

Amended Bicentennial Comprehensive
Plan Amendment Application &
Supporting Documentation
2190-2200 Wehrle Drive
Applicant: Young Development Inc.
Date: April 23, 2025



TOWN OF AMHERST PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Request for Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan Amendment

For Official Use

File #: BCPA-2025-01 **Acreage** 24.9 **Fee \$** 15.00

Address Verified by
Assessor's Office _____
VERIFIED BY DATE

Application Received
by Planning Department _____
ACCEPTED BY DATE

Materials & Fee Paid to Town Clerk _____
ACCEPTED BY DATE

Fill In
Applicable Fees

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMMENDMENT	\$0*	_____
AFFIDAVIT FEE FOR PUBLIC HEARING	\$15	<u>\$15.00</u>

Fee schedule subject to change by future Town Board action

TOTAL FEE: \$15.00

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Petitioner:

Name: Young Development Inc. c/o Sean Hopkins, Esq.

Address: 35 California Drive, Suite 100
Williamsville NY 14221
City State Zip Code

Phone: 716.510-4338 **Fax** _____

Email: shopkins@hsmlegal.com

A completed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") is provided at Exhibit "2". A copy of the updated Concept Site Plan [Drawing C-100 - Date: 04/24/25] as prepared by Carmina Wood Design is provided at Exhibit "3" and a full size copy is also attached.

Town of Amherst Planning Department 5583 Main Street Williamsville New York 14221
(716) 631-7051; Fax: (716) 631-7153; Web: www.amherst.ny.us

Owner of Land (if different than above):

Name: Acquest Wehrle LLC
Address: 501 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 400
1454 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____

E Mail: _____

Representative (Architect, Engineer, Landscape Architect, Surveyor or Attorney):

Name: Same as Above.

Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Fax _____

E Mail: _____

Petitioner's interest in property

☐ Option to purchase

☐ Owner

☒ Other (explain) The Petitioner has entered into a contract to purchase 2190 Wehrle Drive

The following are all others having an interest in this application and join herein with the petitioner named above: (describe extent of interest; attach sheets as needed)
Not Applicable.

Street address(es) of land subject to Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan Amendment

2190-2200 Wehrle Drive

SBL #(s): 81.02-1-10.1

INFORMATION ON REQUEST

1. The undersigned hereby requests the Honorable Town Board to amend the following text sections of the Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan:

Section(s) #/page(s): _____

Note: If the requested amendment does not involve a map change, skip #2 and #3.

2. The undersigned hereby requests the Honorable Town Board to amend the Conceptual Land Use Map (Figure 6) and/or Commercial and Mixed-Use Designations (Figure 6A) as follows:

FROM:

- ☐ Rural Residential
- ☐ Single Family Residential
- ☐ Mixed Residential
- ☐ Medium Residential
- ☐ Commercial/ Mixed Use*
- ☐ Special Use Center
- ☒ Commercial-Office
- ☐ Industrial-Office
- ☐ Community Facilities
- ☐ Educational Campus
- ☐ Recreation, Open Space, & Greenways
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Transportation

***Additional Designations in Figure 6-A:**

- ☐ Suburban Center
- ☐ Suburban Corridor
- ☐ Traditional Areas

[Note: Copy of Figure 6 attached as Exhibit "4"]

TO:

- ☐ Rural Residential
- ☐ Single Family Residential
- ☒ Mixed Residential
- ☒ Medium Residential
- ☐ Commercial/ Mixed Use*
- ☐ Special Use Center
- ☐ Commercial-Office
- ☐ Industrial-Office
- ☐ Community Facilities
- ☐ Educational Campus
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- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Transportation

***Additional Designations in Figure 6A:**

- ☐ Suburban Center
- ☐ Suburban Corridor
- ☐ Traditional Areas

3. Other Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan Map Amendments (if applicable):

Figure # or Name: _____

4. Information on prospective action (to be provided in separate attachment):

A. Description of any prospective action: [See Attached Exhibit "5"]

B. Rationale for request of amendment: [See Attached Exhibit "6"]

1. How will the requested amendment to the Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan consistent with *Section 2.2 (Vision Statement)*?
2. How will the requested amendment to the Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan consistent with *Section 2.3 (Key Initiatives)*?

