

Full Environmental Assessment Form **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 that 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.

The Town Board recognized the potential impact on land and determined that the impacts were small due to the impacts being similar with other residential development project in the area and required erosion and sediment controls that would be required during construction.

The Town Board considered the impacts on plants and animals and determined that limiting tree clearing to the winter months would be adequate to protect the Indiana bat and northern long eared bat would adequately protect the species minimizing the potential impact. The Board also considered the potential impact on habitat for the Bog turtle and due to the project as designed avoiding wetland impacts the potential impact was considered small.

The Town Board considered the impact on agricultural resources and determined that the percentage of farmland soils disturbed by the project was small in comparison to the overall acreage of farmland soils near the project area. The board also considered the portion of the project along Rte 370 that would be restricted for longer agricultural use or open space as a mitigation to the soils that would be impacted during construction of the project.

The Town Board considered the impact on aesthetic resources and determined that the proposed 600' setback from Route 370 and minimization of the height of buildings closest to Route 370 resulted in a small impact to the visual aesthetics of the area that was adequately addressed by these changes to the project development plan.

The Town Board considered the impact on traffic and the traffic impact study provided by the developer indicated that the impacts would be considered minor. In addition to the review of the traffic study the Town Board conditioned the SEQR negative declaration on the developer agreeing to any additional mitigation required by the NYSDOT and Onondaga County DOT during the right of way work permit review by both agencies.

The Town Board considered the impact on energy and determined that the impacts would be similar to other residential development impacts in the area that the impacts would be considered small.

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
Traffic Impact Study

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
Town of Lysander _____ 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 which 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: Melvin Farm

Name of Lead Agency: Town of Lysander

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Kevin Rode

Title of Responsible Officer: Town of Lysander Supervisor

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: 

Date: 12/19/24

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer) 

Date: 12/19/2024

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)
Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

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