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Committee Assignment
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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Classification of Action and Determination of Significance Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act for "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements"

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body determine whether the construction of improvements at Seneca Park may have a significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

This project involves the construction of a new ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch on the Genesee River within Seneca Park.

This project has been preliminarily classified as an Unlisted Action. The SEQRA regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617 require that no agency shall carry out or approve an Action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQRA.


The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Determine that this project, referred to as "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements," is an Unlisted action.
2. Make a determination of significance regarding the improvements pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.7.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to take such actions to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution and publication of the documents required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution.

This designation will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

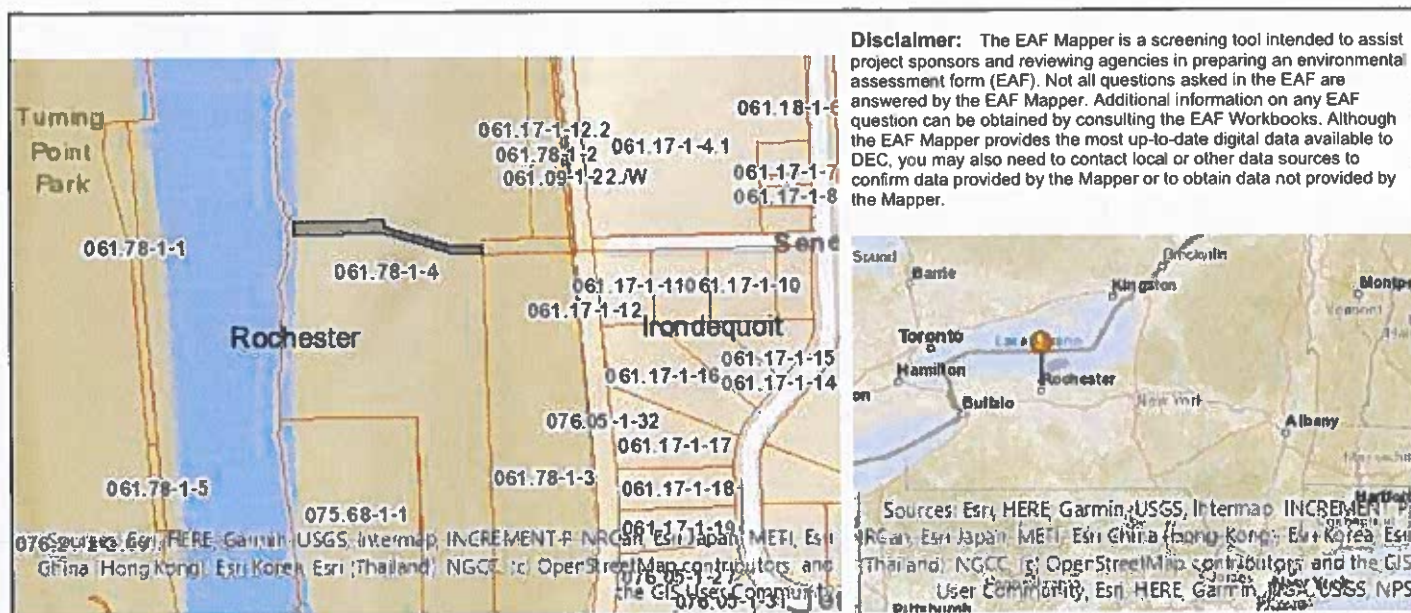
Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Seneca Park Accessible Launch Project -Monroe County County			
Name of Action or Project:			
Seneca Park Accessible Launch Project			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Seneca Park, west of the intersection of Seneca Park Ave and St. Joesph St.			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
<p>The project consists of one site located within Seneca Park. The goal of the project is to install an ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch on the Genesee River, which will expand inclusive recreational opportunities along the river. In addition, improvements to the trail leading to the launch and adjacent parking areas are included within the project scope. All trails and site features will be designed and constructed in compliance with ADA accessibility standards, ensuring safe and equitable access for all users.</p>			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone: 585-753-7279	
Monroe County Parks- Robert W. Kiley		E-Mail: robertkiley@monroecounty.gov	
Address:			
171 Reservoir Rd			
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:
Rochester		NY	14620
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?			NO
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			YES
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency?			NO
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			YES
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? .22 acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? .22 acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 206.82 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? Reason: Environmentally sensitive, Agency: Rochester, City of, Date: 3-14-86	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
Not Applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not Applicable			
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not Applicable			
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____			
The accessible canoe kayak launch will be anchored to the shoreline of the Genesee River. It is anticipated that a bulkhead will be needed to affix the floating dock. Less than 0.01 acres will be altered.			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered? Lake Sturgeon	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? </div> If Yes, briefly describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Monroe County Parks - Robert W. Kiley</u> Date: <u>9-15-2025</u></p> <p>Signature: _____ Title: <u>Deputy Director</u></p>		

EAF Mapper Summary Report

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Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area - Identify]	, Reason:Environmentally sensitive, Agency:Rochester, City of, Date:3-14-86
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local, New York State, and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to the EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Lake Sturgeon
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

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

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

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

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

The proposed project will not adversely impact the environment and is expected to provide significant benefits to the community. It focuses on a single site within Seneca Park, aiming to enhance inclusive access to the Genesee River through the installation of an ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch.

Special care will be taken to ensure that trail construction and associated site improvements do not negatively impact local wildlife habitats or sensitive ecosystems. Trail routes will be planned to avoid disruption to native vegetation, and materials and construction methods will be selected to prevent soil erosion and protect water quality in the nearby river and surrounding parkland. Where necessary, erosion control measures, such as silt fence, will be incorporated into the design.

The project will require permitting through the United State Army Corps of Engineers, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Parks Office of Historic Preservation. A consulting firm will be onboarded to move through the permitting process, ensuring that all regulatory agencies have the required information and that the nature ecosystem is protected during construction activities. All permits will be attained prior to the commencement of construction.

- ☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- ☒ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Monroe County	
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Adam J. Bello	County Executive
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
	Robert W. Kiley, Deputy Parks Director
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)