C. How is the requested amendment align with the defined policies in Sections;

1. *3.0 Land Use and Development?*
2. *4.0 Natural and Cultural Resources?*
3. *5.0 Economic Development?*
4. *6.0 Transportation?*
5. *7.0 Infrastructure?*
6. *8.0 Housing & Neighborhoods?*
7. *9.0 Community Facilities & Services?*

SECTION 809 CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that all information required to be disclosed pursuant to Section 809 of the General Municipal Law (see below) is as follows:

The undersigned swears or affirms that all statements made herein are true, that all drawings submitted correctly show the situation involved in this petition.

[Patrick Sheedy Jr, PE - engineer on
behalf of the applicant]

Signature of Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February, 20 25

Notary Public, Erie County, New York

[Note: Authorization Letter attached as Exhibit "1"]

Joseph E. Dorobiala NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK Registration No. 01DO6386366 Qualified in Erie County Commission Expires January 22, 2027
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N.Y.S. General Municipal Law - Section 809 Disclosure in certain applications:

1. Every application, petition or request submitted for a variance, amendment, change of zoning, approval of a plat, exemption from a plat or official map, license or permit, pursuant to the provision of any ordinance, local law, rule or regulation constituting the zoning and planning regulations of a municipality shall state the name, residence and the nature and extent of the interest of any state office or any office or employee of such municipality or of a municipality of which such municipality is a part, in the person, partnership or association making such application, petition or request (hereinafter called the applicant) to the extent known to such applicant.
2. For the purpose of this section an officer or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the applicant when he, his spouse, or their brothers, sisters, parents, children, grandchildren, or the spouse of any of them
 - (a) is the applicant, or
 - (b) is an officer, director, partner or employee of the applicant, or
 - (c) legally or beneficially owns or controls stock of a corporate applicant or is a member of a partnership or association applicant, or
 - (d) is a party to an agreement with such an applicant, express or implied, whereby he may receive any payment or other benefit, whether or not for services rendered, dependent or contingent upon the favorable approval of such applicant, petition or request.
3. In the county of Nassau the provisions of subdivisions one and two of this section shall also apply to a party officer. "Party Officer" shall mean any person holding any position or office, whether by election, appointment or otherwise, in any party as defined by subdivision four or section two of the election law.
4. Ownership of less than five per cent of the stock of a corporation whose stock is listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges shall not constitute an interest for the purposes of this section.
5. A person who knowingly and intentionally violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Exhibit 1 - Authorization Letter
of Property Owner**

ACQUEST WEHRLE LLC
5554 MAIN ST
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY, 14221

Town of Amherst
5583 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

RE: 2190 WEHRLE DR, Amherst, Erie County, State of New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please be advised that we authorize Young Development Inc. to appear before the Town Board in connection with the rezoning and/or approvals of the above property.

Very truly yours,

ACQUEST WEHRLE LLC

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JDO" followed by a flourish.

**Exhibit 2 - Part 1 of Full EAF with
Attachment A**

Full Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project and Setting

Part 1 of Full EAF with Attachment A

2190 Wehrle Drive - BCPA

Date: February 18, 2025

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. 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; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either “Yes” or “No”. If the answer to the initial question is “Yes”, complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is “No”, proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project:		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map):		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need):		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor:		Telephone:
		E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role):		Telephone:
		E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):		Telephone:
LLC		E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. (“Funding” includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)

Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Counsel, Town Board, or Village Board of Trustees <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
c. City, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources. i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.

Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- **If Yes**, complete sections C, F and G.
- **If No**, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1

C.2. Adopted land use plans.

a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? _____

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? _____

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?

d. What parks serve the project site?

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)?

