



Onondaga County Legislature

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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1:30 p.m.
December 11, 2023

401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House
Syracuse, New York 13202

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:

1. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:

- a. A Resolution Calling a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposed Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District (February 6, 2024 at 12:55 p.m.)
- b. Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in the Town of Clay for Sewer Purposes (\$216,000)

- C. Adjournment

December 19, 2023

Motion Made By Ms. Abbott

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ONONDAGA COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 260 of June 5, 1978, adopted pursuant to Section 11.82 of the Onondaga County Administrative Code, the County Legislature dissolved all existing Sanitary and Treatment Plant Districts of the County and established as successor thereto, the Onondaga County Sanitary District, effective January 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Water Environment Protection of said County, pursuant to the Onondaga County Administrative Code, has prepared and submitted to said County Legislature, a report dated October 26, 2023 (the "Report"), duly approved by the County Executive, in connection with proposed improvements to the Onondaga County Sanitary District consisting of the following:

- a. Camillus Force Main Replacement (Phase II) \$25,000,000
- b. Asset Renewal \$625,000
- c. West Entry Pump Station Upgrade (BSK Service Area) \$9,500,000
- d. Pump station and force main improvements \$1,820,000
- e. White Pine/Route 131 Sewer Expansion \$19,000,000

in and for Onondaga County, all as more fully set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a Public Hearing in connection with such sewer improvements, all in accordance with the provisions of the Onondaga County Administrative Code; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York shall be held in the Legislative Chambers in the County Court House, in Syracuse, New York, on the 6th day of February, 2024, at 12:55 P.M., Prevailing time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing upon the aforesaid matters. The Clerk of said County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of such public hearing to be published in the manner provided by law.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper not less than ten, or more than twenty days before the date designated for the hearing.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, will meet in the Legislative Chambers in the County Court House, in Syracuse, New York, on February 6, 2024, at 12:55 P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in relation to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Onondaga County Sanitary District in said County, consisting of the following to be financed;

- a. Camillus Force Main Replacement (Phase II) \$25,000,000
- b. Asset Renewal \$625,000
- c. West Entry Pump Station Upgrade (BSK Service Area) \$9,500,000
- d. Pump station and force main improvements \$1,820,000
- e. White Pine/Route 131 Sewer Expansion \$19,000,000.

Dated: Syracuse, New York,
_____, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY
LEGISLATURE OF THE
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK

Clerk, County Legislature

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____

Dated: _____

APPROVED: _____
Onondaga County Executive

December 19, 2023

Motion Made By Ms. Abbott

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF CLAY FOR
SEWER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, due to current and anticipated wastewater demands associated with residential, industrial and commercial development and population increases in the Town of Clay and surrounding areas, the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection is desirous of acquiring a vacant parcel of land for Consolidated Sanitary District purposes and needs; and

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection has determined that acquisition of said parcel will be advantageous to the County; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the parcel has been obtained from a certified appraiser and the approximate value thereof is specified as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TAX MAP NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>APPRAISED AMOUNT</u>
Syrstone, Inc.	046.-01-30.0	Fee	8.45±	\$216,000

and

WHEREAS, the current owner is amenable to sale for a purchase price of \$216,000, which amount is considered fair and reasonable; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed action is an Unlisted action for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Short Environmental Assessment Form for this project has been completed and reviewed and is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby finds and declares a negative declaration under SEQRA, having determined that such action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Water Environment Protection be and is hereby authorized to acquire the above-referenced parcel for an amount not to exceed \$216,000 for lawful county purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller be, and hereby is, directed to draw a check payable to the current owner of the parcel acquired in payment thereof, said check to be delivered to the County Attorney who shall obtain proper conveyance and approve title before delivery of said check, and that said sum be, and hereby is made a charge upon the proper fund or funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that if the offer is not accepted by the property owner, that the County Attorney, on behalf of the County of Onondaga be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to commence condemnation

proceedings to acquire the property pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and the cost of said property be charged against the proper fund or funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.



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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Title: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF CLAY FOR SEWER PURPOSES

Purpose: The Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection (WEP) is undertaking a project to bring new sanitary sewer service to the Route 31 Corridor in the Town of Clay. This project will provide a public benefit to an area of the Town of Clay that sanitary sewer infrastructure does not exist.

This project will consist of a 5 MGD pumping station, approximately 20000 linear feet of force main, and segments of gravity sanitary sewers. Force mains will discharge to the existing Oak Orchard Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment prior to being discharged to the Oneida River.

Legislative approval was granted in summer of 2020 for engineering services related to this project, with initial authorization of construction funds (\$16M) occurring in February 2022.

Purchase of land is necessary to facilitate installation of required infrastructure. This will allow the County to establish a utility corridor that provides the most fiscal sense for this Project. The land purchase will also satisfy requirements for significant contractor staging area(s) that are necessary for a project of this magnitude.

Summary: Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection is requesting to acquire a vacant parcel of land for Consolidated Sanitary District purposes and needs at an amount not to exceed \$216,000.

Fiscal Impact: Purchase is funded from prior authorizations and will have no fiscal impact on the 2023 Budget.

