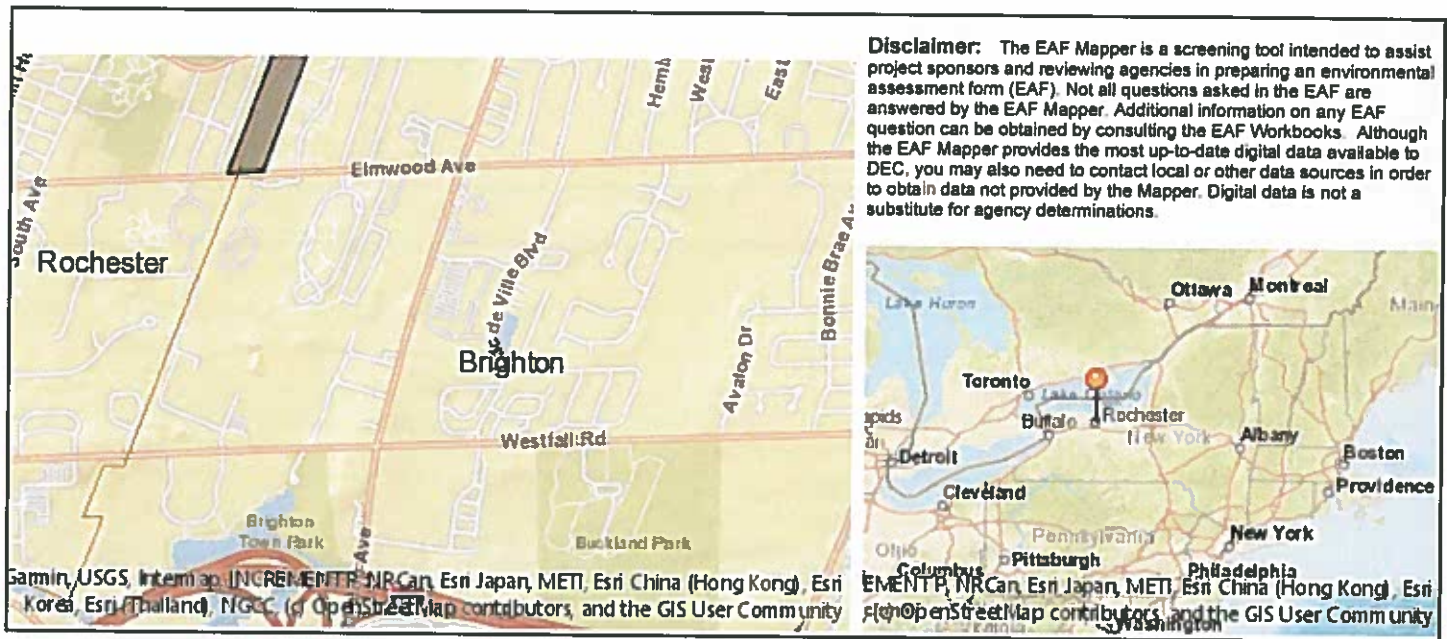
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. 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			
Monroe County			
Name of Action or Project:			
The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Highland Park, Rochester, New York (Monroe County)			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
<p>The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the Children's Pavilion in Highland Park, which was designed by Landscape Architect, Frederick Law Olmsted. The Children's Pavilion was demolished in 1963 due to disrepair, on the condition of it being replaced-in-kind by a City of Rochester Resolution. The reconstruction of the pavilion will be located at the original location. The pavilion will be a 3 story open air structure, with an elevator and adaptations for universal access. The gross floor area of the pavilion will be approximately 7,000 square feet in size. The reconstruction of the Children's Pavilion will restore a key feature of the park.</p>			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone: (585) 753-7293	
Monroe County		E-Mail: PatrickMeredith@monroecounty.gov	
Address:			
39 West Main Street			
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:
Rochester		NY	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.			
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: Funding from New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Dormitory of New York.			
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?			85.05 acres
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?			.02 acres
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?			150 acres
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

<p>5. Is the proposed action,</p> <p>a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?</p> <p>b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? Name: Not named, Reason: Environmentally sensitive, Agency: Rochester, City of, Date: 3-14-86 If Yes, identify: _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?</p> <p>b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?</p> <p>c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ The project does not require a water supply because it is a pavilion. _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ The project does not require a wastewater treatment because it is a pavilion. _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>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?</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>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?</p> <p>b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?</p> <p>If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ The wetland contained on site is the Highland Reservoir which is a part of the City of Rochester's Water Supply and is federally regulated. All work will be in conformance with federal and state regulations to preserve water quality. _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> 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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____ Storm water runoff will be contained on site. Increased run off from the pavilion will be minimal and it will be conveyed to the existing drainage system.		
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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Monroe County</u> Date: _____ Signature: _____ Title: <u>Director of Parks</u>		



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area - Identify]	Name: Not named, Reason: Environmentally sensitive, Agency: Rochester, City of, Date: 3-14-86
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Yes
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:

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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:

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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 purpose of this project is to reconstruct the Children's Pavilion in Highland Park in the same location, with adaptations for universal access. The pavilion will be a three (3) story open air structure, with an elevator and approximately 7,000 square feet. The reconstruction of the Children's Pavilion will replace a key feature of the historic park.

The Rochester 2034 Comprehensive Plan includes the rebuilding of the ".....Children's Pavilion in Highland Park. In addition, the reconstruction of this project will fulfill the 1963 City Council resolution that approved the demolition of the pavilion contingent upon it being reconstructed.

Highland Park is located within the Critical Environmental Area identified as environmentally sensitive on March 14, 1986 by the City of Rochester. The pavilion is not expected to impact the CEA due to the fact that the area is previously disturbed and the reconstruction will require minimal disturbance. The proposed project is expected to impact approximately .02 previously disturbed acres of the 150 acres contained within Highland Park.

The site appears to be within an archaeologically sensitive area according to information from the New York State Historic Preservation Office. This area was previously disturbed from the construction of the original pavilion and pavement. Though it is anticipated that there will not be a significant impact to archaeological resources a Phase I Archaeologically Survey has been included in the budget if it is determined to be necessary by New York State Office of Historic Preservation.

Part 1 of the environmental assessment form (EAF) also indicates that there is a wetland. The wetland has been identified as a federal wetland. The proposed activities on site are not within the wetland.

Highland Park is included in the Highland-Mount Hope Historic district, which, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, is historically significant. The Children's Pavilion is a key feature of Olmsted's original design for the park. Additionally, as a part of the construction of this project the New York State Office of Historic Preservation will be involved in the review of the project to ensure it is consistent with the historic district.

Part 1 of this EAF did not identify any threatened or endangered species on site. The project is not expected to impact any areas that may contain threatened or endangered species. Traffic from the proposed project is expected to be minimal. Aside from arriving by automobiles park user are expected to arrive at the Children's Pavilion via one of the many trails that link to Highland Park, such as Highland Crossing, the Genesee River Trail, and the Erie Canal Heritage Trail, which is a part of the Empire State trail.

There is not expected to be any significant impact from this project based on the information identified with in the EAF and supporting documentation contained at the Monroe County Department of Parks. Accordingly, Monroe County has determined that there will not be any significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

- ☐ 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

Adam J. Bello

County Executive

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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