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RESOLUTION
BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Sponsored by: Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY AND CONDUCT A COORDINATED REVIEW UNDER SEQRA IN REGARDS TO THE MODIFICATION OF THE 911 COMMUNICATIONS TOWER UPGRADE INGRAHAM HILL PROJECT AND RENDERING A "NEGATIVE DECLARATION" WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Broome County is currently implementing a project to improve its existing emergency communications system, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such Project is subject to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and it is therefore necessary to initiate procedures with respect thereto, and

WHEREAS, this County Legislature has determined that it is the agency with the broadest governmental powers for investigation of the impact of the proposed action and has the greatest capability for providing the most thorough environmental assessment of the Project, and

WHEREAS, said Project may have an impact on the environment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature hereby declares its intention to seek lead agency status and conduct a coordinated review under SEQRA with respect to the environmental review of the 911 Communications Tower Upgrade Ingraham Hill Project, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this County Legislature, based on the Environmental Assessment Form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A", hereby determines and declares that the 911 Communications Tower Upgrade Ingraham Hill Project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and hereby declares a "Negative Declaration".

EXHIBIT A

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information				
Name of Action or Project: Broome County 911 Communications Tower Upgrade, Ingraham Hill - A				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 125 Ingraham Hill Road, Binghamton, NY; 42°03'42.46"N, 75°57'1.10"W				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Broome County Office of Emergency Services is planning to modify the existing 911 public safety tower located at 125 Ingraham Hill Road, Binghamton, NY 13903 in the Town of Binghamton to extend its height from 195-feet to 220-feet. Tower lighting will be added to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The lighting configuration will consist of a top-mounted medium intensity dual red/white strobe LED lighting system and mid-level red LED obstruction lights in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular AC 70/7460. The revised tower will accommodate the addition of a Verizon Wireless cellular array to improve cellular coverage in the surrounding area, and will provide enhanced critical radio communications to Fire, Emergency Medical, and Law Enforcement first responder agencies operating in Broome County.				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Broome County/ Michael A. Ponticiello, Director of Emergency Services		Telephone: 607-778-2170 E-Mail: michael.ponticiello@broomecounty.us		
Address: 153 Lt. VanWinkle Dr.				
City/PO: Binghamton		State: NY	Zip Code: 13905	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: FAA Filing 2021-AEA-1164-OE, FCC ASR Registration submittal file #A1183641, Broome County			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 1.0 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 0.02 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 1.0 acres				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland				

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ State and National Wetland Inventory mapped wetlands occur near the project. No impact to wetlands, or state wetland buffers, will occur as a result of this project _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.

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 ELEMENTP, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri
 | OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No