

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**NOTICE OF FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM PART 3
EVALUATION OF THE MAGNITUDE AND IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT IMPACTS AND
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

This notice is issued pursuant to and in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated there under and set forth at Title 6, Part 617 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (collectively, the State Environmental Quality Review Act, or "SEQRA"). The North Greenbush Public Library ("NGPL") Board of Trustees (the "Board of Trustees"), acting as Lead Agency in a Coordinated Review, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts, that a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance should be issued, and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement need not be prepared.

Reasons supporting this determination are fully explained below.

Project Name: North Greenbush Public Library

SEQRA Status: Unlisted
Conditioned Negative Declaration: **NO**

Project Site Location: 9-14 Mohameds Farm Way, Wynantskill, New York 12198

Description of Action: The NGPL is under contract to purchase a portion of land, approximately 5.43 acres, at 9-14 Mohameds Farm Way, in the Town of North Greenbush (SBL: 134.-4-5.11) (the "Project Site"). NGPL is proposing a new approximately 6,000 SF library on the Project Site, which will include 34 parking spaces, landscaping, lighting and related infrastructure (the "Project"). The Project will replace the existing North Greenbush Public Library, which is aging and does not serve the needs of the community properly.

The Project Site is within the Town's Agriculture Residential "AR" zoning district. The Project is classified as a "cultural facility" in the Town of North Greenbush and permitted with site plan approval from the Town of North Greenbush Planning Board ("Planning Board") and a special use permit from the Town of North Greenbush Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA"). The Project will also require a re-subdivision from the Planning Board to ensure that the Project is located on its own zoning complaint lot. The Project will also require an area variance from the ZBA for lot width at front setback line, which is proposed to be approximately 299 feet where 400 is required by the Town of North Greenbush Zoning Code ("Zoning Code").

The Project will require the following approvals from the Town of North Greenbush: (1) site plan review from the Planning Board, (2) re-subdivision from the Planning Board, (3) special use permit from the Town's ZBA, and (4) an area variance for lot width from the Town's ZBA (the "Local Approvals"). In addition to the Local Approvals, the NGPL will receive financing for the development of the Project, which will require a public referendum. Thus, the proposed "Action" that is being studied herein under SEQRA includes the development of the Project and related financing that may be available for the Project.

Access to the Property will be provided from the proposed private access drive that extends from Snyder's Lake Road via a new curb cut, which will provide adequate sight lines and traffic safety. Permitting for the proposed new curb cut will be facilitated by the Rensselaer County Highway Department. If the Town of North Greenbush desires to take the access drive as a public road, it will be dedicated to them.

The Project will include a single-story building, the exterior is anticipated to be clad in cementitious clapboard and board-and-batten siding, with an architectural asphalt shingle and standing-seam metal roof, with a design in keeping with the agricultural and rural context of the immediate vicinity. Site walls will be of cultured stone cladding, as may some accent pieces of the building.

As a public library, subject to Wicks Law and other public bidding requirements, the construction of the new facility will involve at least four separate construction trades to develop the project site. Likely construction employment is anticipated to reach 30-40 jobs, and construction is anticipated to last approximately 12 months. Permanent professional library staff is expected to continue at current levels, with one full-time and eight part-time employees, including Director, professional staff, and clerks.

The NGPL currently anticipates maintaining existing operating hours, which are 10am – 7pm Monday through Friday, 10am – 2pm Saturday, and closed on Sundays. Evening events may be scheduled in the Meeting Room that may occasionally last after 7pm. During peak hours, the library will have a staff of three people. Current patron usage patterns indicate a peak usage of 55 people between the hours of 10am and 3pm, and an overall average usage of 95 people per day.

Reasons Supporting This Determination: See the attached Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 3, Reasons Supporting SEQRA Negative Declaration, which details the North Greenbush Public Library Board of Trustees' ("Library Board") analysis, reasoning, and conclusions in making its determination of environmental significance. The Library Board has carefully considered the criteria for determining significance as set forth in SEQRA regulations at 6 NYCRR 617.7, and has thoroughly evaluated the Project's potential environmental impacts as identified in Full EAF Parts 2 and 3.

Lead Agency:

North Greenbush Public Library, Board of Trustees
141 Main Ave
Wynantskill, NY 12198

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Copies of this Notice have been sent to:

- 1) North Greenbush Public Library;
- 2) Town of North Greenbush Planning Board;
- 3) Town of North Greenbush Zoning Board of Appeals;
- 4) Town of North Greenbush;
- 5) Town of North Greenbush Department of Public Works;

- 6) Town of North Greenbush Stormwater Department;
- 7) Rensselaer County Highway Department;
- 8) Rensselaer County Department of Economic Development and Planning;
- 9) New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- 10) New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation; 11) United States Army Corps of Engineers; and 12) United States Fish & Wildlife Service.

**NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY
RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION

DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY AND DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA") FOR A PROPOSED LIBRARY ON SYNDERS LAKE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF NORTH GREENBUSH

~~At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Greenbush Public Library, special Board Meeting, organized and presided over by the~~
Board of Trustees ("Library Board") is its publicly elected governing body; and

WHEREAS, the "Proposed Action" is the financing and construction of a new ±6,000 SF library building, along with outdoor program areas (some lawn, some hardscape), as well as new asphalt parking, concrete curbing/sidewalk, utilities, stormwater treatment, building and ~~meadow of North Greenbush Planning Board, and~~ ~~the "Decision"~~

WHEREAS, the Project Site is within the Town of North Greenbush's Agriculture Residential "AR" zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the Project is classified as a "cultural facility" in the Town of North Greenbush and permitted with site plan and subdivision approval from the Town of North Greenbush Planning Board ("Planning Board") and a special use permit from the Town of North Greenbush Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will also require an area variance from the ZBA for lot width at front setback line, which is proposed to be approximately 299 feet where 400 is required by the Town of North Greenbush Zoning Code ("Zoning Code"); and

WHEREAS, before taking action on the Proposed Action, the Library Board must comply with SEQRA, Environmental Conservation Law Article 8 and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (collectively, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2025, the Library Board classified the Proposed Action as "unlisted" and designated its intent to be the Lead Agency for the Proposed Action and conduct a coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2025, the Library Board sent notice of its intent to designate itself as the Proposed Action's Lead Agency all interested and involved agencies; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026, the Library Board re-circulated its intent to be the SEQRA Lead Agency to the Town of North Greenbush Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, noting the subdivision and related area variance needed to facilitate the Project; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Library Board has not received any objections to it serving as the SEQRA Lead Agency for the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board desires to designate itself as the SEQRA Lead Agency for the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board has diligently reviewed all materials related to the Proposed Action, including but not limited to the "State Environmental Quality Review Act Expanded Environmental Assessment North Greenbush Public Library" and related exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board set forth its evaluation of the 6 NYCRR 617.7 environmental impact criteria in the enclosed Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 and Part 3 and elaborated its SEQRA determination in the enclosed written Negative Declaration, which sets forth the Library Board's SEQRA determination that the Proposed Action will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6, the Library Board designates itself the lead agency for the Proposed Action's SEQRA review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, after a comprehensive review of the Proposed Action and related materials, the Library Board, as SEQRA Lead Agency and pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, determines that the Proposed Action will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

This question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Trustee	Vote
Katie Myer, President	Yes
Delores Celeste, Vice President	Yes
Deborah Bernnard, Secretary	Yes
Jim Greenfield, Treasurer	Yes
Joan Behan	Yes
Amy Hale	Absent
Jean Holmes	Absent
Ali Mariano	Yes
Kimberly Margosian	Yes
Mike Martinez	Yes
Karen Ziegler	Absent

Motion passes; the resolution is approved.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss:
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER)

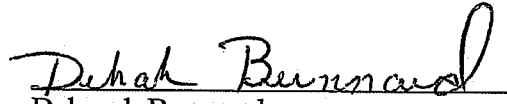
I, the Secretary of the North Greenbush Public Library, located in the Town of North Greenbush and County of Rensselaer, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Greenbush Public Library on August 27, 2026, with the original thereof on file at the Library, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Board of Trustees of the Library had due notice of said meeting, (ii) said meeting was in all respects duly held and (iii) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed, or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my signature this 28th day of August, 2026.


