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COUNTY OF ERIE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING
DIVISION OF PLANNING

To: THOMAS R. HERSEY JR., COMMISSIONER
From: MARK ROUNTREE, SENIOR PLANNER
Subject: Completion of Environmental Review
Date: OCTOBER 27, 2016

The required environmental review process is complete for the following 2017 Project in Erie County:

Project: Erie County Medical Center Emergency Department Modernization and Expansion
(Buffalo)
Location: BUFFALO, NY
SEQR Status: COMPLETE; SEQR Unlisted Action, Negative Declaration 10/27/2016

Please contact me at (716) 858-8008 or mark.rountree@erie.gov concerning review questions and/or environmental clearance on capital projects that will be funded in whole or in part with county, state or federal monies.

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION

A Resolution of the Board of Directors Adopting a Negative Declaration in Connection with the Emergency Department Expansion and Modernization Project

Approved October 25, 2016

WHEREAS, Erie County Medical Center Corporation (the "Corporation") has determined that it is appropriate and in the public interest that ECMCC enter into contracts for the design, planning and construction of the Emergency Department Expansion and Modernization Project (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, ECMCC determined that it would serve as "Lead Agency" pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") with respect to the Action; and

WHEREAS, ECMCC, as Lead Agency, in making a Determination of Significance with respect to the Action, has considered the Action, has examined the completed Full Environmental Assessment Form and has reviewed and discussed each criterion for determining significance set forth in Part 617.7 of the SEQR regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors resolves, as follows:

1. Based upon a consideration of the Action, an examination of the completed Full Environmental Assessment Form, a review and discussion of each criterion for making a Determination of Significance set forth in Part 617.7 of the SEQRA Regulations, and such further investigation of the Action and its environmental impacts, if any, the Corporation has deemed appropriate, the Corporation makes the following findings with respect to the Action:

- a. No potentially large impacts on the environment from the Action are identified in the Full Environmental Assessment Form.
- b. The Action is not expected to trigger any significant adverse impacts, including those examples of impacts listed in Part 617.7 of the SEQRA Regulations.

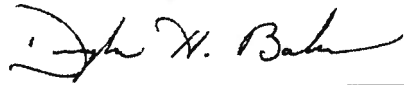
2. Based upon the foregoing investigation of the potential environmental impacts of the Action and considering both the magnitude and importance of each potential environmental impact, the Corporation makes the following determinations:

- a. The Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared with respect to the Action; and
- b. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the preparation of a Notice of Determination of Non-Significance ("Negative Declaration") and the

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filing of such Negative Determination and Environmental Notice Bulletin ("ENB") in accordance with the requirements of SEQR and the SEQR Regulations.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas H. Baker", is written over a horizontal line.

Douglas H. Baker,
Corporation Secretary

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 ECMCC campus consists of sixty nine (69) acres on the west side of Grider Street, south of the Kensington Expressway (RT 33) within the City of Buffalo, NY.

The proposed project (action) consists of the planning, design and construction of the Erie County Medical Center Corporation Emergency Department Expansion and Modernization project of the level 1 trauma center within the Grider Street campus. The proposed addition and site is south of the main building, adjacent to the CPEP building and will be connected to the main hospital at the ground and first floor levels as well as the roof to the helipad. The existing site is currently a paved parking lot. The one (1) story building will have a footprint of approximately 52,000 sf. and will include 54 emergency department treatment rooms including 4 Trauma rooms.

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
See Attachment A

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
Erie County Medical Center Corporation 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: Erie County Medical Center Emergency Department Modernization and Expansion

Name of Lead Agency: Erie County Medical Center Corporation

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Thomas Quatroche

Title of Responsible Officer: President and Chief Executive Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

10/20/2016

For Further Information:

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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>

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ATTACHMENT
"REASONS FOR SUPPORTING THIS
DETERMINATION"

Reasons Supporting this Determination:

The Corporation analyzed the project based on their knowledge of the project and the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) — Part 1.

Compared to the "Criteria" for Determination of Significance listed in the SEQRR Regulations (6 NYCRR 617.7), all indications are that this action will not have a significant impact on the environment, as follows:

1. The project is not expected to result in significant adverse impacts to the physical project site. One item was determined to have minor impacts to the physical site because it incrementally exceeds the impact threshold. The project involves construction scheduled to take 18 months, or more than the impact threshold of one year. This impact is determined to be minor because construction activities of this project are limited to a three-acre site within the interior of an approximately 69 acre campus, and therefore any impacts to the physical project site are expected to be contained within the campus.
2. The project will not have adverse impacts to any Geological features, unique or unusual land forms, or water bodies. The project site is within a fully developed medical campus in an urban location and does not contain these resources and is not expected to contain these resources in the future.
3. The project is not expected to result in any adverse impacts to surface water quality or quantity, drainage flow patterns or surface water runoff. The project will involve land disturbance of over one acre, and therefore requires SPDES General Permit GP-0-10-001 for construction storm water runoff. In addition, the City of Buffalo is a designated MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) community and will need to review and accept the SWPPP prior to filing of the Notice of Intent to be covered under the permit.
4. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts to groundwater quality or quantity. The scope of the project includes construction of a building at the site of an existing building and surrounding developed area, and is therefore not expected to significantly impact groundwater.
5. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts on flooding. The scope of the project includes construction of a building on an existing site that is not area subject to flooding.
6. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts on air quality. The scope of the project includes construction of a building at the site of an existing building and surrounding developed area, and is therefore not expected to significantly impact air.
7. The project will not have adverse impacts on any plants or animals. The project site is within a fully developed medical campus in an urban location and does not contain these resources and is not expected to contain these resources in the future.
8. The project will not have adverse impacts on Agricultural Resources. The project site is within a fully developed medical campus in an urban location and does not contain these resources and is not expected to contain these resources in the future.
9. The project will not have adverse impacts on Aesthetic Resources. The project site is within a fully developed medical campus in an urban location and does not contain these resources and is not expected to contain these resources in the future.
10. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts to any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance, or have any significant effects to non-threatened or non-endangered species. The project site is within a fully developed medical campus in an urban location and is not expected to affect any of these resources.
11. The project will not have adverse impacts on Open Space and Recreation. The project site is within a fully developed medical campus in an urban location and does not contain these resources and is not expected to contain these resources in the future.
12. The project will not have adverse impacts on Critical Environmental Areas. The project site is not located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area.

13. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts to the existing transportation systems, public health and safety, or the character of the existing community. The proposed project is not expected to have a significant increase in traffic that would impact the transportation systems.
14. The project will have a minimal impact on Energy. The project will require an increase in electrical but is considered minimal since it will not exceed the impact threshold.
15. The project will not have adverse impacts on Noise, Odor or Light. The project site is within a fully developed medical campus in an urban location and does not increase any of the above.
16. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts on Human Health. The overall scope of the project to construct a medical expansion within a medical campus is not anticipated to have a negative impact on public Health and safety.
17. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts on Community plans. The overall scope of the project to construct a medical expansion within a medical campus. The project site is zoned for Community Service, and therefore the proposed project is consistent with the current zoning.
18. The project is not expected to result in adverse impacts on Community Character. The overall scope of the project to construct a medical expansion within a medical campus is not anticipated to have a negative impact on the character of the existing community.