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres

b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres

c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned
or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)

ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iii. Number of lots proposed? _____

iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. If No, anticipated period of construction: _____ months

ii. If Yes:

- Total number of phases anticipated _____

- Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) _____ month _____ year

- Anticipated completion date of final phase _____ month _____ year

- Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____

f. Does the project include new residential uses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.				
	<u>One Family</u>	<u>Two Family</u>	<u>Three Family</u>	<u>Multiple Family (four or more)</u>
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion	_____	_____	_____	_____
of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes,	
i. Total number of structures _____ ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: _____ height; _____ width; and _____ length iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: _____ square feet	

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes,	
i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____ ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground water <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water streams <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify: _____ iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. _____ iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete): _____	

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite) If Yes:	
i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____ ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site? • Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____ • Over what duration of time? _____ iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them. _____ _____ iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, describe. _____ _____ v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet viii. Will the excavation require blasting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____ _____ _____	

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes:	
i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): _____ _____	

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes, describe: _____

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: _____
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: _____
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): _____
- proposed method of plant removal: _____
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): _____

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: _____

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: _____
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Do existing lines serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____
- Source(s) of supply for the district: _____

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
If, Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: _____

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: _____

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: _____ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): _____

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: _____
- Name of district: _____
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? _____ • Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? _____ <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____ _____ _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? _____</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____ • Date application submitted or anticipated: _____ • What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans): _____ _____ _____</p>		
<p>vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____ _____ _____</p>		
<p>e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? _____</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">_____ Square feet or _____ acres (impervious surface)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">_____ Square feet or _____ acres (parcel size)</p> <p>ii. Describe types of new point sources. _____ _____</p> <p>iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)? _____ _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____ _____ • Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? _____</p>		
<p>f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? _____</p> <p>If Yes, identify:</p> <p>i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles) _____</p> <p>ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers) _____</p> <p>iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation) _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? _____</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) _____</p> <p>ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) 		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____</p> <p>ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____</p>			
<p>i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): _____</p>			
<p>j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.</p> <p>ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): _____</p> <p>iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____</p> <p>iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? Yes No</p> <p>v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: _____</p> <p>vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
<p>k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____</p> <p>ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): _____</p> <p>iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
<p>l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: _____ • Saturday: _____ • Sunday: _____ • Holidays: _____ </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>ii. During Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: _____ • Saturday: _____ • Sunday: _____ • Holidays: _____ </td> </tr> </table>		<p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: _____ • Saturday: _____ • Sunday: _____ • Holidays: _____ 	<p>ii. During Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: _____ • Saturday: _____ • Sunday: _____ • Holidays: _____
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<p>m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Product(s) to be stored _____</p> <p>ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)</p> <p>iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe proposed treatment(s):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time) • Operation : _____ tons per _____ (unit of time) <p>ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ _____ • Operation: _____ _____ <p>iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ _____ • Operation: _____ _____ 	

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes:
 i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): _____
 ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:
 • _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
 • _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment
 iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes:
 i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: _____

 ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: _____

 iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month
 iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

 v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes: provide name and location of facility: _____

 If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility:

E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site			
a. Existing land uses. i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-farm) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ ii. If mix of uses, generally describe: _____ _____			
b. Land uses and coverytypes on the project site.			
Land use or Coverytype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces			
• Forested			
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)			
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)			
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)			
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)			
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)			
• Other Describe: _____ _____			

<p>c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>i. If Yes: explain: _____</p>	
<p>d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes,</p> <p>i. Identify Facilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam height: _____ feet • Dam length: _____ feet • Surface area: _____ acres • Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet <p>ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: _____</p> <p>iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Has the facility been formally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____ <p>ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Spills Incidents database <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database <input type="checkbox"/> Neither database </div> <div> Provide DEC ID number(s): _____ Provide DEC ID number(s): _____ </div> </div> <p>ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): _____</p> <p>iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s): _____</p> <p>_____</p>	

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, DEC site ID number: _____ • Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____ • Describe any use limitations: _____ • Describe any engineering controls: _____ • Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No • Explain: _____ _____ 	
E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site	
a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? _____ feet	
b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ %	
c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site: _____ % _____ % _____ % Ovid silt loam, 46%	
d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: _____ feet	
e. Drainage status of project site soils: <input type="checkbox"/> Well Drained: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well Drained: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly Drained _____ % of site	
f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes: <input type="checkbox"/> 0-10%: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15%: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> 15% or greater: _____ % of site	
g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, describe: _____ _____	
h. Surface water features. i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes to either <i>i</i> or <i>ii</i> , continue. If No, skip to E.2.i. iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streams: Name _____ Classification _____ • Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Classification _____ • Wetlands: Name _____ Approximate Size _____ • Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) _____ 	
v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____ _____	
i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Name of aquifer: _____ 	

[Note: A copy of the Jurisdictional Determination issued by the USACE on January 22, 2021 confirming there are not any jurisdictional wetlands on the Project Site is provided at Attachment "A".]