Deborah Bernnard
Secretary

(SEAL)


Donna Riley
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg. No. 01RI0010841
Qualified in Albany County
Commission Expires 07/10/2027

2. Impact on Geological Features

The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g)

☐ NO minerals,

☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached:	E2g	9	9
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature:	E3c	9	9
c. Other impacts:		9	9

3. Impacts on Surface Water
☐ NC

☐ YES

The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h)

If "Yes", answer questions a - i. If "No", move on to Section 4.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	9	9
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	9	9
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	9	9
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	9	9
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	9	9
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	9	9
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	9	9
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.	D2e	9	9
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h		

		9	9
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	9	9
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d	9	9

l. Other impacts:		9	9
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4. Impact on groundwater ☐ YES ☐ NO The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t) If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	9	9
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source:	D2c	9	9
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	9	9
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	9	9
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	9	9
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	9	9
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c	9	9
h. Other impacts:		9	9

5. Impact on Flooding ☐ YES ☐ NO The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.	
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	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100-year or a 500-year floodplain.	E2j, E5a, E5b	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may result in development in an area potentially affected by sea level rise.	E2k, E5c	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	☐	☐
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	☐	☐
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	E1e	☐	☐

g. Other impacts:		☐	☐
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6. Impacts on Air and Climate ☐ YES			
The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) or generate greenhouse gas emissions over 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (See Part 1. D.2.h) If "Yes", answer questions a - i. If "No", move on to Section 7.			
		☐ NO	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also have the potential to emit one or more regulated air contaminants at or above the following levels: i. More than 100 short tons/year of carbon monoxide (CO) ii. More than 100 short tons/year of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) outside the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island OR 25 short tons/year within the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island iii. More than 100 short tons/year of particulate matter (PM-10, PM-2.5) iv. More than 50 short tons/year of volatile organic compounds (VOC) outside the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island OR 25 short tons/year within the NYC Metropolitan Area or Long Island v. More than 100 short tons/year of sulfur dioxide (SO₂)	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
b. The proposed action has the potential to emit 10 short tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 short tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	☐	☐

c. The proposed action may include a heat source capable of producing more than 20 million BTUs per hour.	D2t, D2g	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may exceed 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" or "b", _____ above.	D2g	☐	☐
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of solid, hazardous, or hospital/medical/infectious waste.	D2f, D2s	☐	☐
f. The proposed action is subject to the Nonattainment New Source Review or Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements discussed in 6 NYCRR Part 231.	D2g	☐	☐
g. The proposed action will emit more than 10,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalents per year.	D2h	☐	☐
h. A municipality adopted comprehensive or individual plan addressing climate change applies to the proposed action and the proposed action would materially conflict with the achievement of one or more goals of the plan related to climate change.	C2d	☐	☐
i. Other impacts:		☐	☐

7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) ☐ NO If "Yes", ☐ YES <i>answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	☐	☐

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	☐	☐
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source:	E2n	☐	☐
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.	E2m	☐	☐
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source: _____	E1b	☐	☐
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	☐	☐
j. Other impacts:		☐	☐

8. Impact on Agricultural Resources

The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. and b.) If ☐ NO ☐ YES

"Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).	E1a, E1b	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.	E3b	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.	E1b, E3a	☐	☐
e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.	E1 a, E1b	☐	☐
f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.	C2c, C3, D2c, D2d	☐	☐
g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.	C2c	☐	☐
h. Other impacts: _____		☐	☐

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources

The land use of the proposed action is obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.)

☐ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	☐	☐
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	☐ ☐	☐ ☐
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism-based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	☐ ☐	☐ ☐
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	☐	☐
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile 1/2 -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	☐	☐
g. Other impacts:		☐	☐

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources

The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.)

☐ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical 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.	E3e	☐	☐

b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3i	☒	☒
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source:	E3g	☒	☒
d. Other impacts:		☒	☒
e. If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:			
i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.	E3e, E3g, E3f	☒	☒
ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b	☒	☒
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or that may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3	☒	☒

11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation

The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan.

(See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.)

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.

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NO

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YES

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p	☒	☒
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	☒	☒
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q	☒	☒
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	☒	☒
e. Other impacts:		☒	☒

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas

The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d)

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YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	☒	☒
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	☒	☒
c. Other impacts: _____		☒	☒

13. Impact on Transportation☐

NO

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YES

The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems (See Part 1. D.2.j)

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	☐	☐
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	☒	☒
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	☒	☒
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	☒	☒
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	☒	☒
f. Other impacts:		☒	☒

14. Impact on Energy

The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. (See Part 1. D.2.k)

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NO

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YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur

a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k	☒	☒
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k	☒	☒
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	☒	☒
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D1g	☒	☒
e. Other Impacts:		☐	☐

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

☐ YES

The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. ☐ NO
(See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	☒	☒
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	☒	☒
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	☒	☒
d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	☒	☒
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	☒	☒
f. Other impacts:		☒	☒

16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. ☐ NO ☐ YES to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.) *If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.*

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d		

		☒	☒
	E1g, E1h	☒	☒
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.		☒	☒
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	E1g, E1h	☒	☒
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	E1g, E1h	☒	☒
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	E1g, E1h	☒	☒
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t	☒	☒
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	☒	☒
	D2q, E1f	☒	☒
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.		☒	☒
i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.	D2r, D2s	☒	☒
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	E1f, E1g E1h	☐	☒
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off-site structures.	E1f, E1g	☒	☒
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	☒	☒
m. Other impacts:		☐	☐

17. Consistency with Community Plans

☐ NO

☐ YES

The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.

(See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	☒	☒
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	☒	

			9
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	☐	9
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	9	9
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	9	9
f. The proposed action is in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	9	9
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a	☐	9
h. Other:		9	9

18. Consistency with Community Character

☐ NO

☐ YES

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.

(See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, E3f, E3g	9	9
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4	9	9
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a	9	9
d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.	C2, E3	9	9
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3	☐	9
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	☐	☐
g. Other impacts:		☐	☐

19. Impact on Disadvantaged Communities

The proposed project may impact a disadvantaged community.

