


May 5, 2022

TO: Hon. Catherine Borgia, Chair  
Hon. Nancy Barr, Vice Chair  
Hon. Christopher Johnson, Majority Leader  
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer   
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **Bond Act (Amended)** –  
RCL01 – Cranberry Lake Nature Center.

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This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators May 9, 2022 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an amended Bond Act (“Amended Bond Act”) which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”) to issue additional bonds in the amount of \$4,650,000 to finance the following capital project: RCL01.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for May 9, 2022 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer  
County Executive

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Westchester County Board of Legislators  
800 Michaelian Office Building  
White Plains, New York 10601

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RCL01 – Cranberry Lake Nature Center (“RCL01”).

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$4,990,000 which includes \$340,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the cost of the design, construction and construction management of a new nature center and associated infrastructure and site work improvements at the County’s Cranberry Lake Preserve (the “Preserve”).

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (“Department”) has advised that the Preserve offers a unique environmental opportunity for the study of a wide range of habitats. The Preserve is rich in biodiversity and serves as an educational showcase. The new nature center will be used by patrons year round and will serve school groups in the spring and fall, children’s ecology programs in the summer and weekend programs year round. The existing nature center at the Preserve is a converted garage and is not adequately sized for most of its functions including classroom, office, storage and restrooms. The new nature center will include a main activities room, office, utility room, outdoor classroom area, restrooms and new water, HVAC, septic and communications service. The larger facility will allow expansion of the summer camp which has had a waiting list for many years.

Design is currently being completed by consultants and is expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2022. It is anticipated that construction will take twelve months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds to finance RCL01, as follows: Bond Act No. 212-2013 in the amount of \$340,000 which was authorized to finance design in connection with RCL01. These bonds have not been sold. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 212-2013 be amended to increase the total amount authorized by \$4,650,000 for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$4,990,000, to revise the scope of Bond Act No. 212-2013 to include work associated with the construction phase of RCL01 and to increase the period of probable usefulness of said bonds.

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The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, RCL01 has been classified as an "Unlisted" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"). A Resolution, and proposed Negative Declaration, along with a Full Environmental Assessment Form, prepared by the Planning Department, are attached to assist your Honorable Board in complying with SEQR. Should your Honorable Board conclude that the proposed action will not have any significant impact on the environment; it must approve the Resolution adopting the Negative Declaration prior to enacting the aforementioned Amended Bond Act. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Amended Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer  
County Executive

Attachments

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of an amended bond act (“Amended Bond Act”) in the total amount of \$4,990,000 which includes \$340,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County of Westchester (“County”) to finance Capital Project RCL01 – Cranberry Lake Nature Center (“RCL01”). The Amended Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, is required to finance the cost of the design, construction and construction management of a new nature center and associated infrastructure and site work improvements at the County’s Cranberry Lake Preserve (the “Preserve”).

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It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Amended Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Amended Bond Act.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RCL01

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

## SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

Current Appropriations

Capital Budget Amendment

## SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 4,990,000 PPU 15 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.88%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 409,671

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 6,145,065

Finance Department: Interest rates from April 27, 2022 Bond Buyer - ASBA

## SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): \$ -

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations

(describe in detail for current and next four years):

## SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 54

## SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: Ken Uhle

Title: Program Coord. Capital Planning PRC

Department: DPW&T

Date: 5/3/22

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 5/4/22

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there is pending before this Honorable Board a proposed amended bond act (“Amended Bond Act”) to authorize the County of Westchester to issue bonds in connection with capital project RCL01 – Cranberry Lake Nature Center (“RCL01”); and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Board has determined that the proposed 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 conducting uncoordinated review as permitted for Unlisted actions pursuant to Section 617.6(b)(4) of the implementing regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with SEQR and its implementing regulations, a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) 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 EAF 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 EAF, 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 EAF and for the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the 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 EAF, 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.



