

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

October 6, 2023

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Michael J. Quinn, PE, Senior. Distribution Engineer

Subject: Contract HE-001 Sturgeon Point Line Maintenance Facility SEQRA Lead Agency Designation and Coordinated Review ECWA Project No. 202100242

On November 10, 2021, the Erie County Water Authority (the Authority) executed an agreement with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architects, DPC (Hunt) for the design of a new Line Maintenance Facility to be located at the Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant (the Project).

Due to the scope of the Project, the Authority's Engineering and Legal Departments believe that the action is subject to review under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Recognizing the need for certain expertise in the area of the SEQRA regulations, the Authority requested input on the SEQRA process from Harris Beach. The Authority Engineering Staff and Harris Beach have thoroughly reviewed the Project specifics, including the attached Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) prepared by Hunt and determined that the Project should be appropriately designated as an Unlisted Action, as defined under SEQRA. As an Unlisted Action, the Project is subject to further review under SEQRA.

Given the fact that the Project has been identified as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and the fact that the project will be constructed on Authority Property, the Engineering Department, Harris Beach and Hunt are recommending that the Authority declare itself Lead Agency, as defined under SEQRA, and conduct a coordinated review of the Project thereby seeking input from various other Involved and Interested Agencies including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Town of Evans. These agencies have been so designated because they need to take discretionary actions and issue approvals as so related to the Project.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board initiate activity to ultimately declare the Authority to act as Lead Agency, with respect to the Project, under SEQRA and begin the coordinated review process. Moving forward, under the coordinated review process, it will be the Authority's responsibility to submit the design documents along with the EAF to the Involved Agencies. The Involved Agencies will be requested to submit comments within thirty (30) days, and assuming no Involved Agency otherwise indicates a desire to act as Lead Agency in place of the Authority, the Authority will then be cleared to name itself Lead Agency and to continue its review of the Project. The Authority will review and address any comments submitted by the designated agencies. The

Authority will then, at a subsequent meeting, declare the Authority to be Lead Agency and make a determination of significance under SEQRA. This determination will render the Authority's decision relative to the environmental impact of the project.

In addition to the action beginning the Lead Agency status request SEQR comment period, the Engineering Department requests that the Board also authorize Executive Engineer Leonard Kowalski to sign the attached EAF as well as any other pertinent documents related to the SEQR process.

MJQ:lal1 Attachments cc: L.Kowalski CONT-HE-001-2021

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZATION FORM For Approval/Execution of Documents (check which apply)

| Contract: HE-001 Project No.: 2021002 Project Description: SEQRA Lead Agency Designation & Coordinated I Line Maintenance Facility | |
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| Item Description: Agreement Professional Service Contract Amendment BCD NYSDOT Agreement Contract Documer Recommendation for Award of Contract Recommendation Request for Proposals X X Other Board Resolution – SEQRA Lead Agency Designation | |
| Action Requested: | irman retary to the Authority |
| Approvals Needed: APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: X Sr. Distribution Engineer X Chief Operating Officer X Executive Engineer Director of Administration Risk Manager Chief Financial Officer X Legal APPROVED FOR BOARD RESOLUTION: X Secretary to the Authority | Date: 10/6/2023 Date: 10/10/2023 Date: 10/10/2023 Date: |
| Remarks: | |

Short Environmental Assessment Form State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

for

Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) Sturgeon Point WWTP Line Maintenance Building Project

Evans, New York

October 2023

HUNT 3380-001

HUNT ENGINEERS | ARCHITECTS | SURVEYORS Prepared by: Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect DPC 4 Commercial Street, Suite 300 Rochester, NY 14614-1008 Phone (585) 327-7950, Fax (585) 327-7949

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1

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

Name of Action or Project:

Sturgeon Point WWTP Line Maintenance Building

Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):

722 Sturgeon Point Road, Evans, NY 14047

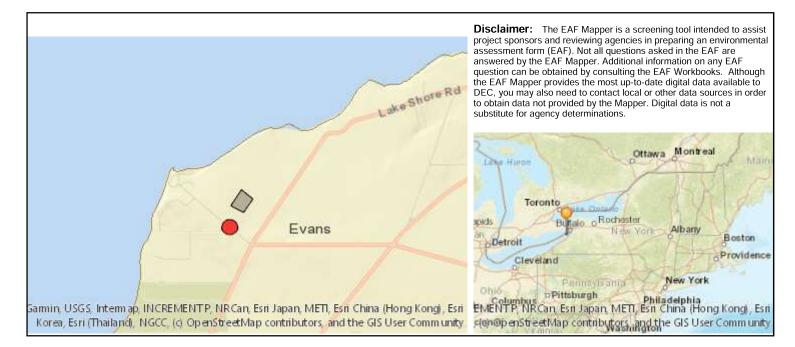
Brief Description of Proposed Action:

