

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law.

DATE: September 23, 2013

TO: Hon. Geoffrey M. Szymanski, Mayor, City of Lackawanna
N Y State Dept. of Environmental Conservation-Region 9
Erie County - DEP
Erie County Legislature ✓
Erie County Highway Division
Erie County Health Department
Interested Agencies:

PROJECT #: C617-13-14

LEAD AGENCY: Erie County Department of Environment and Planning

NAME OF ACTION: Demolition of Former Friendship House Community Center

LOCATION: 264 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, Erie County, NY

SEQR STATUS: Unlisted

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The project involves the demolition of the approximately 28,000 square foot building, which served as a former youth and community center for over 40 years. The building has been vacant for over 10 years and the condition has deteriorated to the point where rehabilitation is longer a feasible option. The current condition of the building poses a health and safety threat to the community. The project area is located on Ridge Road in the City of Lackawanna.

In accordance with adopted review procedures and the criteria set forth in Part 617, the proposed action described above will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will not be prepared.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

There may be minimum negative impacts during the construction phase of this project; however, these impacts are short-term and not of a magnitude that are considered to be significant. Demolition wastes and possible asbestos will be removed according to NYSDEC environmental law. Removal of soil will be recycled, where possible. No construction related waste discharges to sanitary and storm sewers and clean up of any spills to protect against infiltration into local aquifer. Traffic flows on local and adjacent streets will be temporarily impacted by construction activity over the short term as will air quality due to noise and dust generated by construction equipment.

Over the long term, the removal of this vacant and abandoned building will greatly enhance the quality of life for the entire neighborhood. The safety of the residents of the neighborhood will also be enhanced as there are currently vandalism problems and kids entering the building. The demolition will also open the land up for future use to possibly benefit the low and moderate income population of the neighborhood.

All facts and findings of this review are on file at the Department of Environment and Planning, 10th Floor, Rath Building, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202. These files may be examined by the public between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. of any normal operating day. Written comments may be submitted to the Review Coordinator at the same address.



MARIA R. WHYTE
Commissioner, 1/25/13
Department of Environment and Planning

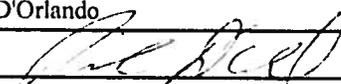
For further information contact:

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Appendix C
State Environmental Quality Review
SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
For UNLISTED ACTIONS Only

PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION (To be completed by Applicant or Project Sponsor)

1. APPLICANT/SPONSOR Erie County/C. Lackawanna	2. PROJECT NAME Demolition of Former Friendship House Community Center
3. PROJECT LOCATION: Municipality C. of Lackawanna County Erie	
4. PRECISE LOCATION (Street address and road intersections, prominent landmarks, etc., or provide map) 264 Ridge Road, Lackawanna NY	
5. PROPOSED ACTION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification/alteration	
6. DESCRIBE PROJECT BRIEFLY: The project involves the demolition of the approximately 28,000 square foot building, which served as a former youth and community center for over 40 years. The building has been vacant for over 10 years and the condition has deteriorated to the point where rehabilitation is longer a feasible option. The current condition of the building poses a health and safety threat to the community.	
7. AMOUNT OF LAND AFFECTED: Initially <u>1/3</u> acres Ultimately <u>1/3</u> acres	
8. WILL PROPOSED ACTION COMPLY WITH EXISTING ZONING OR OTHER EXISTING LAND USE RESTRICTIONS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No, describe briefly	
9. WHAT IS PRESENT LAND USE IN VICINITY OF PROJECT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Park/Forest/Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other Describe: This portion of Ridge Road is located in an older neighborhood that was a commercial business strip and is now 40% vacant property. Many of the former commercial buildings have been demolished, with the remaining businesses a mix of industrial and commercial, with minor retail mixed in.	
10. DOES ACTION INVOLVE A PERMIT APPROVAL, OR FUNDING, NOW OR ULTIMATELY FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals: <p style="text-align: center;">Local building department approval required.</p>	
11. DOES ANY ASPECT OF THE ACTION HAVE A CURRENTLY VALID PERMIT OR APPROVAL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals:	
12. AS A RESULT OF PROPOSED ACTION WILL EXISTING PERMIT/APPROVAL REQUIRE MODIFICATION? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Paul J. D'Orlando</u> Date: <u>9/23/2013</u> Signature: <u></u>	

If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment

PART II - IMPACT ASSESSMENT (To be completed by Lead Agency)

A. DOES ACTION EXCEED ANY TYPE I THRESHOLD IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.4? If yes, coordinate the review process and use the FULL EAF.
 Yes No

B. WILL ACTION RECEIVE COORDINATED REVIEW AS PROVIDED FOR UNLISTED ACTIONS IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.6? If No, a negative declaration may be superseded by another Involved agency.
 Yes No

C. COULD ACTION RESULT IN ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING: (Answers may be handwritten, if legible)

C1. Existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic pattern, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems? Explain briefly:
 Air quality- dust during construction- short term.

C2. Aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic, or other natural or cultural resources; or community or neighborhood character? Explain briefly:
 No adverse effects. Eyesore will be eliminated.

C3. Vegetation or fauna, fish, shellfish or wildlife species, significant habitats, or threatened or endangered species? Explain briefly:
 No adverse effects. Fully developed area.

C4. A community's existing plans or goals as officially adopted, or a change in use or intensity of use of land or other natural resources? Explain briefly:
 No adverse effects. Existing land use will remain.

C5. Growth, subsequent development, or related activities likely to be induced by the proposed action? Explain briefly:
 Fully developed area.

C6. Long term, short term, cumulative, or other effects not identified in C1-C5? Explain briefly:
 None

C7. Other impacts (including changes in use of either quantity or type of energy)? Explain briefly:
 Demolition of neighborhood eyesore will improve the quality of life an safety fir residents of low income neighborhood.

D. WILL THE PROJECT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT CAUSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA (CEA)?
 Yes No If Yes, explain briefly:

E. IS THERE, OR IS THERE LIKELY TO BE, CONTROVERSY RELATED TO POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS?
 Yes No If Yes, explain briefly:

PART III - DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (To be completed by Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS: For each adverse effect identified above, determine whether it is substantial, large, important or otherwise significant. Each effect should be assessed in connection with its (a) setting (i.e. urban or rural); (b) probability of occurring; (c) duration; (d) irreversibility; (e) geographic scope; and (f) magnitude. If necessary, add attachments or reference supporting materials. Ensure that explanations contain sufficient detail to show that all relevant adverse impacts have been identified and adequately addressed. If question D of Part II was checked yes, the determination of significance must evaluate the potential impact of the proposed action on the environmental characteristics of the CEA.

Check this box if you have identified one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts which **MAY** occur. Then proceed directly to the FULL EAF and/or prepare a positive declaration.

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 **AND** provide, on attachments as necessary, the reasons supporting this determination

Erie County 9/23/2013

Name of Lead Agency Date

Maria R. Whyte Commissioner, Dept. of Environment & Planning

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency Title of Responsible Officer

Maria R. Whyte *[Signature]*

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)