

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board a Capital Budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), and amended bond act (“Amended Bond Act”) in connections with Capital Project BES14 – Equipment Storage Building (“BES14”); and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQR 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 SEQR 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 the Capital Budget Amendment and Amended Bond Act; 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 SEQR 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

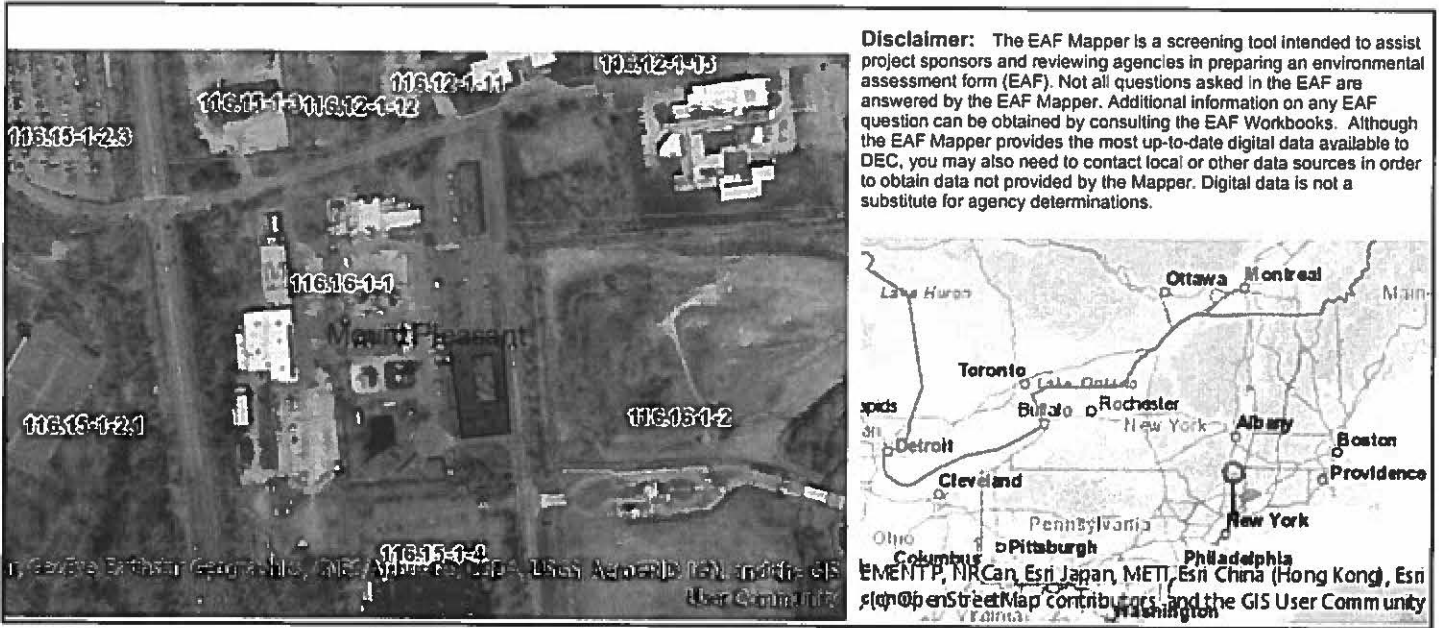
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. 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.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Department of Emergency Services Equipment Storage Building (BES14)			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Walker Road, Valhalla (Town of Mount Pleasant), Westchester County, NY			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Construction of a new 23,000 square-foot storage building to house and maintain deployable emergency equipment and supplies, which are currently stored outdoors, unprotected. Site work includes concrete, asphalt, landscaping, drainage improvements and connections to nearby utilities, including water, gas, electric and sewer. The new building will include a security system, fire alarm system, data and telephone connections, and energy efficient building systems, such as LED lighting and a solar photovoltaic system. The project will provide a secure, dry and climate-controlled environment to protect the expensive equipment and supplies.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: County of Westchester		Telephone: 914-995-2089 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 checked="" 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:			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 1.4 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 1.3 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 456+/- acres			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	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?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: <u>Project will meet state energy code.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ <u>Freshwater pond (PUBHx) on National Wetlands Inventory is located approximately 225 feet to the west of the project site. This pond has been altered and currently receives runoff from existing adjoining development. This project will not affect this pond.</u>			

<p>14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban</p>		
<p>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?</p>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?</p>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?</p> <p>If Yes,</p> <p>a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?</p> <p>b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?</p> <p>If Yes, briefly describe:</p> <p>Stormwater runoff on the east side of the proposed facility, which includes the driveway, will flow into the existing drainage system associated with Walker Road. Roof runoff from the new building will be directed into a new underground retention system that will be installed on the west side which will promote stormwater infiltration.</p>	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:</p> <p>The underground stormwater management system is approximately 30 feet x 139 feet and is designed to meet NYS codes for WQv and rate control. There will be a weir downstream to control the flow leaving the site.</p>	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe:</p>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe:</p> <p>No cases could be found on the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation Database. No known past or current remediation occurring onsite or adjacent to site.</p>	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>County of Westchester</u> Date: <u>July 22, 2021</u></p> <p>Signature: <u></u> Title: <u>Director of Environmental Planning</u></p>		



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]	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]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	Yes

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Date: July 2021

**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 new storage building will not have a significant impact on the environment or surrounding land uses as it will be built in the same location as the existing open storage area, which is bordered by facilities serving the departments of Emergency Services, Public Safety, and Public Works and Transportation. The land to the east is owned by New York City Department of Environmental Protection, which contains its drinking water ultraviolet disinfection facility.

The majority of the site is level and cleared, but the west side slopes down and contains a small rock retaining wall that will need to be removed. Additionally, approximately a dozen trees along the west and south border of the site will need to be removed to accommodate the larger building footprint and the installation of an underground stormwater retention system.

Approximately 10 trees will need to be removed to accommodate the new building and related infrastructure, including several trees in excess of 24 inches DBH. Tree loss will be mitigated by the planting of new trees on the site on a minimum 1 to 1 ratio. Only native species will be planted.

The proposed stormwater retention system will mitigate the increase in stormwater runoff associated with the new structure, allowing for infiltration so there will be no off-site impacts.

The storage building will be accessible off of Walker Road, minimizing required road improvements. Traffic will primarily be limited to times of emergencies, when emergency equipment and supplies stored at the facility will be deployed.

Although the EAF Mapper indicated hazardous waste remediation in the vicinity, no such remediation is known and no cases could be found on the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation Database.

The EAF Mapper also indicated archaeological sensitivity of the area. There will be minimum excavation associated with the building as it will be slab on grade. Underground impacts will be limited to the extension of utilities and the proposed underground stormwater retention system. The project site, however, is surrounded by extensive development and is unlikely to contain intact archaeological resources.

- 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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