(See Part 1. E.4)

☐ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur						
a. Is the potentially affected disadvantaged community identified as having comparatively higher burdens or vulnerabilities by the Disadvantaged Community Assessment Tool?	E.4.c	<table><tr><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">☐</td></tr></table>	☐	☐	☐		<table><tr><td>☐</td></tr><tr><td>☐</td></tr></table>	☐	☐
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b. The proposed action may create new air emissions or increase existing air emissions within a disadvantaged community.	D.2.f-i, E.4	☐	☐						
c. The proposed action may create new wastewater treatment or discharges, or expand existing wastewater treatment or discharges, within a disadvantaged community.	D.2.d	☐	☐						
d. The proposed action creates or expands a solid or hazardous waste management facility, or involves the generation of solid or hazardous waste, within or near a disadvantaged community.	D.2.r, D.2.s, D.2.t, E.1.f, E.1.g	☐	☐						
e. The proposed action may increase traffic within a disadvantaged community.	D.2.j	☐	☐						
f. The proposed action affects or involves one or more of the following facility types: i. landfill; ii. other industrial, manufacturing, or mining land uses; iii. major oil or chemical bulk storage facility; iv. municipal waste combustor; v. power generation facility; vi. risk management plan site; vii. remediation site; or viii. scrap metal processor.	C.3.c, D.1.a, D.1.g, D.2.a, D. 2.d, D.2.f, E.1.a, E.1.b, E.1.h, E.1.v, E.4	☐	☐						
g. Other impacts:		<table><tr><td>☐</td></tr></table>	☐	<table><tr><td>☐</td></tr></table>	☐				
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20. Future Physical Climate Risks

The proposed project may be vulnerable to future physical climate risks or vulnerability of human or ecological communities to future physical climate

(See Part 1. E.5)

☐ risks.☐ increase the
NO YES (See Part 1.

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

	Relevant Part I	No, or small	Moderate to large
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	Question(s)	Impact may occur	Impact may occur
a. The proposed action is vulnerable to damage from a projected 100-year flood.	E2j, E5a	☐	☐
b. The proposed action is vulnerable to damage from a 500-year flood.	E2k, E5b	☐	☐
c. The proposed action is in an area potentially affected by sea level rise.	E5c	☐	☐
d. The proposed action may increase the vulnerability of human or ecological communities to the following: i. drought ii. temperature extremes (hot or cold) iii. extreme storms, including high winds iv. landslides v. coastal erosion vi. stormwater flooding vii. other climate or weather hazards? If yes, describe: _____	E5d	☐	☐
e. Other impacts:		☐	☐

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***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 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.

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
All documentation in the administrative record before the North Greenbush Public Library Board of Trustees

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
North Greenbush Public Library, Board of Trustees 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 that 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 617.7(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.

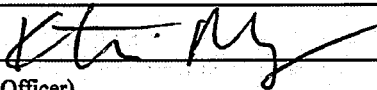
Name of Action: North Greenbush Public Library

Name of Lead Agency: North Greenbush Public Library, Board of Trustees

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Katie Myer

Title of Responsible Officer: President

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:



Date: 8/27/26

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

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FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM PART 3
EVALUATION OF THE MAGNITUDE AND IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT IMPACTS
AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
REASONS SUPPORTING SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Introduction

The North Greenbush Public Library ("NGPL") Board of Trustees, acting as SEQRA Lead Agency, undertook a coordinated review of the Project, an Unlisted action, consisting of the development of a new library on approximately 5.43 acres, at 9-14 Mohameds Farm Way, in the Town of North Greenbush (SBL: 134.-4-5.11) (the "Project Site"). NGPL is proposing a new approximately 6,000 SF library on the Project Site, which will include 34 parking spaces, landscaping, lighting and related infrastructure (the "Project"). The Project will replace the existing North Greenbush Public Library, which is aging and does not serve the needs of the community properly.

The Project Site is within the Town's Agriculture Residential "AR" zoning district. The Project is classified as a "cultural facility" in the Town of North Greenbush and permitted with site plan approval from the Town of North Greenbush Planning Board ("Planning Board") and a special use permit from the Town of North Greenbush Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA"). The Project will also require a subdivision from the Planning Board to ensure that the Project is located on its own zoning complaint lot. The Project will also require an area variance from the ZBA for lot width at front setback line, which is proposed to be approximately 299 feet where 400 is required by the Town of North Greenbush Zoning Code ("Zoning Code").

The Project will require the following approvals from the Town of North Greenbush: (1) site plan review from the Planning Board, (2) re-subdivision from the Planning Board, (3) special use permit from the Town's ZBA, and (4) an area variance for lot width from the Town's ZBA (the "Local Approvals"). In addition to the Local Approvals, the NGPL will receive public funding for the development of the Project, which will require a referendum. Thus, the proposed "Action" that is being studied herein under SEQRA includes the development of the Project and related financing that may be available for the Project.

Access to the Property will be provided from the proposed private access drive that extends from Snyder's Lake Road via a new curb cut, which will provide adequate sight lines and traffic safety. Permitting for the proposed new curb cut will be facilitated by the Rensselaer County Highway Department.

The Project will include a single-story building, the exterior is anticipated to be clad in cementitious clapboard and board-and-batten siding, with an architectural asphalt shingle and standingseam metal roof, with a design in keeping with the agricultural and rural context of the immediate vicinity. Site walls will be of cultured stone cladding, as may some accent pieces of the building.

As a public library, subject to Wicks Law and other public bidding requirements, the construction of the new facility will involve at least four separate construction trades to develop the project site. Likely construction employment is anticipated to reach 30-40 jobs, and construction is anticipated to last approximately 12-months. Permanent professional library staff is expected to continue at current levels, with one full-time and eight part-time employees, including Director, professional staff, and clerks.

The NGPL currently anticipates maintaining existing operating hours, which are 10am – 7pm Monday through Friday, 10am – 2pm Saturday, and closed on Sundays. Evening events may be scheduled

in the Meeting Room that may occasionally last after 7pm. During peak hours, the library will have a staff of three people. Current patron usage patterns indicate a peak usage of 55 people between the hours of 10am and 3pm, and an overall average usage of 95 people per day.

Application History

On September 25, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the North Greenbush Public Library ("Library Board") designated its intent to be the lead agency for the proposed Action and conduct the environmental review. In addition, on September 25, 2025, the Library Board classified the proposed Action as "unlisted" pursuant to SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA review.

On September 29, 2025, NGPL sent notice of its intent to designate itself as the Action's lead agency to the following interested and involved agencies. Then, again, on January 20, 2026, NGPL re-circulated its intent to be the SEQRA lead agency to the Town's Planning Board and ZBA noting the subdivision and related area variance needed to create the NGPL Parcel. Thus, to date, the following interested and involved agencies have received notice the NGPL's intent to serve as the SEQRA lead agency for the proposed Action.

Involved Agencies:

- 1) North Greenbush Public Library;
- 2) Town of North Greenbush Planning Board; 3) Town of North Greenbush Zoning Board of Appeals;

Interested Agencies:

- 1) Town of North Greenbush;
- 2) Town of North Greenbush Department of Public Works;
- 3) Town of North Greenbush Stormwater Department;
- 4) Rensselaer County Highway Department;
- 5) Rensselaer County Department of Economic Development and Planning;
- 6) New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- 7) New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation; 8) United States Army Corps of Engineers; and, 9) United States Fish & Wildlife Service.

Discussion of Potential Environmental Impacts

The Board of Trustees has carefully considered all potential environmental impacts associated with the Project. Below is a discussion of those potential impacts, set forth in the order in which they appear in the NYSDEC SEQRA FEAF Part 2.