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

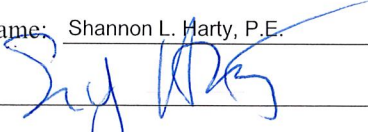
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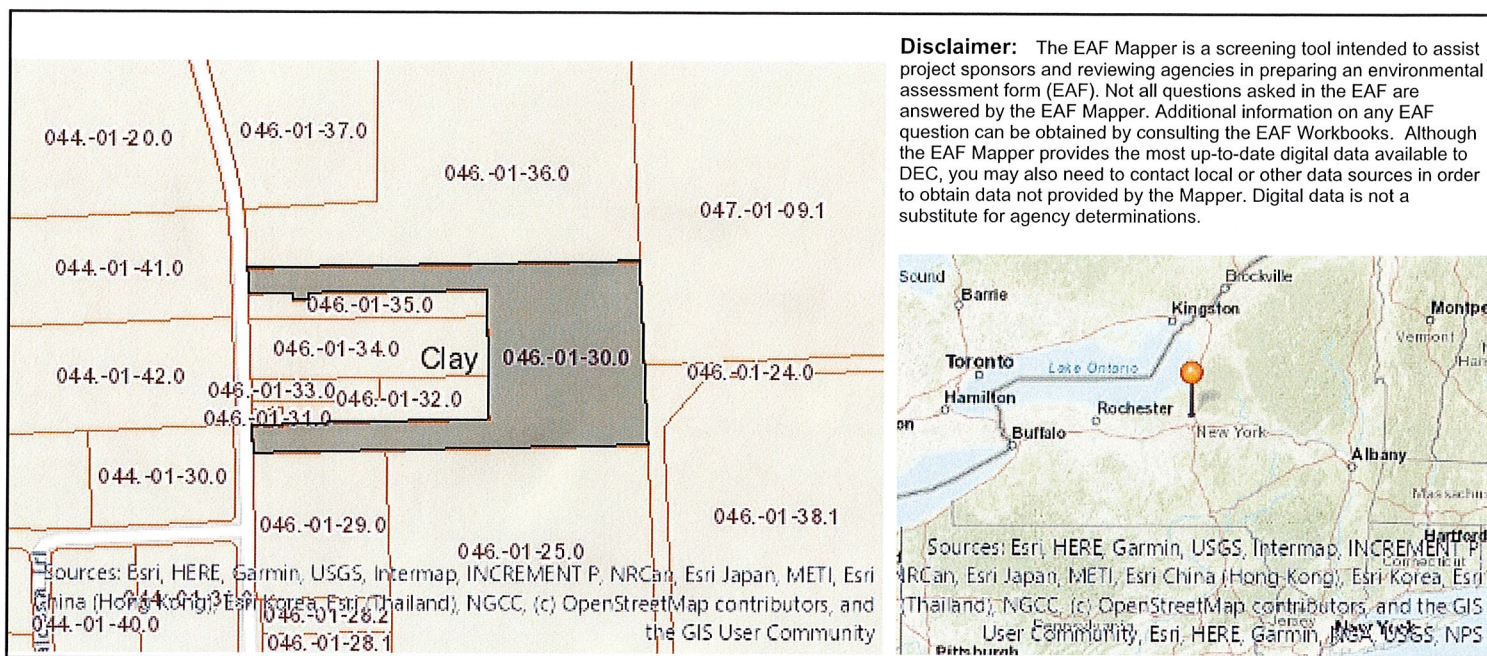
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. 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			
Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection			
Name of Action or Project: Acquisition of a parcel of vacant land			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Van Hoesen Rd, Clay, NY (Tax Map No. 046.-01-30)			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Acquisition of fee title to a tax parcel in the Town of Clay for municipal/CSD purposes.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Shannon L. Harty, P.E. Commissioner		Telephone: 315-435-2260 E-Mail: shannonharty@ongov.net	
Address: 650 Hiawatha Blvd. West			
City/PO: Syracuse		State: NY	Zip Code: 13204
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 checked="" 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:			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?			8.45 acres 0 acres 0 acres
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input 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,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<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?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ not applicable	<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?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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?	<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?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered? Indiana Bat	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Shannon L. Harty, P.E.</u> Date: <u>11/6/23</u> Signature: <u></u> Title: <u>Commissioner (OCDWEP)</u>		



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]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Indiana Bat
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

Project: Property Acquisition

Date: 11/6/23

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project: Property AcquisitionDate: 11/6/23

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The action merely involves the acquisition of a vacant parcel of land for Consolidated Sanitary District (CSD) and municipal purposes. The County's Department of Water Environment Protection (WEP) currently lacks suitable property in this area; which it presently requires due to current and anticipated residential, industrial and commercial development and population increases in the Town of Clay and surrounding geography. Given the current availability of the referenced parcel, the general lack of available land in the area, the current real estate market, and departmental needs; WEP is desirous of obtaining the land as soon as practicable and irrespective of any future wastewater infrastructure projects or phases. Such is functionally independent of a future proposed project to construct/install/expand wastewater infrastructure in this area and region to meet anticipated future demands, which project is currently undergoing SEQRA review and agency consultations, and is no less protective of the environment considering that a SEQRA review would need to be completed prior to any intrusive site activities (in addition to the public notice and hearing requirements for such wastewater projects under 11-A of the County Administrative Code) or future use of said parcels.

Based on the foregoing, the County has determined that the above-stated action is an Unlisted Action that will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the County hereby issues this negative declaration.

- ☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- ☒ 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.

OCDWEP

11/6/23

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Shannon L. Harty, P.E.

Commissioner

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)