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March 17, 2020

Ms. Carolyn W. Price
Windsor Town Supervisor
124 Main Street
Windsor, NY 13865

Re: Broome County Emergency Communications Upgrade Project
Town of Windsor
SEQR Lead Agency Status

Dear Ms. Price,

Broome County is currently implementing a project to improve its existing public safety emergency communications system. The project is currently in the planning and design phase, and is being implemented to improve first responder radio system coverage for Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, and Highway agencies in the Town of Windsor, Broome County.

In summary, the project consists of the following items:

- Construction of one (1) new communication site on Cresson Hill Road, located in the Town of Windsor, New York, as noted below (and described in the attached documentation).
- The new facilities generally consist of the construction of a new communications tower, equipment shelter, emergency generator, and associated general site/civil construction.

Enclosed for your information is a draft of the Environmental Assessment Form and supporting documentation for the project. On behalf of Broome County, this letter serves as notification to all involved and interested agencies that Broome County is seeking lead agency status under SEQR for the proposed project. In accordance with SEQR regulations, involved and interested agencies have 30 days to comment on the proposed Broome County lead agency designation. Broome County is treating this project as an Unlisted Action under SEQR.

In an effort to maintain the project schedule, Broome County requests that if you concur with the proposed status, you sign the bottom of this letter and return it to Bryan A. Bayer on or before April 17, 2020.

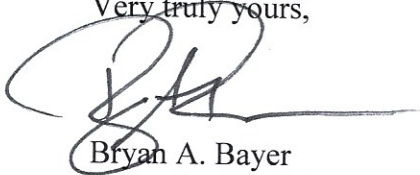
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In the absence of substantive comments from involved or interested agencies and upon completion of all necessary environmental consultations/studies, it is the County's intent to issue a negative declaration under SEQR based on the information available at this time. Your agency will be kept informed throughout the SEQR process. If you have any questions or comments on the proposed action, please do not hesitate to contact me at (315) 703-4312.

Very truly yours,



Bryan A. Bayer
Managing Environmental Scientist

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cc: Michael A Ponticiello, Director of Emergency Services, Broome County

This agency concurs with the designation of Broome County as lead agency.

Involved/Interested Agency

Date

Authorized Signature



Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

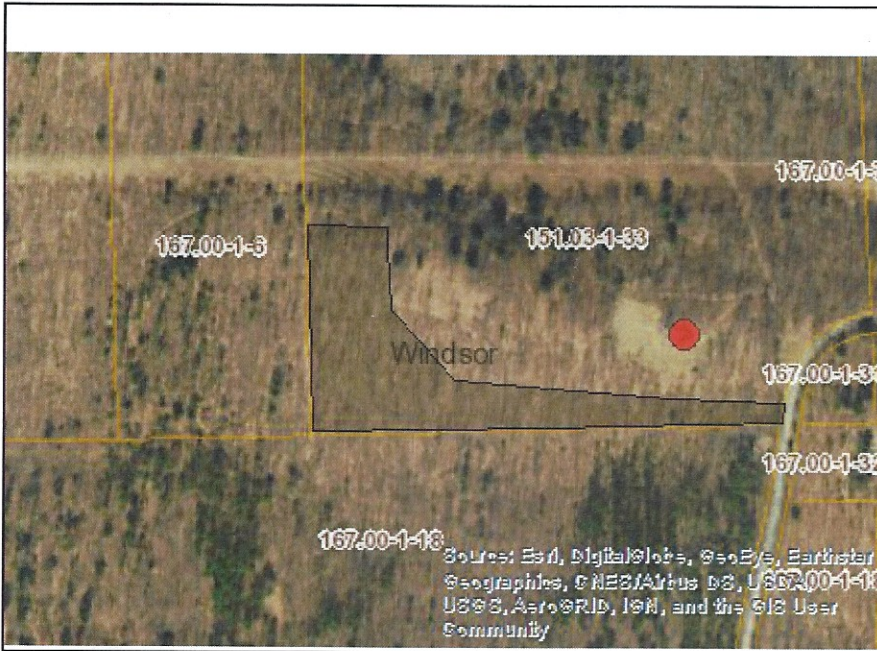
Instructions for Completing

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 Emergency Communications Upgrade Project - Windsor Site				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 42° 05' 58.39 "N, 75° 36' 35.32" W				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action includes the construction of a new 911 Communications facility on Cresson Hill Road in the Town of Windsor, Broome County, New York as part of Broome County's emergency communication system. The facility shall consist of a 50' x 50' fenced compound within a 100' x 100' area which will be leased by Broome County, all of which shall be cleared and graded. A new 195-foot self-support communications tower shall be erected within the 50' x 50' compound. Along with the proposed tower, a variety of ancillary ground-based equipment shall also be constructed, including: a generator pad (4.5' x 11.5'), an equipment shelter (12' x 20'), and a 1,000-gallon propane tank mounted on a 4' x 16' concrete pad . Access to the site will use an newly constructed access road appropriate for access during construction and future maintenance activities.				
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 checked="" 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: FCC Radio Frequency Licensing, NYS Dept. of Homeland Security, SICG Funding Grant, SHPO			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 0.23 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 0.23 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 0.23 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 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,	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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: _____ There is no need to provide water to the facility. _____	<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: _____ The facility will not generate wastewater _____	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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: _____ _____ _____			



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.



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]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	No
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

Handwritten notes in blue ink:
 167.00-1-13
 on parcel 13, west side
 167.00-1-31



Source: Google Earth

Not to Scale

**Broome County
Emergency Communications Project
Windsor Site
545 Cresson Hill, New York**



**Figure 1
Project Location Map**