**Full Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 1 - Project and Setting**

**Instructions for Completing Part 1**

**Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor.** 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; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

**A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.**

Name of Action or Project: Cranberry Lake Nature Center		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Cranberry Lake Preserve, 1609 Old Orchard Street, North White Plains (Town of North Castle), Westchester County, New York		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): Demolition of an existing 1,016 square-foot nature center and 198 square-foot storage building and construction of a new larger nature center in the same vicinity. The new nature center will consist of a first floor with approximately 2,690 square feet of space, a 480 square-foot mezzanine, and 1,776 square feet of basement space. The project includes the installation of a new septic system, which will entail construction of a new 477-linear-foot primary septic field approximately 700 feet north of the proposed new building. An equivalently sized expansion area, as required by code, has been located southeast of the proposed new septic field. Also to comply with current codes, a new well will be installed near the existing well, which will be abandoned, to provide domestic water service to the new nature center. A rain garden will be created next to the new nature center to receive stormwater runoff from the expanded building footprint and to serve as a demonstration of this environmentally beneficial stormwater management technique. Vegetated swales and a small detention basin will also be constructed within the circular driveway to address current stormwater management needs associated with the existing driveway and parking area.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: County of Westchester	Telephone: (914) 995-2000	E-Mail:
Address: 148 Martine Avenue		
City/PO: White Plains	State: NY	Zip Code: 10601
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): David Kvinge	Telephone: 914-995-4400	E-Mail: dsk2@westchestergov.com
Address: 148 Martine Avenue, Room 432		
City/PO: White Plains	State: NY	Zip Code: 10601
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):	Telephone:	E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

**B. Government Approvals**

<b>B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship.</b> ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)		
<b>Government Entity</b>	<b>If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required</b>	<b>Application Date (Actual or projected)</b>
a. City Counsel, Town Board, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Planning Board or Commission		
c. City, Town or <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Village Zoning Board of Appeals		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Westchester County Department of Health: Onsite wastewater treatment system	Approved 10/31/2019.
f. Regional agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NYC DEP: Onsite septic systems within the New York City Watershed	Approved 10/31/2019.
g. State agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NYS DEC: SPDES Notice of Intent + Preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	01-10-2022
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources.		
i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**C. Planning and Zoning**

<b>C.1. Planning and zoning actions.</b>	
Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If Yes, complete sections C, F and G.</li> <li>If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1</li> </ul>	
<b>C.2. Adopted land use plans.</b>	
a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway: Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, identify the plan(s): NYC Watershed Boundary _____ _____ _____	
c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, identify the plan(s): _____ _____ _____	

**C.3. Zoning**

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance.  Yes  No  
 If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?  
R-1A (One Family Residence District (1 Acre))

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit?  Yes  No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,  
 i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? \_\_\_\_\_

**C.4. Existing community services.**

a. In what school district is the project site located? Valhalla Union Free School District

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?  
Westchester County Department of Public Safety; North Castle Police Department

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?  
North Castle South Fire District 1; Valhalla Ambulance Corps.

d. What parks serve the project site?  
The project provides for improvements to a County park.

**D. Project Details**

**D.1. Proposed and Potential Development**

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)? Recreational

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? \_\_\_\_\_ 10 acres  
 b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? \_\_\_\_\_ 1.25 acres  
 c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_ 190 acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use?  Yes  No  
 i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % 300 Units: Building square footage

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,  
 i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed?  Yes  No  
 iii. Number of lots proposed? \_\_\_\_\_  
 iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum \_\_\_\_\_

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases?  Yes  No  
 i. If No, anticipated period of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ 14 months  
 ii. If Yes:  
 • Total number of phases anticipated \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Anticipated commencement date of phase I (including demolition) \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year  
 • Anticipated completion date of final phase \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year  
 • Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

f. Does the project include new residential uses?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	<u>One Family</u>	<u>Two Family</u>	<u>Three Family</u>	<u>Multiple Family (four or more)</u>
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,

i. Total number of structures 1

ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: 30 height; 57 width; and 83 length

iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: 5,310 square feet

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,

i. Purpose of the impoundment: Rain garden and detention basin for stormwater management (temporary ponding).

ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water:  Ground water  Surface water streams  Other specify: Stormwater runoff

iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: 1056 cf million gallons; surface area: 0.05 acres

v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: +2 ft height; +50 length

vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete): Rain Garden will be constructed via soil excavation and plantings.

**D.2. Project Operations**

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite)  Yes  No  
 If Yes:

i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? Excavation for building foundation, septic system and stormwater management

ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?

- Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): 852 +/- cubic yards
- Over what duration of time? 1 month (basement) + 30 days for septic system and rain garden

iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them.  
Subsoil, including rocks and boulders; potential ledge rock. Soil and rocks will be stockpiled for use on site. Excess material to be removed from site.

iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials?  Yes  No  
 If yes, describe. \_\_\_\_\_

v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? +/-14,118 SF? (=0.32Ac) acres

vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? 0.32 acres

vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? Max 8' for building foundation feet

viii. Will the excavation require blasting?  Yes  No

ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas to remain undeveloped will be restored to its original natural condition. New septic field will be maintained in a meadow state. Only native plants will be used to re-landscape.

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:

i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): The project is in the adjacent area of two small wetlands--one is a vernal pond, the other is listed as PFO1C on the National Wetlands Inventory. The proposed sewer main and septic field will be greater than 150 feet from NYS Freshwater Wetland W-6.

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:

There will be no impact on the vernal pond and no appreciable impact to the other seasonally flooded wetland. Vegetated swales and a detention pond will be created within the driveway circle to improve stormwater management prior to entering an existing drainage pipe that currently outfalls into the PFO1C wetland.

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments?  Yes  No  
If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: \_\_\_\_\_
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): \_\_\_\_\_
- proposed method of plant removal: \_\_\_\_\_
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water?  Yes  No

If Yes:  
i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: \_\_\_\_\_ +/-1,000 gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply?  Yes  No

- If Yes:
- Name of district or service area: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal?  Yes  No
  - Is the project site in the existing district?  Yes  No
  - Is expansion of the district needed?  Yes  No
  - Do existing lines serve the project site?  Yes  No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project?  Yes  No

- If Yes:
- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Source(s) of supply for the district: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site?  Yes  No

- If Yes:
- Applicant/sponsor for new district: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date application submitted or anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: \_\_\_\_\_

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: \_\_\_\_\_  
New onsite well will be installed to replace an existing well.

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: TBD gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes?  Yes  No

If Yes:  
i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: 845 gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): Sanitary wastewater

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities?  Yes  No

- If Yes:
- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project?  Yes  No
  - Is the project site in the existing district?  Yes  No
  - Is expansion of the district needed?  Yes  No

- Do existing sewer lines serve the project site?  Yes  No
- Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project?  Yes  No

If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site?  Yes  No

If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date application submitted or anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? \_\_\_\_\_

v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):

Sanitary wastewater from the new nature center will be routed via forcemain to a new septic field to be constructed on a gentle slope in the north area of the park. The field will consist of 477+/- linear feet of absorption trench lines that will be covered by fill and kept in place by an impermeable barrier.

vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: \_\_\_\_\_

No other liquid waste produced by this project

e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?

\_\_\_\_\_ Square feet or 0.05 acres (impervious surface)

\_\_\_\_\_ Square feet or 190 acres (parcel size)

ii. Describe types of new point sources. Roof leaders and new patio areas.

iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?

Stormwater runoff from new building roof will discharge into new rain gardens, where it will infiltrate into ground. Vegetated swales will be installed adjacent to existing access drive to collect stormwater and direct excess water into a detention pond to be constructed around an existing outlet control structure.

- If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_

The outlet control structure will be modified for improved water quality function and will continue to utilize the existing outfall pipe that conveys storm water within the circular drive under the road and out to the PFO1C wetland on the west side of the access drive.

- Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties?  Yes  No

iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater?  Yes  No

f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations?  Yes  No

If Yes, identify:

i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)

ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)

iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)

g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year)  Yes  No

ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): \_\_\_\_\_

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i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations?  Yes  No

If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): \_\_\_\_\_

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j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply):  Morning  Evening  Weekend  
 Randomly between hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Parking spaces: Existing \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed \_\_\_\_\_ Net increase/decrease \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking?  Yes  No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within 1/2 mile of the proposed site?  Yes  No

vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles?  Yes  No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes?  Yes  No

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k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: \_\_\_\_\_  
40 KW peak demand

ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other):  
Grid/local utility

iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation?  Yes  No

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l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

<p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: <u>7:30 AM - 4 PM</u></li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>	<p>ii. During Operations: <u>Nature Center hours</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: <u>(Tuesday-Friday) 9 AM - 4 PM</u></li> <li>• Saturday: <u>9 AM - 4 PM</u></li> <li>• Sunday: <u>9 AM - 4 PM</u></li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>
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m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both?  Yes  No  
 If yes:  
 i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:  
Construction machinery from 7am-4pm

ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: Although the project involves the removal of a number of trees, the project site is deep within the park and distant from any other land uses.

