

Attachment A
To
SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 – Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Project: New Boquet Valley Central School Site

Date: November 2022

Potentially moderate to large impacts from Part 2 and reasons why the impact may result in a significant adverse environmental impact:

(FEAF Part 2 item 1.f.): The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal.

Reason: Approximately 30 acres of currently wooded lands are to be cleared for construction of the new facility.

(FEAF Part 2 item 3.h.): The proposed action may cause soil erosion or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.

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(FEAF Part 2 item 3.i.): The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.

Reason: Approximately 30 acres of currently wooded lands are to be cleared for construction of the new facility.

(FEAF Part 2 item 3.k.): The proposed action will require the construction of new wastewater treatment facilities.

Reason: A public sewer system is not available to serve the site.

(FEAF Part 2 item 4.b.): The project plans to be served with potable water by the Town of Lewis public water system by extending the existing water main southerly along State Route 9 to the project site.

Reason: The existing town water main stops approximately 1,500 feet north of the site. The school would prefer to connect to a public water system than drill its own wells and develop its own on site source.

(FEAF Part 2 item 7.d.): The proposed action may result in the degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.

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(FEAF Part 2 item 7.g.): The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.

Reason: Approximately 30 acres of currently wooded lands are to be cleared for construction of the new facility.

(FEAF Part 2 item 9.e.): The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment of the current land use.

Reason: The site is currently owned by the County of Essex. Existing trails traverse the project site and are occasionally used by the public for hiking.

(FEAF Part 2 item 15.e.): The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.

Reason: The surrounding area is predominantly wooded.

(FEAF Part 2 item 18.f.): Proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character of the existing community.

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