

January 28, 2011

Mr. Thomas Dearing
Community Planning Coordinator
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning
Rath Building - Room 1016
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Designation of Lead Agency
Erie County Medical Center 390 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility and Parking
Structure
Erie County Medical Center Campus
462 Grider Street
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The anticipated impact of this project is primarily of local significance, and ECMCC desires to act as lead agency in both the investigation and review of the proposed action.

Very truly yours,



Theresa Pietricone, AIA
Vice President

Enclosure

CC: Francisco Hidalgo - ECMCC
Kathryn A. Lisandrelli - Colucci & Gallaher P.C.
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Appendix A
State Environmental Quality Review
FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Purpose: The full EAF is designed to help applicants and agencies determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The question of whether an action may be significant is not always easy to answer. Frequently, there are aspects of a project that are subjective or unmeasurable. It is also understood that those who determine significance may have little or no formal knowledge of the environment or may not be technically expert in environmental analysis. In addition, many who have knowledge in one particular area may not be aware of the broader concerns affecting the question of significance.

The full EAF is intended to provide a method whereby applicants and agencies can be assured that the determination process has been orderly, comprehensive in nature, yet flexible enough to allow introduction of information to fit a project or action.

Full EAF Components: The full EAF is comprised of three parts:

- Part 1:** Provides objective data and information about a given project and its site. By identifying basic project data, it assists a reviewer in the analysis that takes place in Parts 2 and 3.
- Part 2:** Focuses on identifying the range of possible impacts that may occur from a project or action. It provides guidance as to whether an impact is likely to be considered small to moderate or whether it is a potentially-large impact. The form also identifies whether an impact can be mitigated or reduced.
- Part 3:** If any impact in Part 2 is identified as potentially-large, then Part 3 is used to evaluate whether or not the impact is actually important.

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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE -- Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

Identify the Portions of EAF completed for this project:

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF (Parts 1 and 2 and 3 if appropriate), and any other supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each impact, it is reasonably determined by the lead agency that:

- A. The project will not result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment, therefore a negative declaration will be prepared.
- B. Although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect for this Unlisted Action because the mitigation measures described in PART 3 have been required, therefore a **CONDITIONED** negative declaration will be prepared.*
- C. The project may result in one or more large and important impacts that may have a significant impact on the environment, therefore a positive declaration will be prepared.

*A Conditioned Negative Declaration is only valid for Unlisted Actions

Erie County Medical Center Corporation 390 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility

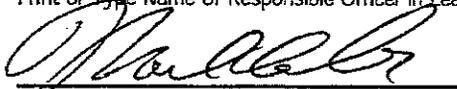
Name of Action

Erie County Medical Center Corporation

Name of Lead Agency

Mark C. Barabas

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency


Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

President & Chief Operating Officer

Title of Responsible Officer


Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)

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