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n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting?  Yes  No  
 If yes:  
 i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:  
Down lighting sconces are proposed next to building entrances. Additional lights will be mounted on several trees around the new center at approx. 20 feet high, directed down towards surrounding pathways. The nature center is located more than 1,000 feet from the nearest residence/occupied structure.

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: Although the project involves the removal of a number of trees, the project site is deep within the park, far from any other land uses and surrounded by mature forest.

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o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:  
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p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Product(s) to be stored \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Volume(s) \_\_\_\_\_ per unit time \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., month, year)  
 iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Describe proposed treatment(s):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices?  Yes  No

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r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:  
 • Construction: \_\_\_\_\_ 0.5 tons per \_\_\_\_\_ week (unit of time)  
 • Operation : \_\_\_\_\_ 0.02 tons per \_\_\_\_\_ week (unit of time)

ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:  
 • Construction: Construction specifications require recycling or reuse of aluminum or plastic beverage containers, corrugated cardboard, wood pallets, clean dimensional wood, land clearing debris, metals, glass, plastic buckets.  
 • Operation: Recycling of glass, metals, plastic, paper, cardboard to county recycling center.

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:  
 • Construction: Construction specifications require contractor to develop and follow a waste management plan. Removal of construction waste to private and/or public landfill.  
 • Operation: Removal of general waste to County resource recovery facility.



s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: \_\_\_\_\_ years

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t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated \_\_\_\_\_ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: \_\_\_\_\_

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility?  Yes  No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: \_\_\_\_\_

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action**

**E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site**

a. Existing land uses.

i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.

- Urban  Industrial  Commercial  Residential (suburban)  Rural (non-farm)  
 Forest  Agriculture  Aquatic  Other (specify): Institutional

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:

Primarily surrounded by undeveloped lands owned by New York City for the protection of the water supply. Site is also in the vicinity of single-family residences to the east and south, and a youth treatment and education facilities to the north.

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

(In approximate numbers)

Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	1	1.1	+0.1
• Forested	130	129.8	-0.2
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	3.6	3.7	+0.1
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	0	0	0
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	7	7	0
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	43.4	43.4	0
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	5	4.95	-0.05
• Other Describe: <u>Stormwater management basin/rain garden</u>	0	0.05	+0.05

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?  Yes  No  
 i. If Yes: explain: Hiking, observation, nature education and summer camp program.

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d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,  
 i. Identify Facilities:  
Jennie Clarkson Home (boarding school for children with special needs) and Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) are located on the north side of Old Orchard Street.

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e. Does the project site contain an existing dam?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:  
 • Dam height: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 • Dam length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 • Surface area: \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
 • Volume impounded: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons OR acre-feet  
 ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Has the facility been formally closed?  Yes  No  
 • If yes, cite sources/documentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply:  Yes  No  
 Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Neither database  
 ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database?  Yes  No  
 If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses?  Yes  No

- If yes, DEC site ID number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe any use limitations: \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe any engineering controls: \_\_\_\_\_
- Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place?  Yes  No
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site**

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? \_\_\_\_\_ 1.4 feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? \_\_\_\_\_ 15 %

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:

Charlton-Chatfield complex (CrC)	_____	31 %
Chatfield-Hollis-Rock outcrop (ClC)	_____	26 %
Chatfield-Charlton complex (CsD)	_____	12 %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: \_\_\_\_\_ >6 feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well Drained:	_____	90 % of site
<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well Drained:	_____	0 % of site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poorly Drained	_____	10 % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-10%:	_____	70 % of site
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-15%:	_____	5 % of site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15% or greater:	_____	25 % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)?  Yes  No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency?  Yes  No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

• Streams:	Name _____	Classification _____
• Lakes or Ponds:	Name Cranberry Lake	Classification <sup>1</sup> _____
• Wetlands:	Name Federal Waters	Approximate Size 11.9 acres
• Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC)	W-6	