The property (herein referred to as the Project Site) is located at 722 Sturgeon Point Road, which consists of a 75.5±-acre total parcel (Tax Map # 205.00-1-41). The development of the Project Site will occur near one of the facilities existing maintenance buildings. The project site scope (exterior to the existing building) will include the addition of a storage facility building including a garage bay and adjacent area for gravel and cold patch storage. A storage spoils area (concrete pad), pipe storage gravel area, a new access asphalt driveway, and miscellaneous other minor site improvements. Additional scope will include an underground storm conveyance system, an underground stormwater management facility, multiple bioretention planting areas, grading, E&SC controls, and gas/electric service from the existing building to the new storage building.

| Name of Applicant or Sponsor: | Telephone: (716) 685-8220 | | | | |
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| Erie County Water Authority - Leonard F. Kowalski, PE, Executive Engineer | E-Mail: Ikowalski@ecwa.org | | | | |
| Address: | | | | | |
| 3030 Union Road | | | | | |
| City/PO: | State: | Zip Code: | | | |
| Cheektowaga | New York | 14227 | | | |
| 1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, loca administrative rule, or regulation? | l 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 government Agency? NO YES | | | | | |
| If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYSDEC, Town of Evans: Directo Development | or of Planning & Community | | \checkmark | | |
| 3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? | $75.50\pm$ acres | | | | |
| b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? <u>1.85±</u> acres | | | | | |
| c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned | | | | | |
| or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? | $75.50\pm$ acres | | | | |
| 4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: | | | | | |
| 5. Urban 🗌 Rural (non-agriculture) 🗌 Industrial 🔲 Commercia | al 🔽 Residential (subur | rban) | | | |
| Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other(Spec | cify): | | | | |
| Parkland | | | | | |
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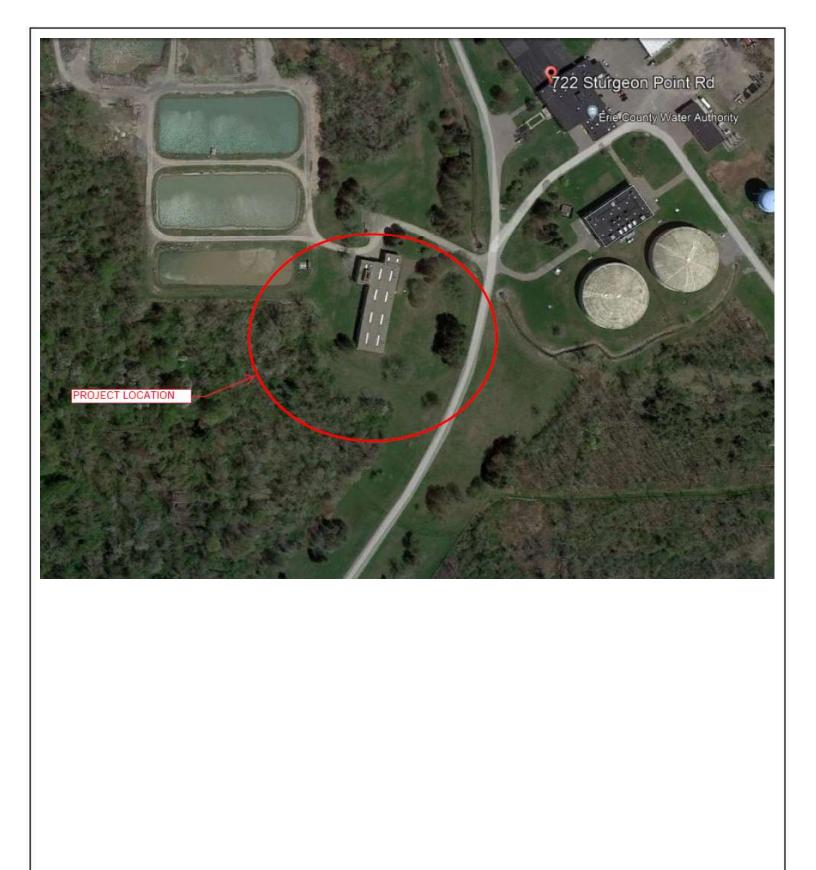
| 5. Is the proposed action, | NO | YES | N/A |
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| a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? | | \checkmark | |
| b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan? | | \checkmark | |
| | | NO | YES |
| 6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape? | | | \checkmark |
| 7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? | | NO | YES |
| If Yes, identify: | | | |
| | | \checkmark | |
| 8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? | | NO | YES |
| | | \checkmark | |
| b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? | | \checkmark | |
| c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action? | | \checkmark | |
| 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: | | | |
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| 10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? | | NO | YES |
| If No, describe method for providing potable water: | İ | | |
| Existing water servicing the site will not change. | | \checkmark | |
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| 11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? | | NO | YES |
| If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: | | | |
| Existing sanitary sewer servicing the site will not change. | | \checkmark | |
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| 12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or distric which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the | L | 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? | | \checkmark | |
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| b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for | | \checkmark | |
| 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 wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? | 4 | NO | YES |
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| b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? | | \checkmark | |
| If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: | | | |
| Delineated wetland areas will not be impacted by the project. | | | |
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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: | | |
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| 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 | NO | YES |
| Federal government as threatened or endangered? | \checkmark | |
| 16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan? | NO | YES |
| | \checkmark | |
| 17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? | NO | YES |
| If Yes, | | \checkmark |
| a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? | \checkmark | |
| b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: | | \checkmark |
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| Stormwater practices (detention facility and standard SMPs) will be implemented into the site design and ultimately drain to existing culverts and already established storm conveyance systems. | | |
| 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: | | |
| Small underground detention facility will be used to control water quantity for hydraulic analysis. | | \checkmark |
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| 19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? | NO | YES |
| If Yes, describe: | | |
| | \checkmark | |
| 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? | NU | IES |
| If Yes, describe: | | |
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| I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BE | ST OF | |
| MY KNOWLEDGE | | |
| Applicant/sponsor/name: Leonard F. Kowalski, PE Date: 10/19/2023 | | |
| Signature:Title: | | |



| Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area] | No |
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| Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites] | Νο |
| Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites] | No |
| Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies] | Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be 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 |

Associated Maps



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

STURGEON POINT ROAD WWTP LINE MAINTENANCE BUILDING

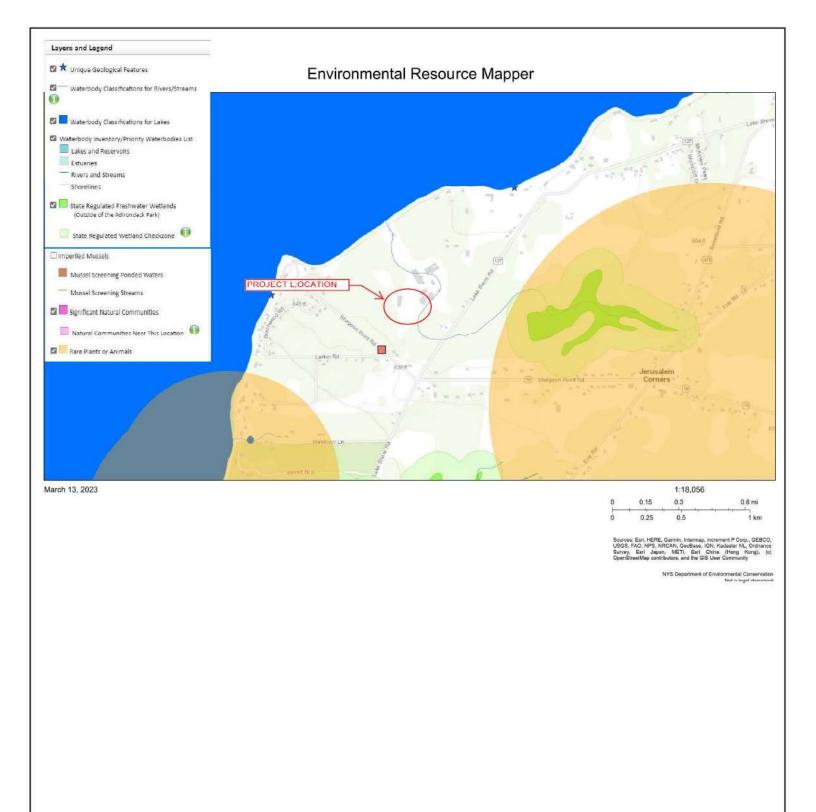
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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MAP

