

## Appendix A – Suffolk County Planning Commission Guidebook

## Suffolk County Planning Commission Submission Cover Form for Planning and Zoning Referrals

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Hamlet: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referral Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Referring Agency:

- ☐ Planning Board or Commission  
☐ Zoning Board of Appeals  
☐ Town Board/Village Board of Trustees

## Type of Referral:

- ☐
- GML239/A14-14 S.C.P.C. Regulatory Review
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- ☐
- IMA Review - Request for Informal Input
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- Attached Units Projects (Apartments)

## SEQRA Action:

☐ EAF      ☐ Coordination      ☐ Draft Scope      ☐ Draft EIS      ☐ Final EIS      ☐ Findings

## Project Narrative - Brief description of application:

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## Full Statement of Facts Includes:

County Referral Form (Appendix A)

Public Notice (if applicable)

Local application form

Completed Environmental Assessment Form along with other materials associated with the environmental review process - Including Draft EIS, Final EIS

Local Planning Board, Zoning Board, Agency or Department report

Project sponsor, applicant's or owner's name and mailing address

**For Subdivision Referrals must also include:**

Map name. The map shall clearly state the name of the subdivision and that the map is a preliminary or final map. Any map containing the words "sketch plan" will not be accepted. Duplicate subdivision names within a town or village will not be accepted. Condominium plans shall clearly indicate that the project is proposing a condominium form of ownership.

## Type of Action:

Please check appropriate box below if action is located within the Suffolk County Pine Barrens Zone, within one mile of a nuclear power plant or airport or within 500 feet of:

- A municipal boundary,
- The boundary of any existing or proposed county, state, or federal park or other recreation area,
- The right-of-way of any existing or proposed county or state road,
- An existing or proposed county drainage channel line,
- The Atlantic Ocean, Long Island Sound, any bay in Suffolk County or estuary of any of the foregoing bodies of water,
- The boundary of county, state, or federally owned land held or to be held for governmental use,

- The boundary of a farm located in an agricultural district.

**Please Check all that Applies:**

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Comprehensive Plan</b> (Adoption or Amendment)      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Subdivision</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SEQRA Only</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Zoning Ordinance or Map</b> (Adoption or Amendment) | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Use Variance</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Moratorium</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Use Permit/Exception/Conditional Use</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Area Variance</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Site Plan</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Code Amendment</b>                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Official Map</b>  |  |

Note: The above represents a summary of the required actions subject to referral to the Suffolk County Planning Commission. The provisions of GML and Laws of Suffolk County must be used to verify which actions are subject to referral and the related procedural requirements.

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**Additional Application Information:**

**Action Previously Referred to Suffolk County Planning Commission**    ☐ **No**    ☐ **Yes(If Yes Date\_\_\_\_\_)**  
**Adjacent Municipality Notified (see NYS GM 39nn)**    ☐ **No**    ☐ **Yes(If Yes Date\_\_\_\_\_)**

**Contact Information**

Municipality Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
VILLAGE OF HEAD OF THE HARBOR

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In the Matter of the Application of

Nissequogue Farm LLC  
650-654 North Country Rd.  
St. James, New York 11780

RESOLUTION  
Adopted: December 15, 2025

SCTM #0801-005.00-02.00-034.020,  
0801-005.00-02.00-034.021, and  
0801-005.00-02.00-034.022.

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Application of Nissequogue Farm LLC seeking to maintain a wholesale plant nursery requiring the following variances:

- (i) a refuse dumpster located 187.85' from the North property line, where the Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F) requires 200'; and
- (ii) a greenhouse 34.4' from the West side property line, Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F) requires a minimum side-yard setback of 50', and
- (iii) a greenhouse 33.5' from the West side property line Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F) requires a minimum side-yard setback of 50', and
- (iv) a greenhouse 43.7' from the West side property line Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F) requires a minimum side-yard setback of 50', and
- (v) a greenhouse 42.6' from the West side property line Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F) requires a minimum side-yard setback of 50', and
- (vi) a greenhouse 45' from the West side property line Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F) requires a minimum side-yard setback of 50', and
- (vii) a concrete foundation 12.9' from the West side property line Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F) requires a minimum side-yard setback of 50', and
- (viii) existing and proposed driveways lie within the required 50' vegetated buffer on the East side property line, Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F).