<p>m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Extent of community/habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently: _____ acres • Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres • Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres 	
<p>o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</p>	
<p>a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____</p>	
<p>b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____</p>	
<p>c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. CEA name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Basis for designation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Designating agency and date: _____</p>	

e. 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Site <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Building or District ii. Name: _____ iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: _____
f. 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"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: i. Describe possible resource(s): _____ ii. Basis for identification: _____
h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: i. Identify resource: _____ ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): _____ iii. Distance between project and resource: _____ miles.
i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____ ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

F. Additional Information

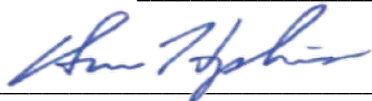
Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

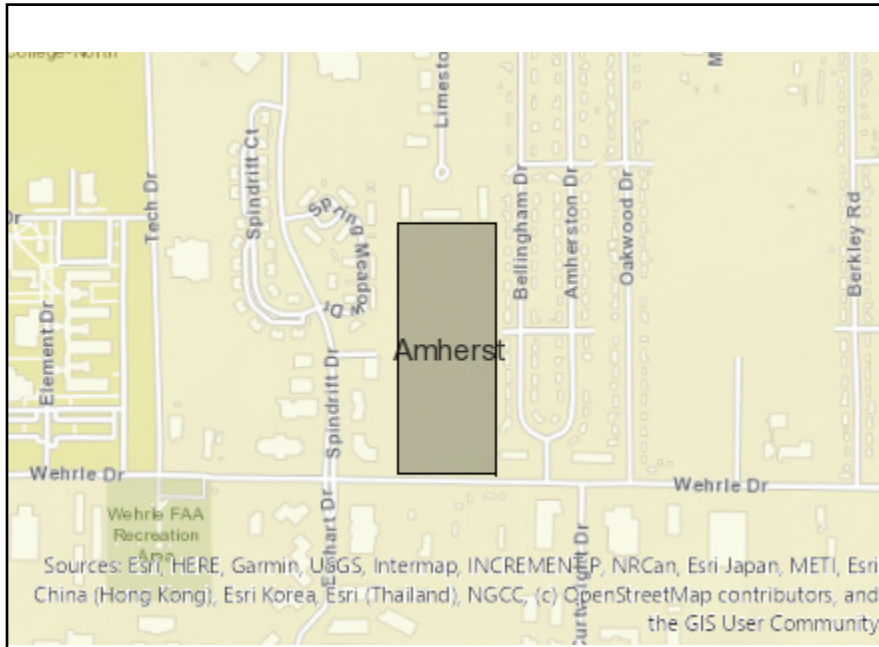
If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name _____ Date _____

Signature  _____ Title _____



Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.



B.i.i [Coastal or Waterfront Area]	No
B.i.ii [Local Waterfront Revitalization Area]	No
C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	NYS Heritage Areas: West Erie Canal Corridor
E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Listed]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Environmental Site Remediation Database]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site]	No
E.2.g [Unique Geologic Features]	No
E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.iii [Surface Water Features]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.2.h.iv [Surface Water Features - Wetlands Name]	Federal Waters
E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	No
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.l. [Aquifers]	No
E.2.n. [Natural Communities]	No

E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	No
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	No
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area]	No
E.3.e. [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.3.f. [Archeological Sites]	Yes
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor]	No

TOWN OF AMHERST ATTACHMENT
State Environmental Quality Review
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

1. For each applicable category of proposed new structures, including additions to existing structures, provide the following information for all soil types on the project site (*according to Soil Survey of Erie County, NY; Table 11, Building Site Development, pp 294-305*):

Soil Name	Shallow excavations	Dwellings without basements	Dwellings with basements	Small commercial buildings	Local roads and streets
Illion silt loam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Lima loam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Newstead loam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Ovid silt loam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

2. If the Soil survey indicates either "severe" or "moderate" suitability for the proposed types of construction, a geotechnical and hydrological analysis based on one test per 3.5 acres of project area must be provided (per Town Board resolution, 3/17/03, amended 6/16/03).

