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RESOLUTION NO	OF 2025

CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR "AIDS REMEMBRANCE GARDEN REHABILITATION"

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

- Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature determines that this project, referred to as "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation," is an Unlisted action.
- Section 2. The Monroe County Legislature has reviewed and considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated May 28, 2025 and has considered the potential environmental impacts of the AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation Project pursuant to the requirements of State Environmental Quality Review Act and has found that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The Monroe County Legislature hereby issues and adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto and made a part hereof and determines that an environmental impact statement is not required.
- Section 3. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized 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.
- Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

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SIGNATURE:	DATE:

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

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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 I Project and Sponsor Information					
AIDS Remembrance Garden Revitalization					
Name of Action or Project:					
AIDS Remembrance Gerden Revitelization					
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			•		
Highland Park South 1320 South Ave. Rochester, NY 14620					
Brief Description of Proposed Action:					
The project consists of one site located at Highland Park, the location of the previously constructed AIDS Remembrance Gerden. Originally constructed in the 1990s, the Garden is a living gift to the community and an honorarium to those who have been impacted by AIDS. The purpose of the project is the rehabilitation of garden components including, but not limited to, arboretum redevelopment, resurfacing welloways, restoring benches, memorials and other hardscaping associated with the Remembrance Garden.					
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 585-313-2356	-			
Monroe County Parks	E-Mail: roberticley@mon	roecounty.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, loca administrative rule, or regulation?	i law, ordinance,	NO	YES		
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the e may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to ques		at 🗸			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other	er government Agency?	NO	YES		
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: State Historic Preservation Office. Funding from the Domiliory Author	rity of the State of New York		1		
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?	0.75 acres				
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?	0.25 acres				
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	40.29 acres				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:					
☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercia	ıl 🔲 Residential (subur	ban)			
Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other(Spec	cify):				
✓ Parkland					

5.	Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
	a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		V	
	b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?		V	
			NO	YES
6.	Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	1		V
7.	Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
IfY	es, identify:			
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8.	a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
	b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		K	
	c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed		屵	V
Ļ.	action?		Ш	V
9.	Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If th	e proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
N/A.				
10.	Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
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	If No, describe method for providing patable water:		V	
11.	Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
	If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			
	a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the	ct	NO	YES
	on is instead on the National or State Register of Flistoric Fraces, or that has been determined by the nmissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on th	ē.		
Stat	e Register of Historic Places?			
arch	b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for accological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			V
	a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain		NO	YES
''	wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		N	
	b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?		H	븜
IEV	es, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:			
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		*
☐Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional		
□ Wetland ☑ Urban ☑ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	Lva	Lina
Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
	V	
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,		
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	7	
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b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	V	Ш
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18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?	טא	TES
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		l
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49. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste	NO	YES
management facility?		
If Yes, describe:		
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES
completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:		
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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BI MY KNOWLEDGE	ST OF	
And the state of the Manual Pount, Parks		
Applicant/sponsor/name: Monroe County Parks Date: 5/28/2025		
Signature:Title: Deputy Director		

Agency Use Only [If applicable]				
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?	V	
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	V	
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	V	
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	V	
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?	V	
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?	7	
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?		
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	V	
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	Z	
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	V	
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	V	
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	V	

Agen	cy Use Only [If applicable]	
Project:	-	1
Date:		
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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.

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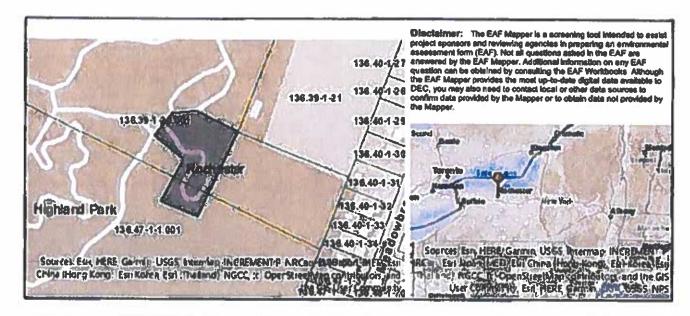
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Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement 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				
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)				

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EAF Mapper Summary Report

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:21 AM



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
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]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No



Office of the County Executive Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello County Executive

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Committee Assignment

ENV. & PUB. WORKS-L

November 7, 2025

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 "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation"

Honorable Legislators:

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

This project involves the renovation and rehabilitation of garden, including arboretum redevelopment, resurfacing walkways, and restoring benches and other hardscaping elements.

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:

- Determine that this project, referred to as "AIDS Remembrance Garden 1. Rehabilitation," is an Unlisted action.
- Make a determination of significance regarding the improvements pursuant to 6 2. NYCRR § 617.7.
- Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to take such actions to comply 3. 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.

Monroe County Legislature November 7, 2025 Page 2

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

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AIDS Remembrance Garden Revitalization		
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Brief Description of Proposed Action:		
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Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 585-313-235	54
Monroe County Parks	E-Mail: robertkiley@mor	nroecounty.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, loc administrative rule, or regulation?	cai law, ordinance,	NO YES
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to que	environmental resources the estion 2.	hat 🔽 🗆
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any ot	her government Agency?	NO YES
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: State Historic Preservation Office Funding from the Dormitory Auth	e. nority of the State of New York	
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?	0.75 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?	0.25 acres	
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4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:		
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Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other(Sp	ecify):	
✓ Parkland		

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b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:	V	
wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	V	I ES
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? 13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain	NO	YES
Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?		V
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	NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:	V	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:	V	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES
N/A		
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:		
action? 9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed	Ш	7
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES
If Yes, identify:	✓	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	V	
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	√	
5. Is the proposed action,	YES	N/A

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
Shoreline Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional		
☐ Wetland		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?	V	
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	V	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,		
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	V	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	V	
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18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		
	V	
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste	NO	YES
management facility?		
If Yes, describe:	V	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	V	
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE B MY KNOWLEDGE	EST OF	7
Applicant/sponsor/name: Monroe County Parks Date: 5/28/2025		
Signature:Title: Deputy Director		

Agency Use Only [If applicable]		
Project:		
Date:		

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment

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1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	V	
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7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	✓	
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	✓	
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	V	
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	V	
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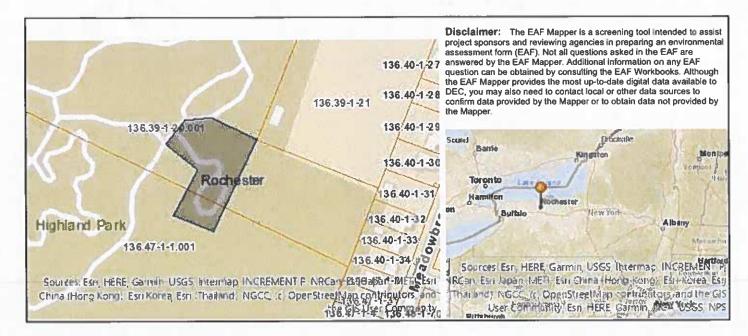
Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

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Check this box if you have determined, based on the info that the proposed action will not result in any significant Monroe County	ermation and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, adverse environmental impacts.
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Adam J. Bello	County Executive
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
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]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	No
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No