

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - _____

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board an Act to authorize the County to modify the Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District (the “District”) by removing one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Harrison, which parcel is not currently connected to the County sewer system; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has determined that the proposed removal would constitute an action under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, known as the 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 of Westchester is the only involved agency for this action and, therefore, is assuming the role of Lead Agency; 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 adverse 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 this Honorable Board’s review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that

there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the removal of this one (1) parcel of property from the Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District; and be it further

RESOLVED, 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 and made a part hereof, as responsible officer in Lead Agency; to issue this "Negative Declaration" on behalf of this Board in satisfaction of SEQRA; and to immediately transmit same to the Acting 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 this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TO: Vincent Kopicki, P.E., Commissioner
Department of Environmental Facilities

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Assistant Commissioner

DATE: January 13, 2023

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR MODIFICATION
OF THE BLIND BOOK SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT TO REMOVE
1 PARCEL – 2481 PURCHASE STREET IN TOWN OF HARRISON**

In response to your request for an environmental review of the above referenced action, the Planning Department has prepared the attached documentation.

The proposed removal of one parcel, located at 2481 Purchase Street in the Town of Harrison, from the County's Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District has been classified as an Unlisted action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR). A Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared for consideration by the Board of Legislators.

Please contact me if you require any additional information regarding these documents.

DSK/cnm
Att.

cc: Joan McDonald, Director of Operations
Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Norma Drummond, Commissioner
Marian Pompa, Director of Maintenance, Dept. of Environmental Facilities
C.J. Gelardo, Associate Engineer, Dept. of Environmental Facilities
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

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Appendix B
Short Environmental Assessment Form

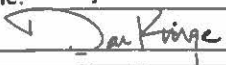
Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Removal of 1 Parcel from Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 2481 Purchase Street (Block 641, Lot 3), Purchase (Town of Harrison), Westchester County, New York			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Removal of one parcel from the Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District. At the request of the property owner, the Town of Harrison has petitioned the County to remove the subject parcel from the County sewer district on the basis that the parcel was never connected to the sewerage system and the Town has no plans to extend local sewers to service this area. The parcel is 3.48 acres in size and is developed with a single-family residence. The residence is served by an on-site septic system. The proposed district modification will remove from ad valorem taxation, a property that has not, does not, nor is anticipated to receive district benefits.			
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"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input 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			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places? b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: <u>County of Westchester</u>	Date: <u>January 13, 2023</u>	
Signature: <u></u>		


Part 2 - Impact Assessment. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 2. 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"/>

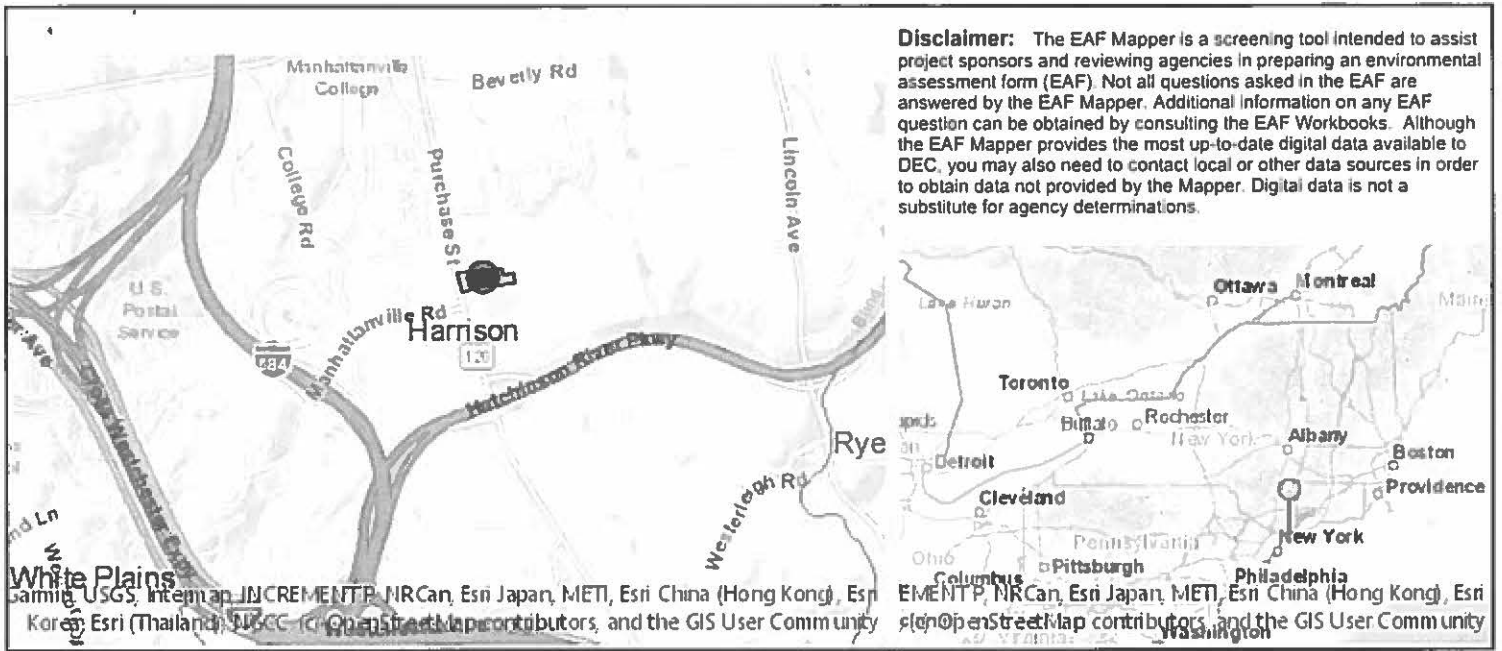
	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3 - Determination of significance. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 3. 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 action involves an act by the County Board of Legislators in order to modify a County-established sewer district, which is similar in nature to "the legislative adoption of a plan" in that there are no direct impacts to the environment because the action does not involve physical changes. The proposed action would remove from a district property that is not receiving nor is anticipated to receive district services. The parcel is already developed with a residence that is served by a functioning on-site septic system. The Health Department has no record of septic problems or failures occurring at this site within the past five years, which may otherwise warrant inclusion in the district. Additionally, the property is located in the Town's R-2 residential zoning district; as such, no new development is anticipated that would warrant a sewer connection. The nearest local sewer is located over 800 feet away. The Town does not have any plans to extend its local sewer lines to serve this property. Since the property was never connected to the sewer system, its removal from the district will have no physical impact on the County's sewer infrastructure.

<input type="checkbox"/>	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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	Date
Malika Vanderberg	Clerk and Chief Administrator of the Board of Legislators
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
_____	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.

Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area] Yes

Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area - Identify] Name: Airport 60 Ldn Noise Contour, Reason: Exceptional or unique character, Agency: Westchester County, Date: 1-31-90

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

Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites] No

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