☒ Geotechnical report attached ☐ Not applicable

3. Is your property located: On Youngs Road between Dodge and Klein Roads? ☐ Yes ☒ No
On Wehrle Dr. between Spindrift Dr. and Oakwood Rd? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, the property may be within an area of the Town that is affected by a moratorium on connections to the sanitary sewer system.

4. Are there alternative locations on the site for this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Location and size of real property owned by petitioner within one (1) mile of subject proposal:

Not Applicable

6. Are you aware of current or future plans or intentions by others in the Town of Amherst to develop property within 1000± ft. of the present project request: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe _____

(Potential environmental impacts from adjacent or nearby projects undergoing the approval process will receive a coordinated environmental review to determine cumulative effects on common receivers (e.g. traffic and drainage corridors) and other relevant environmental concerns.)

7. Maximum number of vehicular trips to be generated per hour upon completion of project 147
Source: ITE Trip Generator - Traffic Impact Report to be submitted once completed.

8. Will blasting occur during construction? ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Does the project propose to connect and be tributary to the public sanitary sewer system? ☒ Yes ☐ No

10. Proposed net additional gallons per day (gpd) of sanitary sewer discharge upon completion of project:

80,520 average flow 322,080 peak flow.

(Please note that average flows of 2,500 gpd or greater will require an Engineer's Report that includes a detailed downstream sewer capacity analysis and the identification of and commitment to required I/I offset work during peak wastewater flow conditions.)

**Attachment A of Part 1 of the Full
Environmental Assessment Form**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUFFALO DISTRICT
1776 NIAGARA STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

January 22, 2021

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Jurisdictional Determination, Department of Army Processing No. LRB-2000-00680

Acquest Development, LLC
Omar Abu-Sitta
5554 Main St
Buffalo, NY 14221

Dear Mr. Abu-Sitta:

This pertains to your recent request for a jurisdictional determination for a 24.59-acre parcel of land located at 2220 and 2190 Wehrle Drive, in the Town of Amherst, Erie County, NY.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) establishes Corps of Engineers jurisdiction over the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, as defined in 33 CFR Part 328.3.

I have evaluated your submitted wetland delineation map and have determined that the wetland and water boundaries shown on the map accurately represent on-site conditions. I am hereby verifying the wetland and water boundaries depicted on the attached wetland delineation map(s) with an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) as described below.

I have determined that the areas identified as Wetlands 1-5 and Ditches 1 and 2 on the parcel and on the AJD form are excluded waters as defined in the Navigable Waters Protection Rule. Therefore, these waters are not regulated under Section 404 of the CWA. Accordingly, you do not need Department of the Army authorization to commence work in these areas.

This verification will remain valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of this correspondence unless new information warrants revision of the delineation before the expiration. At the end of this period, a new wetland delineation will be required if a project has not been completed on this property or additional impacts are proposed for WOUS.

If you object to this AJD, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal the above JD, you must submit a completed RFA form within 60 days of the date on this letter to the Great Lakes/Ohio River Division Office at the following address:

SUBJECT: Jurisdictional Determination, Department of Army Processing No. LRB-2000-00680

Suzanne Chubb
Regulatory Appeals Review Officer
US Army Corps of Engineers
Great Lakes and Ohio River Division
550 Main Street, Room 10-714
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3222
Phone: 513-684-7261 Fax: 513-684-2460

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 C.F.R. part 331.5, and that it has been submitted. If you submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by March 22, 2021.

It is not necessary to submit an RFA to the Division office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

Lastly, the AJD has been conducted only to identify the limits of wetlands/waters that may be subject to Corps Clean Water Act or Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction. This delineation/determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service prior to starting work.