The subject property is located at 650-654 North Country Road, St. James, New York, SCTM: 0801-005.00-02.00-034.020, 0801-005.00-02.00-034.021, and 0801-005.00-02.00-034.022 (the "Property") in the Residential B zoning district.

WHEREAS, Nissequogue Farm LLC, operates a wholesale plant nursery on the Property, and has applied for the area variance relief set forth above as well as a special use permit to maintain the wholesale nursery use pursuant to Section 165-23(B)(4) of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, the Property has been used by Applicant as a wholesale plant nursery since 2006 with virtually all of its structures existing prior to the enactment of the pertinent provisions of the zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals (the “Zoning Board” or the “Board”) has reviewed the documents in the record concerning the Application, including but not limited to the proposed site plan of John Cunniffe with a latest revision date of June 3, 2024, letters from the Village Planning Board dated October 7, 2024, September 9, 2025, and November 5, 2025 recommending approval of the variance and special permit applications, a Long EAF, and a VHB traffic and parking study dated July 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the relief sought is related almost exclusively to existing structures with only the proposed driveway improvements lying within the 50-foot vegetated buffer required under Village Code § 165-23(B)(4)(F); and

WHEREAS, the new, altered, and relocated structures consist of the following:

- i) a proposed 13 by 40-foot equipment storage shed on parcel 22
- ii) a proposed four-foot fence and gate on parcel 22
- iii) a reduction of three existing hoop houses on the southeastern portion of parcel 21 so that the three hoop houses are more than 50 feet away from the nearest property line
- iv) removal of landscaping material on the southeastern portion of parcel 21 so that the storage of landscaping materials is at least 50 feet away from a property line
- v) the relocation of an existing shed on the northwestern portion of parcel 21 so that it is more than 50 feet away from the nearest property line
- vi) a new 76 by 15.2-foot hoop house on parcel 21 lying approximately 62 feet from the western and southerly property lines
- vii) the relocation of a shed on parcel 20 so that it is further from the easterly property line
- viii) a new 41.2 x 12-foot brick patio adjoining the two-story dwelling on parcel 20
- ix) a pervious gravel driveway along the eastern end of parcel 20 running south to parcel 22
- x) a Belgian block apron and two 3 x 3 stone pillars at the driveway entrance of parcel 20.

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals, after due notice, held a Public Hearing on the Application on December 15, 2025, at which Applicant was represented by Howard Bergson, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Law 7-712-b(3)(b), the Board’s review of so much of the instant application as seeks area variance relief includes weighing the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant, and in so doing considers the following:

(1) whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the grant of an area variance; (2) whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance; (3) whether the requested area variance is substantial; (4) whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district; and (5) whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the board of appeals, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance; and

WHEREAS, Village Law also directs that the Board, in granting area variances, “grant the minimum variance that it shall deem necessary and adequate and at the same time preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community” (Village Law 7-712-b(3)(c)); and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the SEQRA Part 1 Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) submitted by Applicant; and

WHEREAS all testimony and evidence has been carefully considered and based on the documents in the record and the testimony at the Hearing, the Zoning Board finds as follows:

1. The relief requested will not produce an undesirable change to the nature and character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. The Property has long held a nursery with said use operating for decades without issue. With the exception of the driveway extension, the variances are required for structures that have long existed without issue. Applicant is proposing to reduce the Property’s non-conformities by relocating two sheds outside of the 50-foot buffer, reducing the size of three hoop houses so they are outside the 50-foot buffer, and reducing the size of the landscaping material storage area so that it is outside the 50-foot buffer.