The Project is a SEQRA Unlisted action. The NYSDEC SEQR Handbook specifically addresses whether coordinated review is required for an Unlisted action. According to the NYSDEC, "[c]oordinated review procedures can be used for the review of an Unlisted action at any time, at the discretion of the lead agency." Due to the identification of several agencies and approvals required per the FEAF Part 1 for the Project, the Board of Trustees conducted a coordinated environmental review, which review included the proposed real estate transactions and the development of the Project.

The materials submitted in support of the Action were generated by licensed engineers and qualified consultants. The conclusions and suggested impact avoidance measures proffered by these professionals were based on established engineering principles, industry standards, and NYSDEC and technical data, which have been thoroughly reviewed by the Library Board. The members of the Library Board carefully and thoroughly reviewed the environmental reports, studies, site plans, etc., that comprise the administrative record for the Project.

The Library Board has assessed each of the potential SEQRA-related impacts, identified the magnitude of each potential impact, and determined the potential impact's importance.

Lastly, the Library Board has reviewed the criteria for determining significance contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617. This evaluation, which is based on the same information supporting its conclusions regarding Part 2 of the Full EAF, confirms the Board of Trustees' conclusion that a Negative Declaration of Significance should be issued for the Project.

Discussion of 6 NYCRR Part 617 Criteria For Determining Significance

The Library Board has evaluated the Project using the criteria for determining significance identified in 6 NYCRR 617.7(c)(1) and in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.7(c)(2) and (3). The NYSDEC SEQR Handbook provides "that not every conceivable impact needs to be considered—speculative impacts may be ignored."

As indicated below in the discussion of each criterion specified in 6 NYCRR 617.7(c)(1), the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

6 NYCRR 617.7(c)(1) Criteria

(i) A substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.

The Library Board finds that the Project is not likely to cause significant adverse changes to existing air quality (see Section 6 below), ground or surface water quality/quantity (see Sections 3 and 4 below), noise levels (see Section 15 below), and potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems (see Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 below). Further, the traffic assessment for the Project demonstrates that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts (see Section 13 below).

As noted below, the NGPL sought a wetland jurisdictional determination, which found that the Project will not disturb any regulated wetlands. In addition, the Project will include stormwater management facilities and drainage and erosion control measures that will ensure that the stormwater resulting from the Project will be managed in accordance with all local and NYSDEC regulations, which demonstrate that no substantial impacts will result from flooding or stormwater. The Property is not within any recognized floodplain.

The Project will be connected to municipal water service in the Town of North Greenbush. There is an existing water main in Snyder's Lake Road that can be used for the Project. The Project is anticipated to use approximately 325 gallons of water per day, which will be obtained from the Town of North

Greenbush. The Town of North Greenbush Department of Public Works has been identified as an involved agency and has been included in this coordinated SEQRA review.

Further, the Project will be connected to the County's sewer infrastructure and serviced by the Rensselaer County Sewer District. As such, no wastewater will be discharged into the ground. The Project is expected to result in approximately ± 325 gallons of wastewater per day. The Rensselaer County Sewer District has been identified as an involved agency and has been included in this coordinated SEQRA review.

Solid waste produced from the Project will be taken off the Project Site in accordance with local procures and/or privately hauled off-site in accordance with all local, State, and federal regulations.

As such, the Project will not cause a substantial adverse change.

- (ii) The removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; impacts on a significant habitat area; substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such a species; or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.**

The Project Site is in a mixed agricultural and residential area of the Town of North Greenbush and is in close proximity to nearby farms and forest lands. The Project will enhance the Project Site with the trees, shrubs, and grass as part of the landscaping plan. The net impact on vegetation is therefore minimal. The FEAR notes the potential for the Northern Long-Eared Bat (Endangered) and the Monarch Butterfly (Proposed Threatened) to be nearby the Project Site utilizing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation ("USFWS IPaC") system. To ensure that no impacts result to the Northern Long-Eared Bat, any tree clearing will be conducted only between November 1 and March 31st to protect the Northern Long-Eared Bat. In addition, with the proposed new landscaping plan, no negative impacts to the Monarch Butterfly will result from the Project.

Due to the existing nature of the Project Site, the Action will not have a significant impact on the environment: (a) by removing or causing the destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; (b) by creating substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; (c) by creating impacts on a significant habitat area; (d) by creating substantial adverse impacts on threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such a species; or (e) by causing other significant adverse impacts to natural resources. See Section 7 below.

- (iii) The impairment of the environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area.**

The Project will not cause impairment to the characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area as designated under 6 NYCRR 617.14(g) because none exist on the Property. See Section 12 below.

- (iv) The creation of a material conflict with a community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.**

The Project as proposed is permitted in the subject AR zoning district with site plan review and a special use permit approved by the Town of North Greenbush. As the Project is a specially permitted use, it is implied that the local legislature views it as consistent with community plans. Had the local legislature

viewed a public library as inconsistent with community plans, such use would have been prohibited in the AR zoning district.

In addition, the Town of North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan, dated 2009, recommends that, with respect to agricultural, open space, and low-density residential areas, the Town "encourage these areas to remain available for open space conservation, farming, agricultural support businesses, large lot single-family homes or small conservation subdivisions, outdoor recreation, appropriate home-based businesses and recreation." Comprehensive Plan at 82. Further, the Comprehensive Plan states that "[f]urther development should carefully consider how a development will impact slopes, soils, water quality, ecologically sensitive areas, and views." Comprehensive Plan at 82. As this project has progressed through its due diligence stage, careful attention has been paid to each of the considerations highlighted above in the comprehensive plan. Each step of planning has included plans that aim to minimally impact areas of concern, such as those outlined above. See Section 17 below.

In addition to being consistent with community plans, the Project will also provide great benefit to local public and non-public schools. As a duly chartered school district public library, the NGPL system serves to support the school library programs of member public school districts and nonpublic schools.

(v) The impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character.

The Project will not impair the character or quality of historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources. See Sections 9 and 10 below.

(vi) A major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.

The Project will not create a major change in the quantity of electricity or natural gas to be used in the region and will not affect the community's sources of fuel or energy supply. See Section 14 below.

(vii) The creation of a hazard to human health.

The Project will not create a hazard to human health. See Section 16 below.

(viii) A substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses.

The Project will result in a minor change of use and/or intensity with the largely suburban and agricultural area surrounding the Project Site.

The Project Site is located in a New York State Agricultural District and the Project will not cause significant adverse impacts to agricultural resources. The NGPL Parcel is not actively farmed and is not intended for future agriculture use by the Project Site owner. The Project Site consists of some NassauManilus complex, undulating soils and does not meet the criteria to be considered prime farmland or prime farmland if drained. The Project will balance the Project Site during construction and not require any fill or removal of soil. The remaining 3.78 acres of the Project Site will remain undisturbed. It is not anticipated that this will cause significant interruption to any existing farm operations (see Section 8

below). The Project will not have an effect on open space or recreational resources since the land is not designated in a governmental open space plan and is not used for public recreation (see Section 11 below).

(ix) The encouraging or attracting of a large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action.

