

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, there is pending before this Honorable Board:

- i) a Local Law authorizing the County of Westchester (the “County”) to terminate its 1982 lease with the New York Medical College (“NYMC”) for the building known as Munger Pavilion and pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County (“LWC”) Section 104.11(5)(b) simultaneously enter into a new lease agreement with NYMC for the Munger Pavilion and for approximately 17.46 acres of County-owned property located at the Grasslands Campus (also known as the Grasslands Reservation and the Valhalla Campus at Grasslands) in the Valhalla section of the Town of Mt. Pleasant, New York (the “Property”) and authorize NYMC to demolish the building known as Munger Pavilion and thereafter construct a new building in its place (the “Lease Agreement”);
- ii) a Local Law amending LWC Section 104.11(5)(f) to provide the County with authority to lease the Property to NYMC for a term of ninety-nine (99) years, which exceeds the thirty (30) year limitation of lease terms set forth therein; and
- iii) a Local Law pursuant to LWC Section 104.11(5)(b) authorizing the County to amend three (3) existing building leases with NYMC for the buildings on the Grasslands Campus known as Sunshine Cottage, Vosburgh Pavilion and the Old Commissioner’s House , respectively (collectively the “Lease Amendments”), in order to (a) remove any obligations the County has to maintain the land surrounding those three (3) buildings as all of that land will be part of the Property that NYMC will be required to maintain pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, and (b) add the land located beneath each of the three (3) buildings to their respective leases as they are currently solely building leases.; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Board has determined that the proposed action would constitute an action under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SEQRA and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617), this project is classified as an “Unlisted action” which requires this Honorable Board to make a determination as to whether the proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is the only involved agency with discretionary authority for this action and, therefore, is assuming the role of Lead Agency as permitted for Unlisted actions pursuant to Section 617.6(b)(4) of the implementing regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with SEQRA and its implementing regulations, a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared to assist this Honorable Board in its environmental assessment of this proposed action; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Board has carefully considered the proposed action and has reviewed the attached Short Environmental Assessment Form and the criteria set forth in Section 617.7 of the implementing regulations and has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, as described in the attached Short Environmental Assessment Form, to determine if this proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that based upon the Honorable Board's review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and for the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from this proposed actions and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is authorized and directed to sign the "Determination of Significance" in the Short Environmental Assessment Form, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as the "Responsible Officer in Lead Agency"; to issue this "Negative Declaration" on behalf of this Board in satisfaction of SEQRA and its implementing regulations; and to immediately transmit same to the Commissioner of Planning to be filed, published and made available pursuant to the requirements of Part 617 of 6 NYCRR; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Resolution shall take effect immediately.

## 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: New York Medical College Lease				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Sunshine Cottage Road, Grasslands Campus, Town of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Termination of existing lease with New York Medical College (NYMC) for Munger Pavilion and replacement with a new lease encompassing approximately 17.46 acres of land at the County's Grasslands Campus. The new lease will include authorization for NYMC to demolish Munger Pavilion and construct a new building in its place. The new lease will be for a term of 99 years, which will require an amendment of Section 104.11 of the Laws of Westchester County to exceed the 30-year term limit. The action also includes amending 3 other existing building leases with NYMC--Sunshine Cottage, Vosburgh Pavilion and the Old Commissioner's House--to include the land beneath the buildings and to remove County obligations for maintaining the land surrounding these buildings as these areas would be part of the overall land lease. The proposed lease area will include approximately 1.81 acres, located on the west side, to be maintained as open space.				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: County of Westchester		Telephone: 914-995-4400 E-Mail: dsk2@westchestergov.com		
Address: 148 Martine Avenue				
City/PO: White Plains		State: NY	Zip Code: 10601	
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 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:			NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?			<div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; margin-bottom: 5px;">17.46 acres</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; margin-bottom: 5px;">0.5+/- acres</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end;">507 acres</div>	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland				

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?		NO YES
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____		NO YES	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	NO YES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<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: <u>Any future development by NYMC is expected to meet or exceed state energy code requirements.</u>		NO YES	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<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 YES	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____		NO YES	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<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 YES	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?		<input 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 YES	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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:

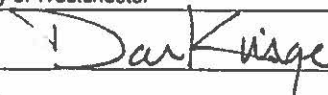
Shoreline  Forest  Agricultural/grasslands  Early mid-successional

