

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 643 OF 2015

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Conover, Taylor, Sokol, Monroe, Wood, Kenny, Merlino, Frasier and Dickinson

DATED DECEMBER 18, 2015

WARREN COUNTY'S BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S SEQRA RESOLUTION REGARDING ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ALSO KNOWN AS SUNY ADIRONDACK'S NSTEM PROJECT AND THE WORC PROJECT LOCATED AT 640 BAY ROAD, QUEENSBURY NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors has had an opportunity to review the SUNY Adirondack Renovation and Expansion project for the Science Building which is located at 640 Bay Road in Queensbury, New York, (hereinafter referred to as the "NSTEM Project") and the project referenced as the Adirondack Regional Workforce Readiness Center also located at 640 Bay Road in Queensbury, New York, (hereinafter referred to as the "WORC Project"), collectively referenced as the Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Board is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), as described in ECL Section 8-0101, *et. seq.*, and 6 NYCRR Part 617, and

WHEREAS, SEQRA requires that no agency may undertake, fund or approve an action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Projects' scope and the Short Environmental Assessment Form, with regard to their classification under SEQRA and whether they will have any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

WHEREAS, the Board received a copy of the Short Environmental Assessment Form used by the Adirondack Community College, also known as SUNY Adirondack, Board of Trustees on December 8, 2015 as they are an involved and/or interested agency with the NSTEM Project and the WORC Project, and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015 the Adirondack Community College, also known as SUNY Adirondack, Board of Trustees, declared the Projects to be an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and proceeded

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with an uncoordinated review determining that the NSTEM Project and the WORC Project will not have a significant effect or impact on the environment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that due to the Projects' size, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) and (8), the Board hereby declares that this Projects be classified as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA because although they are a replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, the expansion of the existing facility is by more than 10,000 square feet of its gross floor area, and as a result they are not deemed exempt from SEQRA, and be it further

RESOLVED, that because the Projects do not meet the thresholds requirements set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(3), (6) and (10), they are not required to be classified as a Type I Action, and be it further

RESOLVED, that as an Unlisted Action, it is not necessary for there to be Lead Agency acceptance by other involved or interested agencies, or a coordinated review, as is required in a Type I Action, and as a result, the Board hereby declares itself as Lead Agent for this uncoordinated review, without having to wait a 30 day period, and be it further

RESOLVED, that because it is an Unlisted Action, only a Short Environmental Assessment Form is required, and as a result, the Board has completed Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, and be it further

RESOLVED, that with the Board's review of the Projects, the EAF, and the Criteria for Determinating Significance as described in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, the Board hereby finds that the Projects will not have a significant impact on the environment and therefore do not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Determination of Significance shall be considered a Negative Declaration made pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board is hereby authorized and directed to file any and all appropriate notices of this determination so that the intent of the Resolution is carried out.

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

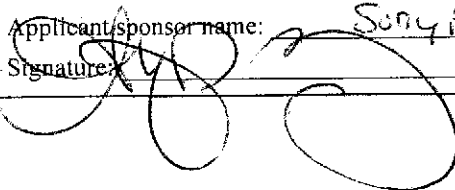
Instructions for Completing

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

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

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: SUNY ADIRONDACK NSTEM PROJECT AND SUNY ADIRONDACK WORC PROJECT			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 640 Bay Road			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Applicant is proposing to renovate the existing Science building as well as construct a 26,500 square foot, two story addition to the south end of the Science building to meet existing and projected demands for the Science and Nursing programs (NSTEM Project) and to renovate as well as construct a 23,100 square feet, two story addition to the north side of the Science building for the Adirondack Regional Workforce Readiness Center (WORC Project).			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Adirondack Community College, aka SUNY Adirondack		Telephone: E-Mail:	
Address: 640 Bay Road			
City/PO: Queensbury		State: NY	Zip Code: 12804
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		145 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		approx. 2.8 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		145 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: The action will meet the state energy code requirements. _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ There are Federal and State designated wetlands on the site, but no alteration is proposed. _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES Storm water discharges will be directed to a new rain garden and slowly absorbed. _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Sony Adirondack - Project Attorney</u> Date: <u>12/8/15</u></p> <p>Signature: </p>		

Project:

Date:

**Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Warren County Board of Supervisors
Name of Lead Agency

December 18, 2015
Date

Kevin B. Geraghty
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Chairman
Title of Responsible Officer

Kevin B. Geraghty
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

[Signature]
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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