It is expected that the Project, a new library, will attract staff, volunteers, and residents consistent with the current volumes at the existing library facility. The NGPL caused a traffic assessment to be prepared that included findings and mitigation that is noted below (see Section 13 below).

Therefore, no substantial adverse impact is expected related to attraction of people to the area.

(x) The creation of a material demand for other actions that would result in one of the above consequences.

The Project is not expected to create any significant increased demand for other actions that would result in significant adverse consequences as described by the above criteria. In evaluating the proposed Project, the Board of Trustees determined that a development, such as the Project, is appropriate for the area in which it is being proposed, and that the uses will not result in a material demand for other actions that might result in adverse environmental impacts.

(xi) Changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment.

The Library Board finds that the Project does not create impacts on two or more elements of the environment that, collectively, would result in substantial adverse impact on the environment. The Library Board has conducted a full review of all Project elements and the potential impacts from the Project. The Library Board has, for example, evaluated the combined effects of: (i) traffic in relation to noise, odors, air quality, and community character; (ii) parking lot area in relation to storm water management, lighting, and safety; and (iii) community character in relation to noise, air quality, traffic, architecture, and aesthetics. While by no means an exhaustive list of potential impacts/changes considered in tandem with other impacts/changes, this list provides a few examples of the hard look taken by the Library Board to ensure the potential effects of the Project would not result in a substantial adverse impact.

In addition, future projects within the Town resulting from the Project, if any at all, will be required to undergo review pursuant to SEQRA and therefore will have their environmental impacts reviewed.

(xii) Two or more related actions undertaken, funded or approved by an agency, none of which has or would have a significant impact on the environment, but when considered cumulatively would meet one or more of the criteria in this subdivision.

The review of the Project did not show the potential for cumulative effects. The financing for the Project is part of the "Action" but will not result in any environmental impacts given that they are transactional in nature; rather, the funding will facilitate the development of the new library that is needed to enhance community services. As such, considering the funding as part of the Project, the Library Board

has conducted a comprehensive review of the entirety of the Project, and no environmental impacts from the leases will result that would amount to a cumulative effect meeting one or more of the criteria discussed herein. Lastly, the Project Site is not within a disadvantaged community as the same is defined by the State of New York. Nevertheless, the Project is not of the nature that any adverse impacts from climate change and or pollution would result from the Project.

Discussion of Part 2 of the Full EAF, Potential Project Impacts

The Library Board has evaluated the Project's potential impacts as identified in Part 1 and Part 2 of the FEAF, and has determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that a Negative Declaration is warranted. The following information evaluates each section of the FEAF Part 2.

1. Impact on Land. The Project Site currently consists of low grasslands with some trees present on the west edge of the parcel. The anticipated area of disturbance is approximately 2.46-acres. Most earthwork to facilitate the Project will involve the excavation for subsurface features including building foundations, stormwater management systems, and placement of fill to achieve the required grades for the building, parking areas and access points. Following excavation for these features, backfilling and fill operations will bring the development area to the desired grade. The Project will require excavation and grading for subsurface features and but it is not anticipated that any cut or fill will be required to facilitate the Project.

To review the potential impacts to land, Labella Associates conducted geotechnical investigations and prepared a Geotechnical Report, dated August 6, 2025, which includes the areas of proposed disturbance for the Project. The Geotechnical made the following findings:

- A. Topographically, the project site has a small level rise located in the northwest quadrant, with a crest elevation of (El. 538-ft). Grades decrease radially outward with the lowest elevation to the southwest (El 526-ft). Grades towards the east (planned structure locations) generally decrease from El. 538-ft to El. 533-ft.
- B. Subsurface explorations indicate at least two distinct strata are present within the depth of the explorations at the project site. The observed stratum across the project site were generally Loamy Till and Bedrock. Each stratum is described in greater detail below using the percentage descriptions per ASTM D 2488.
 - 1. Loamy Till: a stratum of Loamy Till was encountered within all test explorations. This stratum was generally classified as Silty Sand with Gravel (SM) and Silty Gravel with Sand (GM). This stratum consisted of brown and grey, dry, dense sand or gravel with some to a little percentage of silt.
 - 2. Bedrock (Stuyvesant Falls Formation): bedrock was encountered underlying the Loamy Till within all test explorations at depths of 6.5-feet (B1), 11-feet (B2), 20-feet (B3), 6-feet (B4) and 13.5-feet (B5). According to a review of the Geologic Map of New York, bedrock at the project site is mapped as Stuyvesant Falls Formation comprised of siltstone and shale. No

bedrock cores were obtained to observe the bedrock. However, based on recovered rock fragments within the spilt spoons, the bedrock appears to be shale.

- C. No groundwater was observed during advancements of the test explorations. Groundwater readings taken at termination of the explorations are typically considered un-stabilized readings. Groundwater levels recorded on the exploration logs are based on field observations and visual soil classification of soil samples. Groundwater will fluctuate with season, precipitation, nearby construction activity, and other factors.

Based the findings of the Geotechnical Report, the following mitigation has been included within the Project:

Shallow Foundation

- Based on the observed subsurface conditions across the project site, shallow reinforced concrete foundations consisting of continuous strip footings are a suitable foundation system to support the public library. Where necessary, spread footing foundations are recommended to support column loads.
- LaBella recommends an allowable bearing capacity of 3.0 kips per square foot (ksf) when bearing foundations on lightly disturbed, proof-rolled in-situ soils or Granular Fill. We recommend that continuous strip footing foundations and spread footing foundations have minimum lateral dimensions of at least 2-feet. Foundation elements must be constructed in accordance with 2020 BCNYS Sections 1807-1809.
- To provide adequate frost protection, the bottom of all exterior foundations should be located a minimum of 4-feet below the lowest adjacent ground surface exposed to freezing. Additionally, the subgrade must be protected from freezing during construction. Foundations not exposed to freezing temperatures during construction (temporary condition) and located beneath continuously heated interior spaces should bear at least 18-inches below the top of the soil supported slab (final condition).
- Care should be taken not to disturb soils at the bearing surface or within the zone of influence of the foundations. The "zone of influence" is defined as a line drawn outward and downward from the lower edge of the footing at a 1H:1V slope. Exposed soil subgrades, that were lightly disturbed, should be compacted (proof rolled) prior to placement of foundation elements using appropriate construction equipment in large, accessible excavations and hand-guided compaction equipment in smaller excavations where access is limited.
- Unsuitable soils (i.e. soil that is observed to pump or weave during proof-rolling or soil containing material such as organics, cobbles/boulders, elongated or irregularly shaped particles, frozen material, etc.) and disturbed soils should be over excavated and replaced with Granular Fill.
- Total settlements for statically loaded footings found on proof rolled, lightly disturbed, in-situ soils and designed using the recommended allowable bearing capacity are expected to be less than 0.5-inches and differential settlements (non-uniform settlement) are anticipated to be less than

0.25-inches.

Building Ground Floor Slab

- While designing the slab subgrade, we recommend utilizing a modulus of subgrade reaction (k) of 300 pci for the soil supported slab. LaBella recommends at least 4-inches of well graded gravel or crushed stone (Stone Fill) be placed over the prepared subgrade for the slab to bear on. For a moisture sensitive slab, and in accordance with 2020 BCNYS Section 1805, a damp proofing material (vapor barrier) should be installed.
- In accordance with 2020 BCNYS, Section 1907 and to account for ACI allowable construction tolerances, the minimum slab on grade thickness should be 4-inches. Additionally, the design and construction of the slab should consider potential differential shrinkage between the top and bottom surfaces of the slab that could result in curling. A coefficient of friction of 0.20 is recommended for use between the slab and vapor barrier and 0.40 may be used for concrete cast directly against the Stone Fill.