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies?  Yes  No  
 If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: \_\_\_\_\_

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i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway?  Yes  No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain?  Yes  No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain?  Yes  No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:

i. Name of aquifer: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:</p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none; width: 33%;">Starling, Grackle, Robin, Blue Jay, Crow</td> <td style="border: none; width: 33%;">Geese, Ducks, Hawks, Owls</td> <td style="border: none; width: 33%;">Turtles, Snakes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Cardinal, Chickadee, Titmouse, Nuthatch</td> <td style="border: none;">Chipmunk, Squirrel, Mice, Raccoon</td> <td style="border: none;">Frogs, Salamanders</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Blackbirds, Woodpeckers, Warblers</td> <td style="border: none;">Deer, Fox, Bats</td> <td style="border: none;">Dragonflies</td> </tr> </table>			Starling, Grackle, Robin, Blue Jay, Crow	Geese, Ducks, Hawks, Owls	Turtles, Snakes	Cardinal, Chickadee, Titmouse, Nuthatch	Chipmunk, Squirrel, Mice, Raccoon	Frogs, Salamanders	Blackbirds, Woodpeckers, Warblers	Deer, Fox, Bats	Dragonflies
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Blackbirds, Woodpeckers, Warblers	Deer, Fox, Bats	Dragonflies									
<p>n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____</p> <p>ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____</p> <p>iii. Extent of community/habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently: _____ acres</li> <li>• Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres</li> <li>• Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres</li> </ul>											
<p>o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____</p> <p>Small Swollen Bladderwort</p>											
<p>p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Species and listing: _____</p> <p>The answer for this question was automatically inputted by the EAF Mapper program. Please see Part 3 for further discussion.</p>											
<p>q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____</p>											
<p><b>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</b></p>											
<p>a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____</p>											
<p>b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____</p> <p>ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____</p>											
<p>c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature</p> <p>ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____</p>											
<p>d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. CEA name: County &amp; State Park Lands</p> <p>ii. Basis for designation: Exceptional or unique character</p> <p>iii. Designating agency and date: Agency: Westchester County, Date: 1-31-90</p>											

e. 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?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource:  Archaeological Site  Historic Building or District

ii. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: \_\_\_\_\_

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f. 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?  Yes  No

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g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Describe possible resource(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Basis for identification: \_\_\_\_\_

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h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Identify resource: (1) Bronx River Parkway, (2) Taconic State Parkway

ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): (1 and 2) NYS designated Scenic Byway

iii. Distance between project and resource: (1) 1/4 mile, (2) 1/2 mile miles.

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i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666?  Yes  No

