

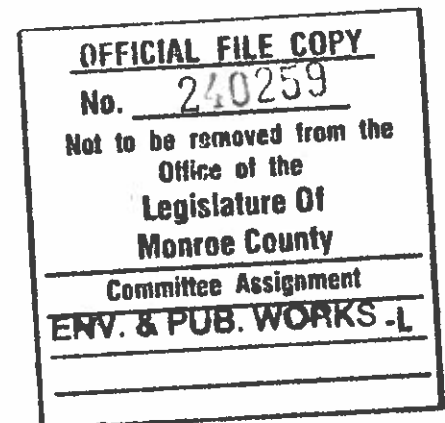


# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

July 23, 2024



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 First Genesis/Rochester Management Single Family Homes Project in the City of Rochester

**Honorable Legislators:**

I recommend that Your Honorable Body determine whether the First Genesis/Rochester Management Single Family Homes Project in the City of Rochester may have a significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

This project involves funding the construction of twenty-two (22) single-family homes in the Upper Falls neighborhood by Rochester Management Inc. (developer) and First Genesis Baptist Church (sponsor). The plans include construction of five, 2-bedroom ranch style houses (single story); six, 3-bedroom ranch homes; and 11, 3-bedroom, two-story homes (with full basement). There are currently three homes assigned as ADA compliant with built-in grab bars, roll-in shower and lower counters in the kitchen. These homes will be energy efficient, all electric, designed to complement the surrounding neighborhood and will feature front porches, storage areas, laundry hook-ups and off-street parking with a detached garage. The single-family homes will be sold to qualifying residents upon completion.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Determine that First Genesis/Rochester Management Single Family Homes Project in the City of Rochester funded through Monroe County is an Unlisted Action.
2. Make a determination of significance regarding the First Genesis/Rochester Management Single Family Homes Project in the City of Rochester funded through Monroe County 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.

The First Genesis/Rochester Management Single Family Homes Project in the City of Rochester funded through Monroe County 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.

This designation 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.

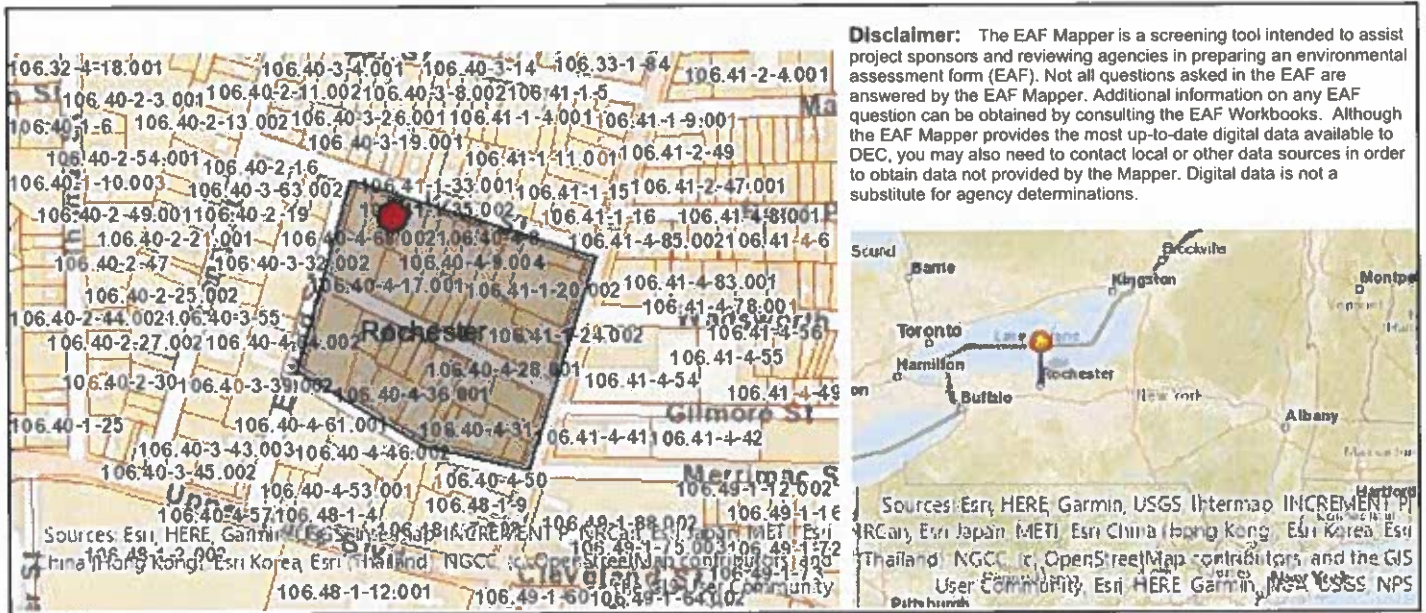
<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: First Genesis/Rochester Management Single Family Homes Project			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Multiple properties in the City of Rochester on Henry St., Edward St., Vose St., Gilmore St., Hudson Ave., (see attached map).			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Monroe County will provide funding to the City of Rochester for the construction of twenty-two (22) single-family homes in the Upper Falls neighborhood by Rochester Management Inc. (developer) and First Genesis Baptist Church (sponsor). The single family homes will be sold to qualifying residents upon completion.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: City of Rochester		Telephone: E-Mail:	
Address: 30 Church Street – Room 005A			
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 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: City of Rochester		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		<2.0 +/- acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		<2.0 +/- acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		<2.0 +/- 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

	NO	YES	N/A
5. Is the proposed action,			
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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: _____ _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input 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: _____ _____ _____			

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 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
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: _____ Rain will flow to gutters and be handled onsite (preferred) or directed to existing storm drains. _____		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approximately .7 miles is a Brownfield Clean Up Site - C828209, The distance from this site will not impact the action at hand.		
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>		
Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>City of Rochester</u> Date: <u>07/16/2024</u>		
Signature: _____ Title: _____		

# EAF Mapper Summary Report

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Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
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]	No
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	Yes

**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"/>



### **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 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) EAF Mapper indicated that the project is near a potential historical site. The project is approximately 360 feet north of 368-372 Hudson Ave and 350 feet south of 168 Weeger Street which are listed as eligible properties on the NYS Cultural Resource Information Center (CRIS). This project will not have a significant adverse impact on the National Register Eligible properties. None of the properties are adjacent to nor directly across the street from the project site.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) EAF Mapper indicated that the project is near a potential and unspecified archeologically sensitive site. However, the project site has previously been developed at least as far back as 1888 and will not impact any archeological sensitive sites.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) EAF Mapper indicated that the project site is near a environmental remediation site. The Former Wollensack Optical site code C828209 is approximately .7 miles north of the project site. The site classification is C indicating that the DEC has determined that remediation has been satisfactorily completed under a remedial program. The site will not be disturbed and will have no impact on the project site due to their location and remediation classification.

The surrounding area is currently zoned residential in accordance with the City's existing Comprehensive Plan. The existing land is vacant. Surrounding parcels are residential with single family homes. Accordingly, the development of new single family homes on existing residentially zoned parcels will not alter the character, intensity, environment, traffic levels, or other important historic, archaeological, or aesthetic resources. Therefore, the proposed action will not result in 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

2024.07.15

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Adam J. Bello

County Executive

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)