Site Preparation

- After general regrading activities, the area should be restored to an acceptable baseline condition. We recommend proof rolling lightly disturbed natural soils left in place after excavation activities are complete. If during foundation preparation, subgrade materials are determined to be unsatisfactory (i.e. pumping, weaving, frozen, becoming saturated, organics or cobbles/boulders present) by the Special Inspector, the following steps are recommended:
 - The area should be over excavated by up to 12-inches within the zone of influence.
 - The new surface (-12 inches below planned subgrade) should be observed for unsatisfactory material and then proof rolled.
 - If this material is again determined unsatisfactory by the Special inspector, up to an additional 12-inches should be removed with the zone of influence.
 - We recommend contacting LaBella if additional unsuitable material is encountered beyond the 24-inches outlined above.
 - The over excavation area should be backfilled with placed and compacted Granular Fill to achieve the specified allowable bearing capacity for this project site. Note a geotextile with separation and stabilization properties may be required prior to placement of Granular Fill.

Pavement Recommendations

- It is recommended that that the Project use of a flexible pavement system incorporating an asphalt surface, binder, and subbase course for the planned parking lot founded on in-situ soils after removal of all loose, disturbed or unsuitable soils. For a typical commercial parking lot, with a design life of 15-years and founded on subgrade soils with a California Bearing Ratio (CBR) value of 20.

- The pavement subgrade should be prepared to slope towards the pavement edges to prevent water from ponding below the pavement.

Fill Recommendations

- In general, fill materials shall be free of unsuitable material such as organics, construction debris, cobbles/boulders, frozen material, elongated or irregularly shaped particle, etc. Fill areas shall be cleared of all vegetation, roots, and other organic materials prior to placement of fill. The Project will include compaction consisting of at least four (4) systematic passes using a vibratory roller with a minimum operating weight of eight (8) tons. In confined areas, hand guided vibratory equipment should be used to compact the soil to the specified criteria. If soil weaving or other disturbance is noticed during compaction, vibratory compaction should be discontinued. Heavy compaction equipment shall not be used within 3-feet of foundation elements. Compaction should meet the requirements stated below or as approved by a qualified engineer. Additional fill mitigation in the Geotechnical Report shall be followed.

In addition to the above, because the Project will disturb more than one (1) acre of land, the Project will require the preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP"). The Project will result in $\pm$.78-acres of new impervious surface on the Project Site. The impacts of creating these new impervious surfaces will be negligible given the stormwater control measures proposed, see Section V(3) in relation to Impact on Surface Waters. Any erosion of land as a result of construction activities will be controlled and minimized through the implementation and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures required for the Project. As noted on the Concept Plan, proposed stormwater controls in the form of a bio retention basin will be located on the western portion of the Project Site. Any erosion of land due to construction activities will be controlled and minimized through the implementation and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures required for the Project.

The Project will have minimal impacts on land and construction will be completed within approximately 12-months from the receipt of all approvals.

In addition, NGPL retained LaBella Engineering to review potential wetlands on the NGPL Parcel. LaBella has prepared a Wetland and Stream Delineation Report, dated September 2025, which reviewed the area of the proposed Project. The Wetland Report concluded that:

- Wetland 1 is potentially federally non-jurisdictional due to no observed surface water connection to any offsite wetlands or streams that connect to a Traditional Navigable Water (TNW). The wetland appears to be hydrologically isolated and there are no culverts or inlets/outlets from the wetland.
- The wetland onsite may still come under State jurisdiction. NYSDEC regulations were revised effective January 1, 2025, and the wetlands within the Study Area may come under the jurisdiction of NYSDEC. Under the regulations, a NYSDEC JD is warranted and will be required to determine if any of the wetlands within the Study Area will be State regulated under Article 24. Any State regulated wetlands will have a 100-foot NYSDEC regulated Adjacent Area. A NYSDEC JD can be submitted to NYSDEC Central Office for review and a determination on State regulated wetland resources.

However, we highlight that since the time of the Wetland Report, the NYSDEC regulations related to wetlands have been repealed and are no longer in existence, reverting back to the prior regulations. Regardless, there are still no jurisdictional wetlands on the Project Site.

In accordance with the recommendations within the Wetland Report, NGPL sought a jurisdiction determination from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"). On September 24, 2025, the NYSDEC determined via letter that the wetlands on the NGPL Parcel within the development area are not regulated by Article 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law and related NYSDEC regulations. Therefore, the Project will not disturb any regulated wetlands.

The Project will take approximately 12 months to construction, which will not result in any long term unmitigated impacts to the distribution of land.

Accordingly, the Action is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impacts on land.

2. Impact on Geological Features. There are no unique landforms on the Project Site that will be impacted by the Project. Accordingly, the Action, in totality, is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact on geological features.

3. Impact on Surface Water.

a. Stormwater. There are currently no stormwater management practices on the Project Site and any stormwater runoff of the Project Site leaves the site untreated. General areas of stormwater control have been proposed and are featured on the enclosed Concept Plan. The Project will significantly improve the existing conditions on the NGPL Parcel related to stormwater runoff given that there are no stormwater facilities on the NGPL Parcel, which would result in an environmental benefit by installing stormwater management practices. In accordance with Town of North Greenbush and NYSDEC regulations, given that approximately 2.46-acres of land will be disturbed, the Project will obtain coverage under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-0-25-001) prior to the start of construction. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") setting forth all stormwater management practices will be prepared and approved prior to any earthwork, ensuring that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result from the Project.

To this end, during and after construction of the Project, stormwater will be managed, treated and discharged in accordance with the requirements set forth in NYSDEC General Stormwater Permit and the Project's approved SWPPP.

During Project construction, erosion and sediment control, soil stabilization, dewatering and pollution prevention measures will be installed, implemented, and maintained on the Project Site to minimize the discharge of erosion of sediment and prevent a violation of the State's water quality standards. These measures are designed to limit erosion of land by controlling the flow of water until permanent stormwater control measures are installed and pervious surfaces are stabilized with vegetation and/or buildings and parking areas. Measures will include, but not be limited to, installation of silt-fencing to control disturbed area; stockpiling soils and vegetative soil stabilization; seeding and mulching of all disturbed surfaces; dust control (as necessary); and ongoing inspection and maintenance of erosion control measures to ensure their effectiveness until all disturbed surfaces are stabilized. All erosion and

sediment measures are designed to comply with the New York State Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control, dated November 2016.

Post-construction stormwater management practices for the Project will conform to applicable requirements in the NYSDEC general stormwater permit and the standards provided by the New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual ("Design Manual"). The Project is designed to provide for the installation, implementation, and maintenance of permanent stormwater management practices to meet the standards in the Design Manual so that discharges comply with the State's water quality and quantity standards.

Specifically, post-construction, the Project's stormwater management system will use on-site storm sewers draining to on-site stormwater retention facilities. Stormwater runoff from the new impervious and rooftop areas will be directed to new on-site catch basins which will discharge to the onsite stormwater system referenced above. As required by the NYSDEC stormwater regulations, the post development peak rate of run-off from the Project Site will be the same or less than peak rate of run-off under the existing conditions.