**F. Additional Information**

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

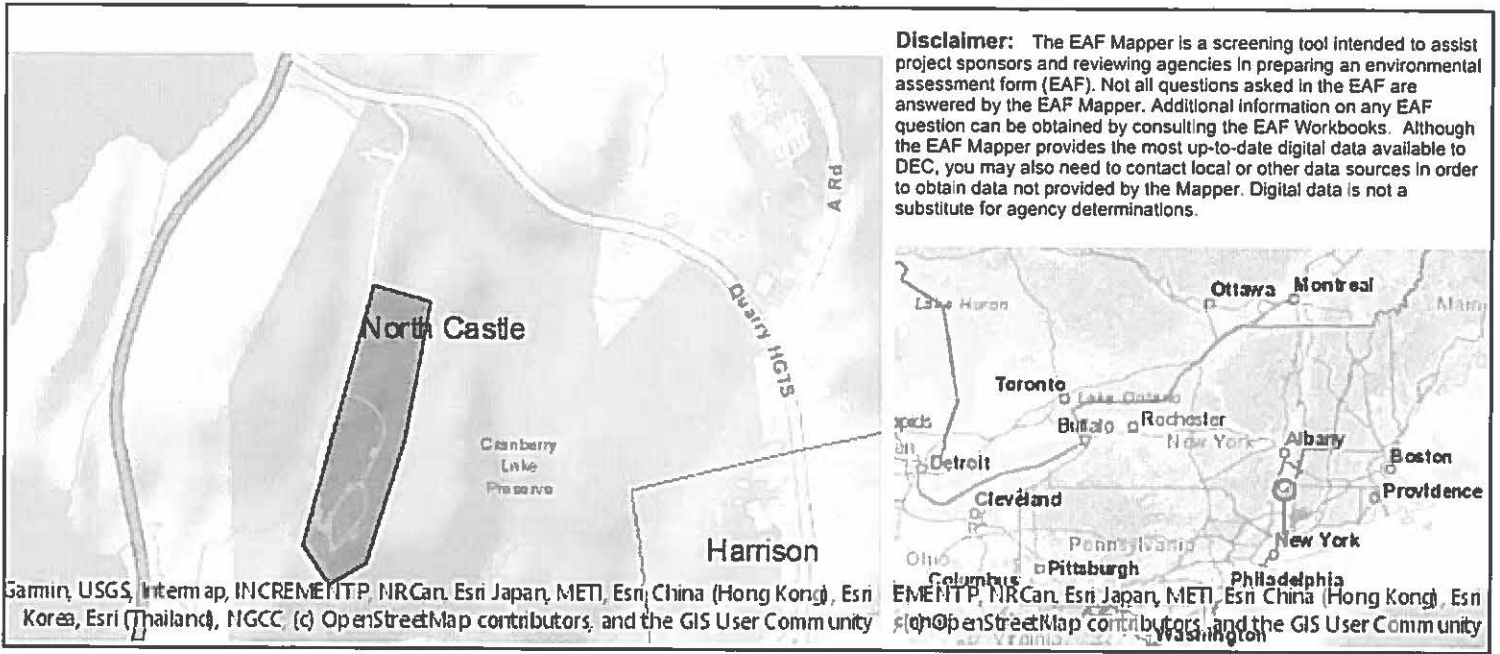
If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

**G. Verification**

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name County of Westchester Date March 11, 2022

Signature  Title Assistant Commissioner



B.i.i [Coastal or Waterfront Area]	No
B.i.ii [Local Waterfront Revitalization Area]	No
C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	NYC Watershed Boundary
E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Listed]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Environmental Site Remediation Database]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site]	No
E.2.g [Unique Geologic Features]	No
E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.iii [Surface Water Features]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.2.h.iv [Surface Water Features - Wetlands Name]	Federal Waters
E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	No
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.l. [Aquifers]	No
E.2.n. [Natural Communities]	No

E.2.b. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	Yes
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species - Name]	Small Swollen Bladderwort
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	No
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area]	Yes
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area - Name]	County & State Park Lands
E.3.d.ii [Critical Environmental Area - Reason]	Exceptional or unique character
E.3.d.iii [Critical Environmental Area – Date and Agency]	Agency:Westchester County, Date:1-31-90
E.3.e. [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.3.f. [Archeological Sites]	No
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor]	No

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

Agency Use Only [If applicable]  
 Project : **Cranberry Lake Nature Center**  
 Date : **March 2022**

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: <u>Construction of new septic field</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**2. Impact on Geological Features**  
 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)  NO  YES  
*If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.*

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
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"/>

**3. Impacts on Surface Water**  
 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)  NO  YES  
*If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.*

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Other impacts: <u>Construction of a Septic Field</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**4. Impact on groundwater**  
 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.  NO  YES  
 (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t)  
 If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.

	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 checked="" 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: <u>Old well be replaced with new well, but only minor increase in usage anticipated.</u>	D2c	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5. Impact on Flooding**  
 The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding.  NO  YES  
 (See Part 1. E.2)  
 If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.

	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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6. Impacts on Air			
The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. (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>		<input checked="" 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. 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 hydrochloroflourocarbons (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"/>

7. Impact on Plants and Animals			
The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other impacts: <u>Tree removals associated with new building and septic field.</u>		<input checked="" 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.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
<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 checked="" 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. 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 checked="" 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 occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on or has been nominated by the NYS Board of Historic Preservation for inclusion on the State or National Register of Historic Places.	E3e	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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: <u>Potential per Phase IA report (2006).</u>	E3g	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. Other impacts: <u>None per Phase IB and SHPO letter (2017).</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. 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:			
i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.	E3e, E3g, E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: <u>Project will enhance recreation and promote environmental education.</u>		<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: <u>There will be additional lighting around the new nature center that will be used during occasional evening events. Lights will not be left on overnight.</u>		<input checked="" 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: _____ _____			



**17. Consistency with Community Plans**

The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.  
 (See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)  
 If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.

