



ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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TO ATTACHED LIST OF AGENCIES

Re: Lead Agency - State Environmental Quality Review Act
("SEQRA")
Allegany-Limestone Central School District
Capital Improvements Project, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Allegany-Limestone Central School District (the "District") proposes to undertake a Capital Improvements Project, 2017 which includes various renovation, upgrade, security, and site work improvements at the District's sites and facilities. The enclosed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") provides more information on the proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2017.

In accordance with New York State Education Department ("SED") policy and practice which mandate that a local school district is the SEQRA "lead agency" for capital projects undertaken by a district, the District and its Board of Education proposes to be the SEQRA "lead agency" for this project and is hereby coordinating the SEQRA review with other agencies. Under SEQRA, State or local agencies which have discretionary approvals or funding decisions regarding a project are "involved agencies," and agencies which either have non-discretionary, ministerial approvals or simply may be interested in knowing about a proposed project are "interested agencies."

As with all school district capital projects, the SED is an "involved agency" which has discretionary approvals regarding the proposed project. In accordance with SED practice, we understand the SED agrees that the District should be the "lead agency" for its action. As a formality, the District respectfully requests that the SED confirm its assent by returning the attached Lead Agency Designation form as soon as possible.

As noted in Section B of the enclosed Part 1 of the EAF, other agencies also may have approvals regarding some aspect of the proposed project. With the possible exception of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation which may have a discretionary approval as well as a ministerial approval, it appears that these agencies have non-discretionary, ministerial approvals and are "interested agencies." Additional agencies have been identified as perhaps having an interest in the proposed project even without having any type of approval regarding the project. Part 1 of the EAF is being provided as a courtesy for informational purposes to all of these "interested agencies."

If an executed Lead Agency Designation or other response is not received from an "involved agency" within thirty (30) days, we will assume that there is no objection to the District's acting as lead agency for the review of its proposed action. Although there is no requirement to do so, any "involved agency" or "interested agency" may provide comments if it wishes. If you intend to respond,

we would greatly appreciate a reply as soon as possible to assist us with our review.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me as soon as possible if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Geelan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Karen Geelan, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Enclosures

Allegheny-Limestone Central School District – Capital Improvements Project, 2017

Lead Agency Designation

The undersigned involved agency consents to the designation of the Allegheny-Limestone Central School District and its Board of Education as Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of the SEQRA regulations (6 N.Y.C.R.R., Part 617) for the District's Capital Improvements Project, 2017.

Agency: _____

By: _____

Name and Title: _____

**Allegany-Limestone Central School District
Capital Improvements Project, 2017**

List of Potentially Involved or Interested Agencies

Rosanne Groff
Acting Director
Office of Facilities Planning
New York State Education Department
Room 1060, Education Building Annex
Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12234

David Denk
Regional Permit Administrator
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 9
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203

Jack D. Homkow
Director
Office of Environmental Affairs
Dormitory Authority of the State of New York
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New York, New York 10119-0098

Ruth Pierpont
Deputy Commissioner/Deputy SHPO
Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau
Peebles Island Resource Center
PO Box 189
Waterford, NY 12047

Crystal J. Abers
Director
Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning & Tourism
303 Court Street
Little Valley, NY 14755

Kevin Watkins, MD, MPH
Public Health Director
Cattaraugus County Department of Health
1 Leo Moss Drive
Olean, NY 14760

Joseph T. Pillittere
Commissioner
Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works
Jack Ellis Drive
8810 Route 242
Little Valley, NY 14755

John E. Hare, Supervisor
David Koebelin, Councilman
Kathy Martin, Councilman
Jim Hitchcock, Councilman
Robert Parker, Councilman
Deryle Pinney, Town Clerk



Wendy A. Tuttle, Town Attorney
John M. Moshier, Highway Supt.
Diana Piccioli, Comptroller
Carolyn Hemphill, Receiver of Taxes
Bobbi Elderkin, Assessor
Gerard E. Dzurhoff, C.E.O.

March 3, 2017

Karen Geelan, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Allegany Limestone Central School
3131 Five Mile Road
Allegany, NY 14706

Ms. Geelan:

Attached please find the signed Lead Agency Designation form for The Allegany-Limestone Central School District Capital Improvements Project, 2017 approved by the Allegany Town Board at the February 28, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Deryle L. Pinney, Clerk
Town of Allegany

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Agency: Town of ALLEGANY

By: John E Hare

Name and Title: JOHN Hare, Town Supervisor 3/2/2017

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Agency: NYSED OFFICE OF FACILITIES PLANNING

By: ROSANNE GROFF

Name and Title: ROSANNE GROFF, ACTING DIRECTOR

Allegany-Limestone Central School District – Capital Improvements Project, 2017

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Agency: Cattaraugus County Planning Board

By: Paul D. Mager

Name and Title: Paul D. Mager, Vice Chairman

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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February 24, 2017

Ms. Karen Geelan
Superintendent
Allegheny-Limestone Central School
3131 Five Mile Road
Allegheny, New York 14706

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Dear Superintendent Geelan:

SEQR LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TOWN AND VILLAGE OF ALLEGANY, ALLEGANY COUNTY

In response to the Allegheny-Limestone Central School District's SEQR Lead Agency solicitation letter for the above-noted project, please be advised of the following:

1. Five Mile Creek and a tributary to it are located on the Middle – High School Campus site and are considered “unprotected” streams. Although a Department Protection of Water Permit will not be required for work in the areas of these streams, you are reminded that project activities cannot cause contravention of water quality standards (either directly or indirectly). Accordingly, appropriate erosion and sediment control measures must be utilized during and after project construction to prevent contravention of water quality.
2. According to the Full Environmental Assessment Form, two federally jurisdictional wetlands existed on the Middle – High School Campus prior to the development of the site. The School District should contact the U.S. Department of Army, Corps of Engineers (COE), Buffalo District Office (1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207, telephone: 716/879-4330) regarding that agency's jurisdiction over possible Federal Wetlands and the streams mentioned above. If a permit is required from the COE for the crossings of streams or wetlands, it is possible that Section 401 Water Quality Certification may be required from this Department.
3. If project activities on either site will involve land disturbance of 1 acre or more, the project sponsor, owner or operator is required to obtain a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-0-15-002). This General Permit requires the project sponsor, owner or operator to control stormwater runoff according to a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which is to be prepared prior to filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) and prior to commencement of the project. More information on General Permit GP-0-15-002, as well as the NOI form, is available on the Department's website at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/43133.html.

Ms. Karen Geelan
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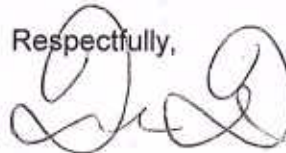
Information on permitting requirements and preparation of a necessary Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is available on the Department's website at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html.

4. Portions of the project area are located within 100-year floodplain on the Middle – High School Campus, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Map No. 360061 0005B. The project must comply with all local laws/ordinances/standards relating to development within floodplains, including a possible Floodplain Development Permit.

The Department concurs that the Allegany-Limestone Central School District should act as SEQR Lead Agency, since the environmental impacts of the proposal are primarily of local significance.

Thank you for providing this office the opportunity to review the proposed project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Mark Passuite of my staff or me at 716/851-7165.

Respectfully,



David S. Denk
Regional Permit Administrator

MFP:

ecc: U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers. Buffalo District