I encourage you to contact the appropriate state and local governmental officials to ensure that the proposed work complies with their requirements.

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to me at (716) 879-4314 by writing to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207 or by e-mail at: steven.v.metivier@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Steven V. Metivier

Steven V. Metivier
Chief, NY Permit Evaluation Section

Enclosures

cc: Thomas Somerville (Earth Dimensions, Inc.)

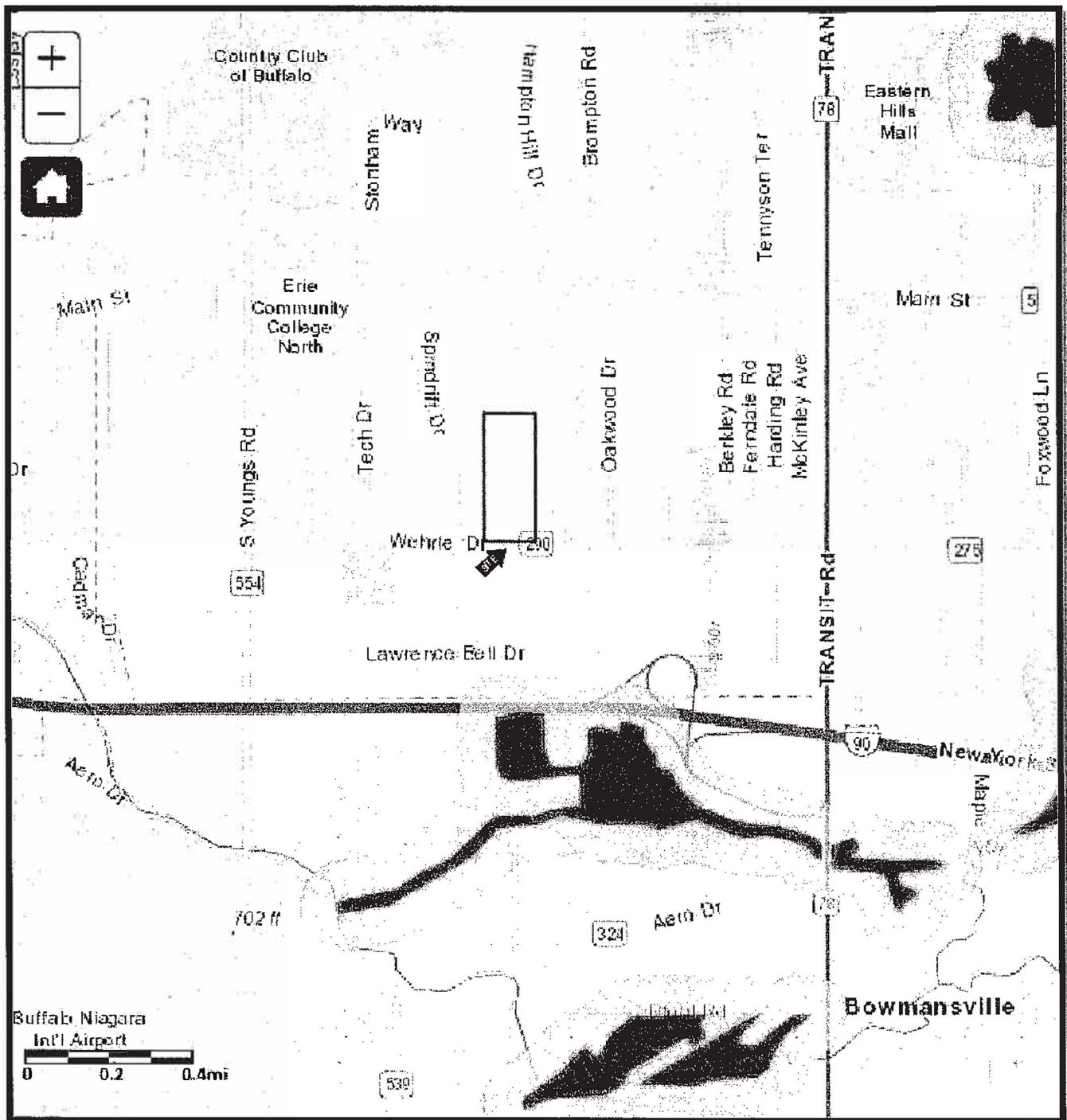


FIGURE 4: NYSDEC ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MAPPER
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/imsmaps/ERM/viewer.htm> (Visited 10/31/18)