NO

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"/>

**18. Consistency with Community Character**

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.  
 (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)  
 If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

NO

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"/>

**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.

As more fully described in the attachment, the proposed project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The incorporation of green building and management methods will increase the efficiency of the new larger nature center, while meeting the current needs of the public that also serves to promote environmental stewardship. The careful design and placement of the facility components along with implementation of appropriate mitigating measures will minimize impacts on the environment from the proposed development.

**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  
Phase IB Archaeological Survey (Stoney Creek Archaeology, Inc., 2017) and SHPO Letter of No Effect for Cranberry Preserve Nature Center Building  
(12/13/2017).

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the  
County of Westchester, acting by and through its Board of Legislators, 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.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: Cranberry Lake Nature Center

Name of Lead Agency: County of Westchester

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Malika Vanderberg

Title of Responsible Officer: Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the Westchester County Board of Legislators

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

*David Kvinge*

Date:

3/11/2022

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**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>

Cranberry Lake Nature Center  
Full EAF Part 3 - Evaluation of Impacts

Impact on Land

The new nature center will replace the existing facility, which was converted from a garage and is inadequate for the current demands of this County park, which hosts school and scout groups, as well as weekend and summer camp programs. The new nature center will be constructed near the existing nature center, but will be closer to the access road and will utilize the existing parking area along the access road, which will minimize potential impacts. The minor increase in impervious surface associated with the larger nature center will be offset by the demolition of the existing structures and the removal of the surrounding compacted gravel areas serving the existing facility.

Soils are rocky and there are several rock outcrops in the project area. To utilize the area near the access road for the new nature center, part of the building will be built on top of a rock ledge. Rock may also be encountered along the route of the proposed sewer force main. Only minor rock removal will be needed and will be removed by mechanical chipping, drilling and excavation. No blasting will be employed.

Although the topography is rolling, there will be minimal impact on steep slopes. Construction on slopes will primarily be limited to the new nature center, where the building will work with the existing topography and provide two levels of access. A more level area to the north was selected for the septic field. Erosion and sediment controls—including silt fencing, inlet protection and stabilized construction entrances—will be implemented during construction in accordance with the New York State Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.

There will be minimal impact associated with excavation. Approximately 500 cubic yards will need to be removed for the building foundation and septic infrastructure, and approximately 365 cubic yards for the rain gardens, detention pond and swales, which will occupy a total area of approximately 2,900 square feet, but be only 6 to 12 inches deep. The new septic field, which will impact approximately 8,000 square feet of land area, will be located on a slight slope and will be constructed by the placement of fill over the distribution pipes, with an impermeable edge installed at the low end to support the raised field. Excavated soil and rocks not reused onsite will be relocated to another location within the park, primarily around the new nature center building, but also in the picnic area adjacent to the proposed septic field.

Although somewhat distant from the nature center facility, the siting of the new septic field was based on slope limitations, minimizing impacts to the onsite wetlands, as well as minimizing the number of trees that would need to be removed. The proposed septic site is partially cleared and will be retained in a low growth state.

Overall construction is anticipated to take a little over a year. However, exterior site work is anticipated to be completed within a year. Disturbed areas will be stabilized and landscaped and will not contribute to any erosion following completion of construction.

#### Impact on Surface Water

The project will result in a minor increase in impervious surfaces. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan has also been prepared in accordance with the New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual. As previously mentioned, green stormwater management practices, including the use of vegetated swales and rain gardens, have been incorporated into the project to handle runoff from existing as well as proposed additional impervious surfaces. Hydrologic calculations for the Type III, 24-hour, 1-year to 100-year rainfall events were conducted, which shows a minor reduction in volume and peak flow following construction.