Accordingly, the Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to stormwater.

b. Wetlands. NGPL retained LaBella Engineering to review potential wetlands on the NGPL Parcel. LaBella has prepared a Wetland and Stream Delineation Report, dated September 2025, which reviewed the area of the proposed Project. The Wetland Report concluded that:

- Wetland 1 is potentially federally non-jurisdictional due to no observed surface water connection to any offsite wetlands or streams that connect to a Traditional Navigable Water (TNW). The wetland appears to be hydrologically isolated and there are no culverts or inlets/outlets from the wetland.
- The wetland onsite may still come under State jurisdiction. NYSDEC regulations were revised effective January 1, 2025, and the wetlands within the Study Area may come under the jurisdiction of NYSDEC. Under the regulations, a NYSDEC JD is warranted and will be required to determine if any of the wetlands within the Study Area will be State regulated under Article 24. Any State regulated wetlands will have a 100-foot NYSDEC regulated Adjacent Area. A NYSDEC JD can be submitted to NYSDEC Central Office for review and a determination on State regulated wetland resources.

However, we highlight that since the time of the Wetland Report, the NYSDEC regulations related to wetlands have been repealed and are no longer in existence, reverting back to the prior regulations. Regardless, there are still no jurisdictional wetlands on the Project Site.

In accordance with the recommendations within the Wetland Report, NGPL sought a jurisdiction determination from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"). On September 24, 2025, the NYSDEC determined via letter that the wetlands on the NGPL Parcel within the development area are not regulated by Article 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law and related NYSDEC regulations. Therefore, the Project will not disturb any regulated wetlands.

The above clearly demonstrates that the Project Site does not include any regulated wetlands.

Accordingly, the Action will not create any significant adverse environmental impacts to surface water resources.

4. Impact on Groundwater. The Project will be connected to municipal water service in the Town of North Greenbush. There is an existing water main in Snyder's Lake Road that can be used for the Project. The Project is anticipated to use approximately 325 gallons of water per day, which will be obtained from the Town of North Greenbush. The Town of North Greenbush Department of Public Works has been identified as an involved agency and has been included in this coordinated SEQRA review.

Further, the Project will be connected to the County's sewer infrastructure and serviced by the Rensselaer County Sewer District. As such, no wastewater will be discharged into the ground. The Project is expected to result in approximately ± 325 gallons of wastewater per day. The Rensselaer County Sewer District has been identified as an involved agency and has been included in this coordinated SEQRA review. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to groundwater.

5. Impact on Flooding. The Project will not have any adverse impacts on flooding. As discussed in detail above, all stormwater will be managed in accordance with NYSDEC standards to ensure that the peak rate of run-off from the Project Site will be the same or less than peak rate of run-off under the existing conditions.

Furthermore, the Project Site is not located within any floodplains and therefore the proposed development will not result in any adverse impacts to floodplains or flooding.

Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to flooding.

6. Impact on Air. The Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts on air quality. The Project does not include a State regulated air emission source or involve any activity that will have more than a minimal impact on air quality. As noted in the Impact on Transportation discussion below (Section 13), the Project will not result in any traffic impacts and therefore all intersections will continue to operate at overall acceptable levels of service and efficiency so there will not be unnecessary idling due to traffic delays while exiting the Project Site.

Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to air quality.

7. Impact on Plants and Animals. The Project Site is in a mixed agricultural and residential area of the Town of North Greenbush and is in close proximity to nearby farms and forest lands. The FEAF notes the potential for the Northern Long-Eared Bat (Endangered) and the Monarch Butterfly (Proposed Threatened) to be nearby the Project Site utilizing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation ("USFWS IPaC") system. The Project will enhance the Project Site with the installation of new trees, shrubs, plants and lawn area. To ensure that no impacts result to the Northern Long-Eared Bat, any tree clearing will be conducted only between November 1 and March 31st to protect the Northern Long-Eared Bat. In addition, with the proposed new landscaping plan, no negative impacts to the Monarch Butterfly will result from the Project.

Accordingly, the Project will not have any significant adverse impacts on plants and animals.

8. **Impact on Agricultural Resources.** The Project Site is located in a New York State Agricultural District and the Project will not cause significant adverse impacts to agricultural resources. The NGPL Parcel is not actively farmed and is not intended for future agriculture use by the Project Site owner. The Project Site consists of some Nassau-Manilus complex, undulating soils and does not meet the criteria to be considered prime farmland or prime farmland if drained. The Project is not anticipated to remove any soil from the Project Site. Approximately 3.78-acres of land will remain undisturbed. It is not anticipated that this will cause significant interruption to any existing farm operations.

Accordingly, the Project will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts to agricultural resources.

9. **Impact on Aesthetic Resources.** The Project will not be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource, nor will it impact any officially designated scenic views. The Project is located in an agricultural and residential area of the Town of North Greenbush and fronts along Snyders Lake Road in the Town of North Greenbush. The Project Site is not improved with any structures that are listed or eligible on the National Register. Related to the proposed access drive and New York State Fire Code compliant truck turn around, we note that that area is previously disturbed as an access drive and being improved as a part of the Project.

The Project's architectural design will include a single-story building, the exterior is anticipated to be clad in cementitious clapboard and board-and-batten siding, with an architectural asphalt shingle and standing-seam metal roof, with a design in keeping with the agricultural and rural context of the immediate vicinity. Site walls will be of cultured stone cladding, as may some accent pieces of the building. Thus, the Project's design will blend with the existing neighborhood character, which is agricultural and residential. Natural landscaping will be utilized for screening to ensure that the Project is consistent with the character of the neighborhood.

Accordingly, the Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to federal, State, or local scenic or aesthetic resources, nor will it impact any officially designated scenic views.

10. **Impact on Historic and Archaeological Resources.** The NGPL has consulted with the New York State Preservation Office ("SHPO") given that a SWPPP is required for the Project. By correspondence dated October 17, 2025, SHPO required additional ahistorical and archeological review of the NGPL Parcel. Thus, NGPL hired Hudson Cultural Services to prepared the enclosed Phase 1A Literature Search and Sensitivity Assessment and Phase 1B Archaeological Field Reconnaissance Survey, prepared by Hudson Cultural Services, dated January 2026 (the "Phase 1A/1B"), which is the result of a historical review as well as on site shovel tests. The Phase 1A/1B concluded that the NGPL Parcel does not include any historical or archaeological elements of significance. The Phase 1A/1B was submitted to SHPO, who then determined on February 5, 2026 that the Project would not result in any impacts to historical or archeological resources.

Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to historic or archaeological resources.

11. **Impact on Open Space and Recreation.** The Project will not result in any loss of recreational opportunities, or any reduction of an open space resource designated in a governmental open

space plan. The Project Site is not used for public recreation and will not result in the need for additional open space for recreation. The Project itself will create more public recreation opportunities via programming and events taking place on-site. It should be noted that the Muslim Cemetery is located to the south of the NGPL Parcel. The Project will not disrupt the cemetery or access to the cemetery in any manner.

Accordingly, the Project will not have any significant adverse impact on open space and recreational resources.

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas. The Project Site does not contain any Critical Environmental Areas ("CEAs") designated by the NYSDEC and therefore no significant adverse impacts will occur to any CEAs.