The hoop houses themselves are not imposing structures that dominate the area landscape and visuals. They are short, narrow, and their coverings are removed during much of the year. The Property is very well-screened by a thick wall of oaks, mature trees, and dense mixed brush. Along the western and southwestern property lines, this screening is typically around 50 feet in depth. Along the Property’s western boundary with the Mills Pond Cemetery, which is owned by the Town of Smithtown, the screening is still approximately 15 feet or more in depth. While the screening is slightly less along the eastern and southeastern boundaries, it averages approximately 25 feet in depth. Along the northeastern boundary and North Country Road, a thick barrier of plantings obscures public views of the Property. The dumpster is also screened by an adjacent wall of cedar trees. The proposed driveway extension and fence and gate are well-screened and at least 260 feet from the street. These proposed additions are unlikely to be materially visible from the street.

The structures are also a great distance from any neighboring residence or primary commercial building. The closest structures would be the concrete foundation and the

proposed hoop house on the southwest corner of the Property, which would lie approximately 50 feet and 100 feet respectively from the residence at 5 High Hedges Court. However, the foundation is largely buried in the ground and not visible. The hoop house is, as previously mentioned, not a tall or imposing structure. The screening here is also at its densest and thickest, measuring approximately 50 feet in width from the property line. Importantly, the proposed hoop house is also conforming to all setback requirements.

2. The benefit sought cannot be achieved by some method, feasible for the Applicant to pursue, other than with the area variance relief requested. With the exception of the driveway improvements, the variances are for existing structures. Removing the foundation would disturb the vegetation and trees that have grown over and adjacent to it. Relocating the hoop houses on the west side of the Property would disrupt the Property's irrigation and drainage systems and is not feasible given the utility poles and wires that lie immediately east of these five hoop houses. Relocating the dumpster would require the removal of several mature cedar trees. The location of the driveway extension along the eastern portion of the Property is necessary to create the circular flow of traffic that Applicant seeks.
3. The requested variances range from minor to significant. The variance for the dumpster is 6%. The variances for the western hoop houses are 10%, 12.6%, 14.8%, 31.2%, and 33%. While the 31.2% and 33% variances are numerically significant, these hoop houses are adjacent to the Mills Pond Cemetery and about 200 feet from the residence at 5 High Hedges Court. The variance for the concrete foundation is 74.2%. While numerically significant, for the reasons set forth above, the foundation will not have a material impact on neighboring properties. At its closest point, the driveway extension is 25.25 feet from the eastern property line, constituting a 49.5% variance. Again, while numerically significant, the driveway is at grade, well-screened, nearly 200 feet from the Smithtown Art Council building to the east, and an even greater distance from the street. Altogether, while some of these variances are numerically significant, this factor does not necessitate denial given the factors discussed herein.
4. The evidence before the Board does not indicate that the requested variances would have an impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood. The variances are almost exclusively for pre-existing conditions, and there is no documented history of these structures having a negative physical or environmental impact on the area. Applicant would also be bringing several accessory structures into compliance with Village Code's setback requirements.

Further, after review of Applicant's Part 1 FEAF, and the questions set forth in Parts 2 and 3 of the FEAF, this Board finds that the Application will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

5. The hardship here is at least partly self-created, however, this factor is not in and of itself dispositive.

WHEREAS the Zoning Board finds the granting of the requested relief will not result in any perceivable detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community and as such the benefit to the Applicant if the relief is granted clearly outweighs same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Incorporated Village of Head of the Harbor,

THAT, the Board declares itself lead agency for the Application pursuant to SEQRA;

THAT, the Board determines that the Application is a Type 1 Action;

THAT, the Board adopts the FEAF Parts 2 and 3 attached hereto and issues a negative declaration for the Application; and

THAT, the Board grants the Application.