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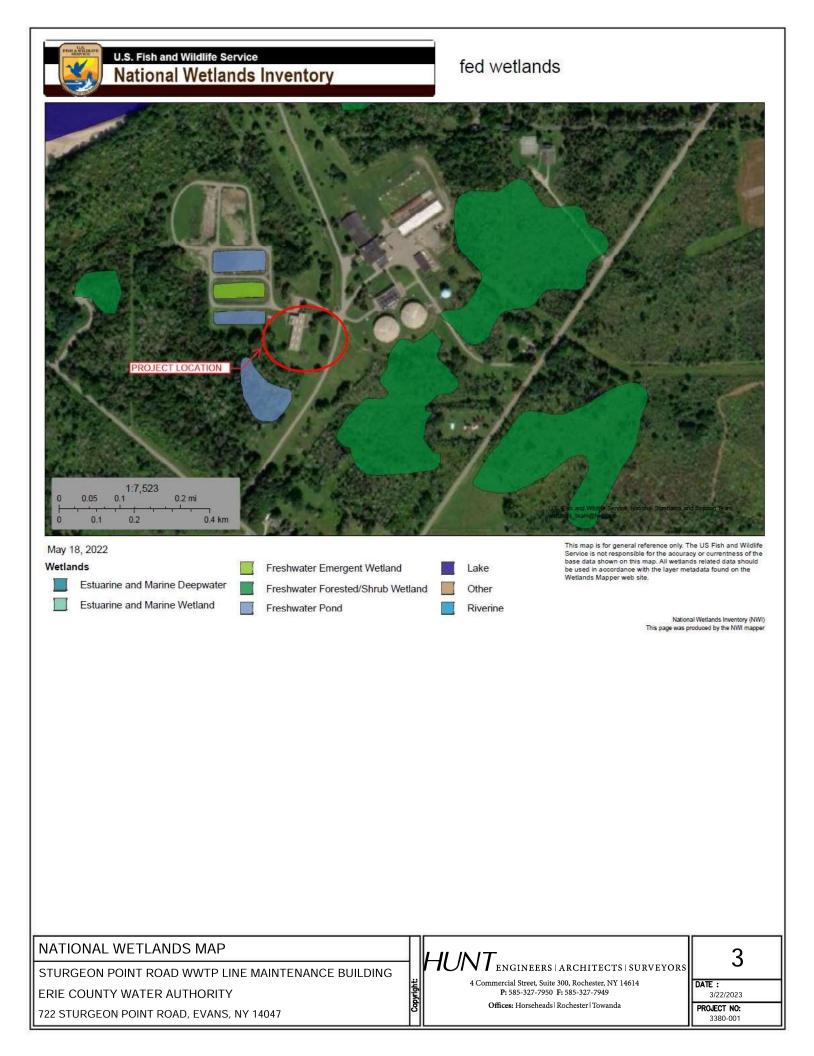
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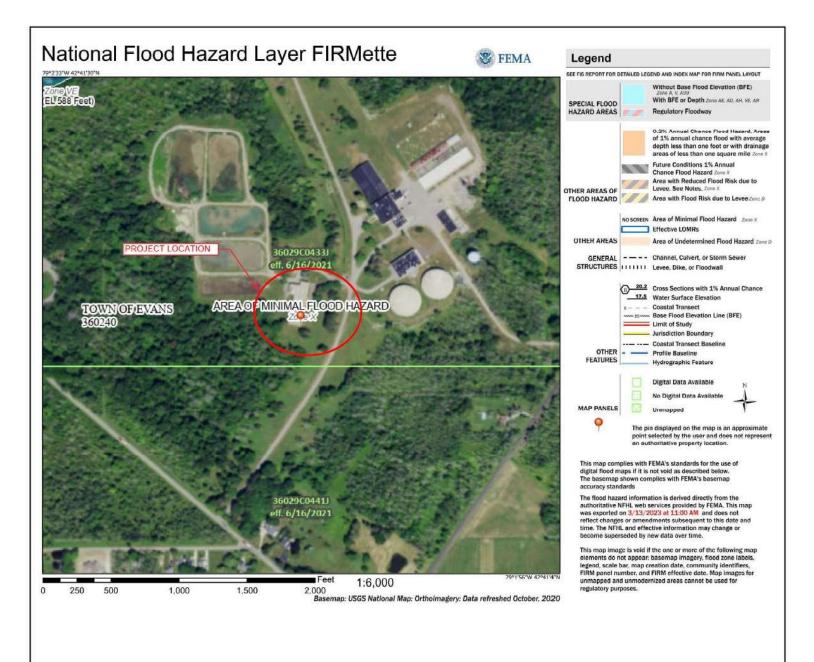
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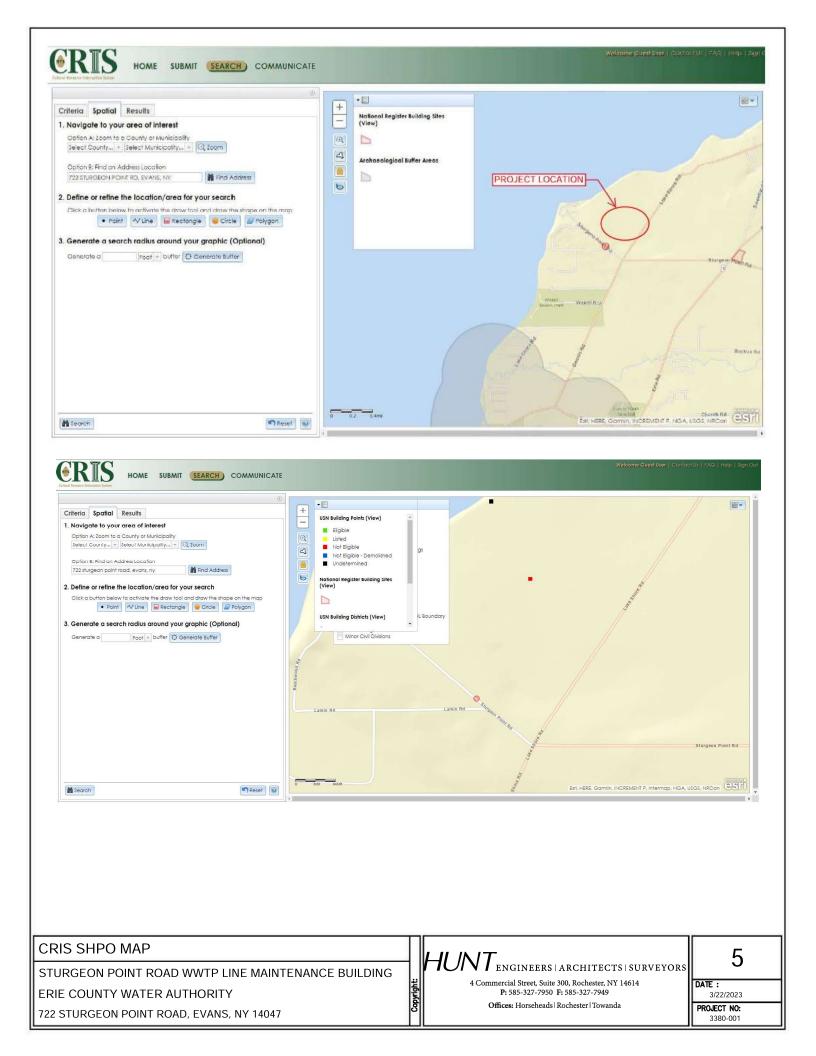
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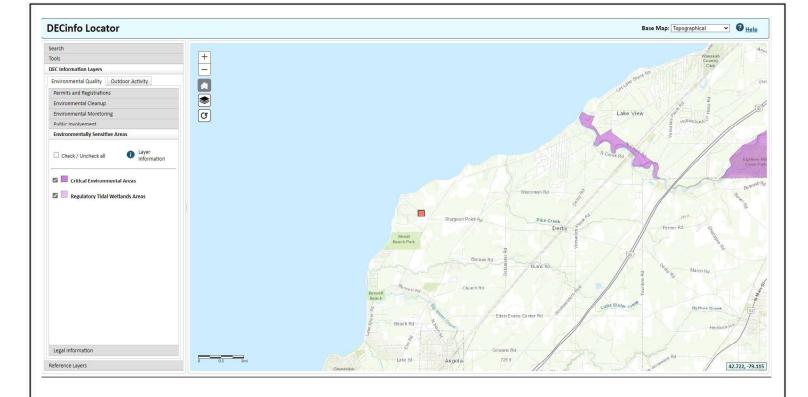
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New York Nature Explorer User Defined Results Report

Criteria: Selected Map Area



NO RECORDS FOUND

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Note: Restricted plants and animals may also have also been documented in one or more of the Towns or Cities in which your user-defined area is located, but are not listed in these results. This application does not provide information at the level of Town or City on state-listed animals and on other sensitive animals and plants. A list of the restricted animals and plants documented at the corresponding county level can be obtained via the County link(s) on the original User Defined Search Results page. Any individual plant or animal on this county's restricted list may or may not occur in this particular user-defined area.

This list only includes records of rare species and significant natural communities from the databases of the NY Natural Heritage Program. This list is not a definitive statement about the presence or absence of all plants and animals, including rare or state-listed species, or of all significant natural communities. For most areas, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted, and this list should not be considered a substitute for on-site surveys.

Associated Project Drawings