13. Impact on Transportation. A Site Distance Analysis was prepared by LaBella Associates, PC, dated August 25, 2025 ("Site Distance Analysis"), to assess potential traffic impacts associated with the new access point on Synder's Lake Road. The Sight Distance Analysis reviewed the area of County Route 68 where the Project Site is located and also provided an assessment of the Project's access point. The Sight Distance Analysis demonstrates that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and found that:

- The sight distance evaluation conducted at the existing driveway and Mohamed Way indicated that recommended sight distances and stopping sight distances for the area were insufficient for average operating speeds, calculated at 44-mph.
- The sight distance assessment conducted at the existing driveway and Snyders Lake Road, another access point, indicates that the available sight line looking right to turn left from the site is insufficient, as is the eastbound stopping sight distance.
- It is recommended that the proposed driveway location, approximately 190-feet west of Mohamed Way, is utilized as it exceeds recommended sight and stopping sight distances.

Accordingly, the Project will not have any significant adverse impact on transportation.

14. Impact on Energy. The Project will require the use of energy—specifically electricity and natural gas—for heating, cooling, lighting, other purpose, which will be supplied by National Grid. This energy usage will be similar in amount to the energy used for other similar commercial buildings in the Town and across the State. It is not expected that any electrical grid upgrades will be required to facilitate the Project. Overall, the Project will not result in a significant increase in the use of energy. Accordingly, no significant adverse impact on energy will occur.

15. Impact on Noise, Light, and Odor. No significant adverse noise or odor impacts are expected from the Project. Any noise or odor impact from construction equipment will be temporary and only during the construction hours stated in the Town Code. After construction, during Project operations, no odor impacts are anticipated. The Project is not a manufacturing or industrial facility and will not produce any odors.

Related to odor, the Project does not include a State regulated air emission source or involve any activity that will have more than a minimal impact on air quality.

Related to noise, the Project Site is located along the Snyders Lake Road, neighbored by low density agricultural and residential uses at a distance. The Project will be a publicly accessible facility accessible by patrons during all operating hours, and on occasion outside of operating hours as special events may be from time to time scheduled. That said, given that the facilities will be located within the library building, it is not expected that guests will be outside except during scheduled outdoor programs during day time hours.

The Project will only include new, modern and energy-efficient lighting throughout the Project Site. The lighting has been designed so no spillage is to exceed the property boundaries of the Project Site. Exterior site lighting will be the minimum lighting necessary while ensuring a safe facility. All proposed lighting will be downward facing and will minimize sky glow and light pollution from the Project Site. Where appropriate, lighting fixtures will be of a full cutoff type or provided with shields to reduce glare and light pollution. These measures have been incorporated to minimize otherwise potential adverse impacts from site lighting of the new building and parking facilities.

Accordingly, the Project will not cause any significant adverse impacts involving noise, odor, or light.

16. Impact on Human Health. No significant impacts to human health are anticipated from the Project because all construction and operational activities will be undertaken in accordance and compliance with all pertinent environmental and land development regulations as well as related permit and approval procedures and requirements. The Project will be serviced by municipal water and sewer and no septic system will be used. The Project provides a benefit to the community and will be available for cultural, recreational, and educational use by those so inclined.

The proposed library will operate Monday through Saturday and will be closed on Sundays. Monday through Friday, the hours will be 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. On Saturdays, hours will be 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Evening events may be scheduled that occasionally last beyond 7:00 PM. During peak hours, the library will be staffed by a team of three. Current usage patterns show a peak of 55 people between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, with a daily average of 95 people.

Local companies will be utilized for trash removal. Pick-up times will be limited to times outside of peak operating hours. Inter-library system deliveries will occur by van and are typically provided five times per week and as needed during off peak hours.

Trash and recycling receptacles will be kept in an enclosure that will be constructed to match the building, creating minimal visual impact and reducing the potential for odors. The Project is not a use that will utilize or store any hazardous substances. To the extent that any contamination is found during excavation, the same will be reported and remediated in accordance with all local, State and federal regulations.

Accordingly, the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts related to human health.

17. Consistency with Community Plans. The Project as proposed is permitted in the subject AR zoning district with site plan review and a special use permit approved by the Town of North Greenbush. As the Project is a specially permitted use, it is implied that the local legislature views it as consistent with community plans. Had the local legislature viewed a public library as inconsistent with community plans, such use would have been prohibited in the AR zoning district.

In addition, the Town of North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan, dated 2009, recommends that, with respect to agricultural, open space, and low-density residential areas, the Town “encourage these areas to remain available for open space conservation, farming, agricultural support businesses, large lot single-family homes or small conservation subdivisions, outdoor recreation, appropriate home-based businesses and recreation.” Comprehensive Plan at 82. Further, the Comprehensive Plan states that “[f]urther development should carefully consider how a development will impact slopes, soils, water quality, ecologically sensitive areas, and views.” Comprehensive Plan at 82. As this project has progressed through its due diligence stage, careful attention has been paid to each of the considerations highlighted above in the comprehensive plan. Each step of planning has included plans that aim to minimally impact areas of concern, such as those outlined above.

In addition to being consistent with community plans, the Project will also provide great benefit to local public and non-public schools. As a duly chartered school district public library, the NGPL system serves to support the school library programs of member public school districts and nonpublic schools.

Based on the foregoing, the Project will support and further local community plans and will not have a significant adverse impact on them.

18. Consistency with Community Character. As described above, although the Project is permitted on the NGPL Parcel by site plan and special use permit. Therefore, because of the permitted nature of the Project, the Project is consistent with the character of the surrounding community.

In addition, the Project Site has frontage along Snyders Lake Road, which is in an agricultural and residential area of the Town. The architectural design of the building will blend with such character by including a single-story building, the exterior is anticipated to be clad in cementitious clapboard and board-and-batten siding, with an architectural asphalt shingle and standing-seam metal roof, with a design in keeping with the agricultural and rural context of the immediate vicinity. Site walls will be of cultured stone cladding, as may some accent pieces of the building. Thus, the Project’s design will blend with the existing neighborhood character, which is agricultural and residential. Natural landscaping will be utilized for screening to ensure that the Project is consistent with the character of the neighborhood.

Lastly, we highlight the community benefit to the Project and the significant need for a new library in the Town of North Greenbush.

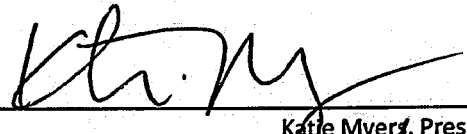
Accordingly, the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the community character of this urban area of the City.

Conclusion

The Library Board, acting as Lead Agency in a Coordinated Review under SEQRA, has thoroughly evaluated all aspects of the Project and the Action and carefully reviewed all relevant materials. For the reasons set forth above, the Library Board has determined that the Project will not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment. As a result, a Negative Declaration will be filed and distributed pursuant to SEQRA regulations, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement need not be prepared.

CERTIFICATION

This SEQRA Negative Declaration and Reasons Supporting SEQRA Negative Declaration were approved at a duly called meeting of the North Greenbush Public Library Board of Trustees on August 27, 2026. The requirements of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617 have been met.


Katie Myers, President
North Greenbush Public Library Board of Trustees

Date: 8/27/26