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a unanimous vote at the December 15, 2025 Hearing by the Zoning Board, with members present voting as follows:

Joseph Bollhofer, Chair:	Aye
Bill Anderson:	Aye
John Lovett:	Aye
Alyson Svatek:	Aye
Mark Zuckerman:	Aye

Joseph Bollhofer

Joseph Bollhofer, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Margaret O'Keefe  
Margaret O'Keefe, Village Clerk

**Full Environmental Assessment Form**  
**Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts**

Project :

Date :

**Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency.** Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency **and** the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

**Tips for completing Part 2:**

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer “**Yes**” to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer “**No**” to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box “Moderate to large impact may occur.”
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the “whole action”.
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

<b>1. Impact on Land</b> Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - j. If “No”, move on to Section 2.</i>				<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur		
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		



<b>2. Impact on Geological Features</b> The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</span> <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.</i>			
	<b>Relevant Part I Question(s)</b>	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached: _____	E2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature: _____	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>3. Impacts on Surface Water</b> The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</span> <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.</i>			
	<b>Relevant Part I Question(s)</b>	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>4. Impact on groundwater</b> The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - h. If “No”, move on to Section 5.</i>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source: _____	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>5. Impact on Flooding</b> The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - g. If “No”, move on to Section 6.</i>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	E1e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>6. Impacts on Air</b> The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</span> (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - f. If “No”, move on to Section 7.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels: i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O) iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs) iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ) v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflouorocarbons (HFCs) emissions vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in “a” through “c”, above.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>7. Impact on Plants and Animals</b> The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</span> <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - j. If “No”, move on to Section 8.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source: _____	E2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source: _____	E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>8. Impact on Agricultural Resources</b> The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. and b.) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</span> <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.</i>			
	<b>Relevant Part I Question(s)</b>	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).	E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.	E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.	E1b, E3a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.	E1 a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.	C2c, C3, D2c, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.	C2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources</b> The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile 1/2 -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources</b> The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical 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.	E3e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source: _____	E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If any of the above (a-d) are answered “Moderate to large impact may occur”, continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:</p> <p>e.</p> <p>i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.</p> <p>ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property’s setting or integrity.</p> <p>iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.</p>	<p>E3e, E3g, E3f</p> <p>E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b</p> <p>E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>

<b>11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation</b> The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - e. If “No”, go to Section 12.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	<b>Relevant Part I Question(s)</b>	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or “ecosystem services”, provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas</b> The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - c. If “No”, go to Section 13.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	<b>Relevant Part I Question(s)</b>	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13. Impact on Transportation**

The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems.

☐ NO

☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.j)

*If “Yes”, answer questions a - f. If “No”, go to Section 14.*

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**14. Impact on Energy**

The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy.

☐ NO

☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.k)

*If “Yes”, answer questions a - e. If “No”, go to Section 15.*

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Impacts: _____ _____			

**15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light**

The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting.

☐ NO

☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)

*If “Yes”, answer questions a - f. If “No”, go to Section 16.*

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.)

☐ NO

☐ YES

*If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.*

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.	D2r, D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	E1f, E1g E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	E1f, E1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other impacts: _____ _____			



<b>17. Consistency with Community Plans</b> The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. (See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - h. If “No”, go to Section 18.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action’s land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>18. Consistency with Community Character</b> The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - g. If “No”, proceed to Part 3.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, E3f, E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.	C2, E3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project :

Date :

***Full Environmental Assessment Form***  
***Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts***  
***and***  
***Determination of Significance***

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

**Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions**

SEQR Status: ☐ Type 1 ☐ Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: ☐ Part 1 ☐ Part 2 ☐ Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the \_\_\_\_\_ as lead agency that:

☐ A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

☐ B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

☐ C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action:

Name of Lead Agency:

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Title of Responsible Officer:

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

*Joseph Bollhofer*

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

**For Further Information:**

Contact Person:

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Telephone Number:

E-mail:

**For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:**

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)  
Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>