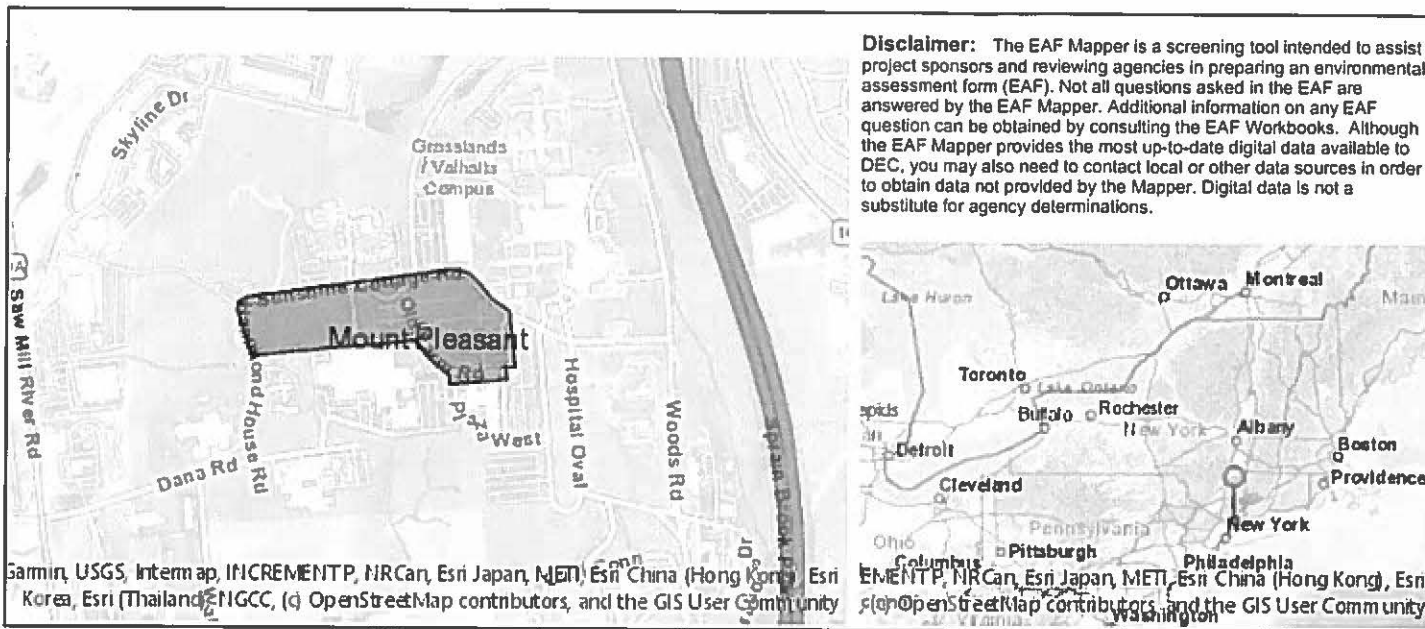
Wetland  Urban  Suburban

15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
	<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?	NO	YES
If Yes,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, briefly describe:		
<p>The replacement building and related improvements will create impervious surfaces that will contribute to stormwater runoff, but it will be offset by the removal of one of the existing buildings. Any new development will be subject to further review and approval and is expected to incorporate stormwater management practices prior to discharging to existing storm sewers on the premises.</p>		
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)?	NO	YES
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	<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?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	<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?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	<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: County of Westchester Date: March 14, 2022

Signature:  Title: Assistant Commissioner



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
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]	No

Project: NYMC Lease

Date: March 2022

**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:		
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"/>



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### 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 proposed lease modifications are not anticipated to have a significant impact on the environment. The lease will provide for continued use by the medical college, which has occupied the site since 1982, for academic related purposes.

Munger Pavilion is currently in very poor condition and the interior building layout does not meet the needs of the medical college. Although built in 1929, it is not listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, nor are the other surrounding buildings. The Grasslands Campus has undergone numerous alterations over the years, including the removal of other original campus buildings and construction of new state-of-the art facilities. As such, the removal of the Munger Pavilion and the construction of a new facility in its place is not expected to have a significant impact on historic or archaeological resources.

The new building to be constructed by the New York Medical College will be in the same general location as the building to be demolished, in the developed part of the campus. The new building will be subject to local municipal land use approvals, as well as further environmental review in accordance with SEQRA. Under the terms of the lease, design of the new building must be consistent with the woodland campus nature of the Grasslands Campus and must meet the qualifications for LEED Silver certification. Any new development is also expected to incorporate appropriate stormwater management practices in compliance with the County's policies and regulations.

- 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.

County of Westchester

Name of Lead Agency

Malika Vanderberg

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Date

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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