Two small wetlands have been delineated in the vicinity of the nature center—one is a vernal pond located in the center of the driveway circle, the other is listed on the National Wetlands Inventory as a “Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland” (PFO1C) and is located on the southwest side of the driveway circle. There will be no new impacts upon these wetlands. An existing stormwater conveyance pipe currently discharges stormwater, which collects at the south end of the circular driveway, to the PFO1C wetland. The detention pond that will be created within the circle to aid in stormwater management will utilize this same pipe for its outflow. The NWI also identified another small “Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland” on the east side of the access road, north of the circular drive. This area, however, has been subject to significant disturbance, including filling, and has been serving as a picnic area for the park. The proposed sewer force main will be routed along the east edge of this area and will have no adverse wetland impacts, given the existing disturbance. The proposed new septic field to the north will be located closer to, but more than 100 feet from New York State Freshwater Wetland W-6 and is not expected to have an impact.

#### Impact on Groundwater

There will be no significant impact to groundwater. A new well is proposed to replace an existing well that does not meet the current minimum depth requirement and has inadequate casing. The new well will be approximately 20 feet from the existing well. The new nature center will allow for a minor, but not significant increase in usage. As such, only a minor increase in water consumption is anticipated.

The facility has been estimated to generate under 1,000 gallons of sewage per day. The new septic field will provide improved sanitary wastewater treatment over the old septic field. Test pits at the proposed septic field were excavated to a minimum 48 inches and no groundwater was encountered.

### Impact on Plants and Animals

The EAF Mapper identified the potential presence of a State-threatened plant known as the Small Swollen Bladderwort or Small Floating Bladderwort (*Utricularia radiata*). This plant typically resides in small shallow ponds. In addition, County naturalists have found breeding populations of the Marbled Salamander, a species of Special Concern to New York State, at vernal pools in the vicinity of the project area. This project has been designed to avoid impacts to the vernal pool and wetlands in the area.

A report from NYSDEC Natural Heritage Program, dated November 18, 2016, indicated the presence of a number of other threatened and endangered plants at Cranberry Lake Preserve, including Twayblade (*Liparis liliifolia*), Screw-stem (*Bartonia paniculata*), Slender Pineweed (*Lechea tenuifolia*), Featherfoil (*Hottonia inflata*). However, these species are located in the lake, south pond, fen and far side of the lake, and will not be impacted by this project.

Approximately 32 trees will need to be removed for the construction of the new nature center and septic field, which will be in separate locations. These removals will not have a significant environmental impact since the sites are located within a heavily forested 190-acre park. Tree removals will be targeted to be undertaken during the months of November through March to prevent impacts on potential roosting bats. A staff naturalist will also survey the trees and confirm that those to be removed do not provide suitable roosting habitat prior to any construction.

### Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources

Although the EAF Mapper did not identify the project area as being located within or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the New York State Historic Preservation Office archaeological site inventory, a previously conducted Phase IA (Hartgen Archaeological Associates, Inc., 2006) determined that portions of Cranberry Lake Preserve are sensitive for the presence of pre-contact and historical archaeological resources and recommended Phase IB testing be conducted prior to ground disturbances.

As recommended by Phase IA, a Phase IB archeological survey was conducted for the areas of potential effect in connection with the proposed project. Based on Phase IB, the areas of potential effect do not contain archaeological sites or potentially significant cultural deposits and no further archeological investigation is recommended (Stoney Creek Archaeology, Inc., 2017). In a letter dated December 13, 2017, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation concurred that the project will have no impact on cultural resources listed or eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places.

### Impact on Critical Environmental Areas

The project is located within the County and State Parklands Critical Environmental Area, a designation created by the County to preserve the exceptional character of parklands and the recreational, ecological, educational, social and cultural values that they provide. The project will increase the recreational and educational values of the park while minimizing impacts to the environment through proper siting and design. The new building will be more energy efficient and demonstrate low-impact development to the public by incorporating “green” stormwater management practices.

### Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

There will be the typical increase in noise associated with construction, but no new noise nor odor impacts following construction. Construction will be limited in time and duration. Additionally, since the facility is located deep within the park, there will be no impact on any adjoining land uses, which are well over 500 feet away.

In addition to standard entrance lighting on the buildings, light fixtures will be mounted onto four trees around the nature center to light up surrounding pathways. All lighting will be directed downward onto improved areas only and is intended to operate only when the facility is in use. The facility will typically operate from dawn to dusk. Timers will be installed to ensure that the lights are turned off at night to prevent disruption to nocturnal wildlife.