

Project : _____

Date : _____

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.

The Town Board has thoroughly analyzed the impacts reasonably expected to result from the formation of a town-wide water district and the construction of water system improvements. The Board has examined Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF") and solicited comments from all interested agencies to review information regarding potential impacts from the proposed project. Based on its review, the Board has determined the proposed project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Reasons supporting this determination are as follows:

•The proposed action does not extend public water supply into areas currently without potable water supply and therefore will not induce any significant or adverse growth and subsequent development. The proposed town-wide water district will replace existing water districts and allow the Town to manage its water supply system in a more cost effective manner. The proposed improvements replace existing waterlines in order for the Town to maintain a safe and secure water supply for all Town residents.

•The replacement of existing waterlines will result in land impacts greater than 1 acre. However, the construction of waterlines will occur primarily within the highway rights-of-way and will produce minimal disturbance to soil and vegetation. The Town will obtain a SPDES permit for construction activity and prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan in accordance with MS4 regulations. In addition, best management construction practices will be used to mitigate the potential for stormwater runoff.

•The proposed improvements are located in close proximity to wetland areas in several project sites. However, the replacement of existing waterlines will occur primarily within the highway rights-of-way and is not anticipated to affect any federal or state freshwater wetlands. The Town will consult with appropriate regulatory agencies prior to construction and obtain any necessary permits to mitigate potential impacts to wetlands.

•The proposed improvements for several project sites are located in archaeologically sensitive areas. However, the construction of waterlines will occur within the highway rights-of-way previously disturbed by the construction of roads, utilities and drainage facilities. The Town will consult with NYSHPO prior to construction to determine if any further testing is necessary.

•The proposed town-wide water district includes land in a county adopted, State certified, agricultural district. However, the project will not introduce new public services or increase development potential on farmland in the Town. In addition, the proposed improvements are not located in an agricultural district and will not convert farmland or soils suitable for agriculture. Therefore, the project will not impact agricultural resources.

•The proposed improvements include the installation of a waterline that crosses through a flood hazard area along Fish Creek on County Club Trail. However, the construction of a waterline will not increase the impervious surface area of land situated in a floodway or floodplain. Therefore, the project will not increase the potential for flooding or erosion.

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
Comments from Niagara County Health Department, New York State Agriculture and Markets (NYSAGM), New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSHPD), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).
Map, Plan and Report.

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
Town of Lewiston Town Board _____ 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: Proposed Town of Lewiston Water District

Name of Lead Agency: Town of Lewiston Town Board

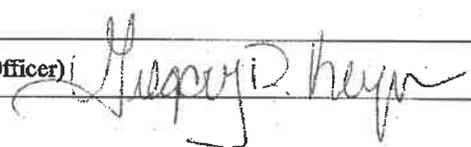
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Steve Broderick

Title of Responsible Officer: Supervisor

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer):



Date:

7/24/17

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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>