2190-2220 Wehrle Drive
 Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York

Figure 5 - General Vegetation Map

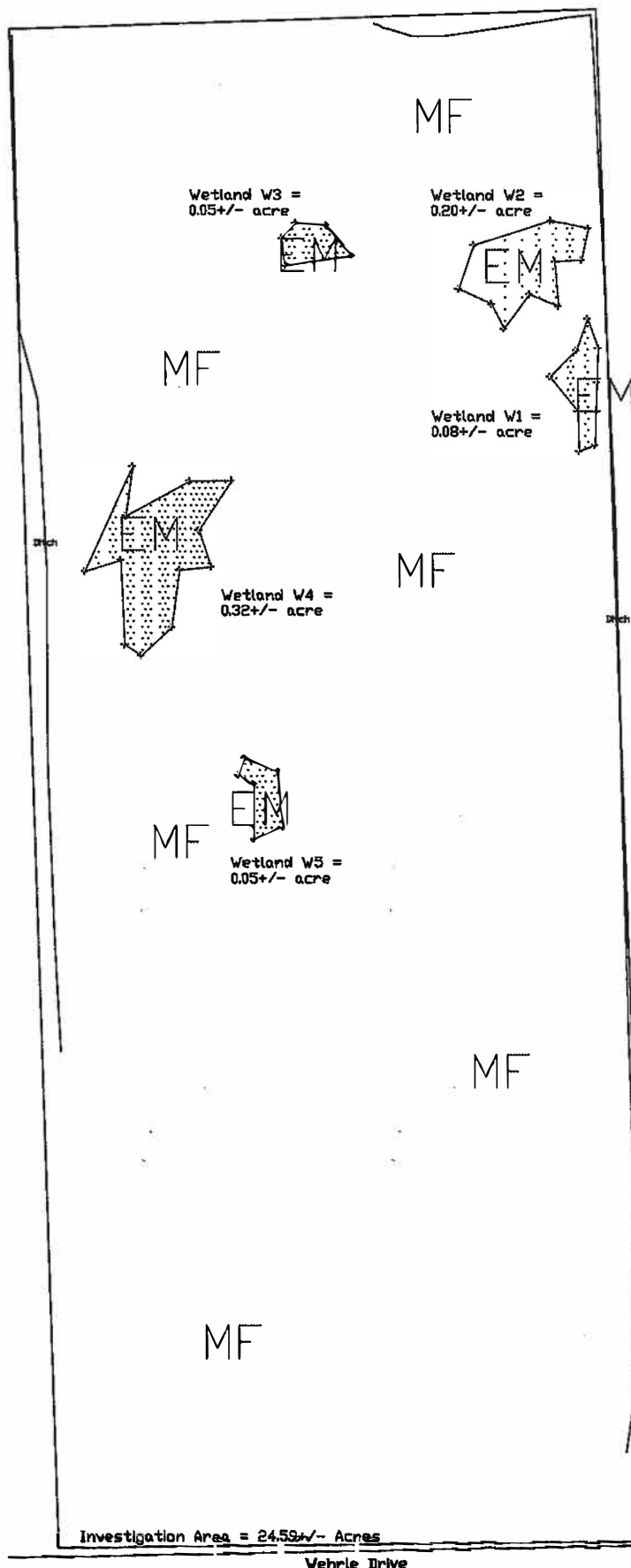
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2190-2220 Wehrle Drive

LEGEND

- Limits of Investigation
- Community Boundary
- Wetland Boundary Flag
- Wetland Area
- Mowed Field
- Emergent Marsh

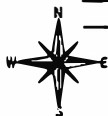
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Revised:

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EDI Project Code: W24K05d



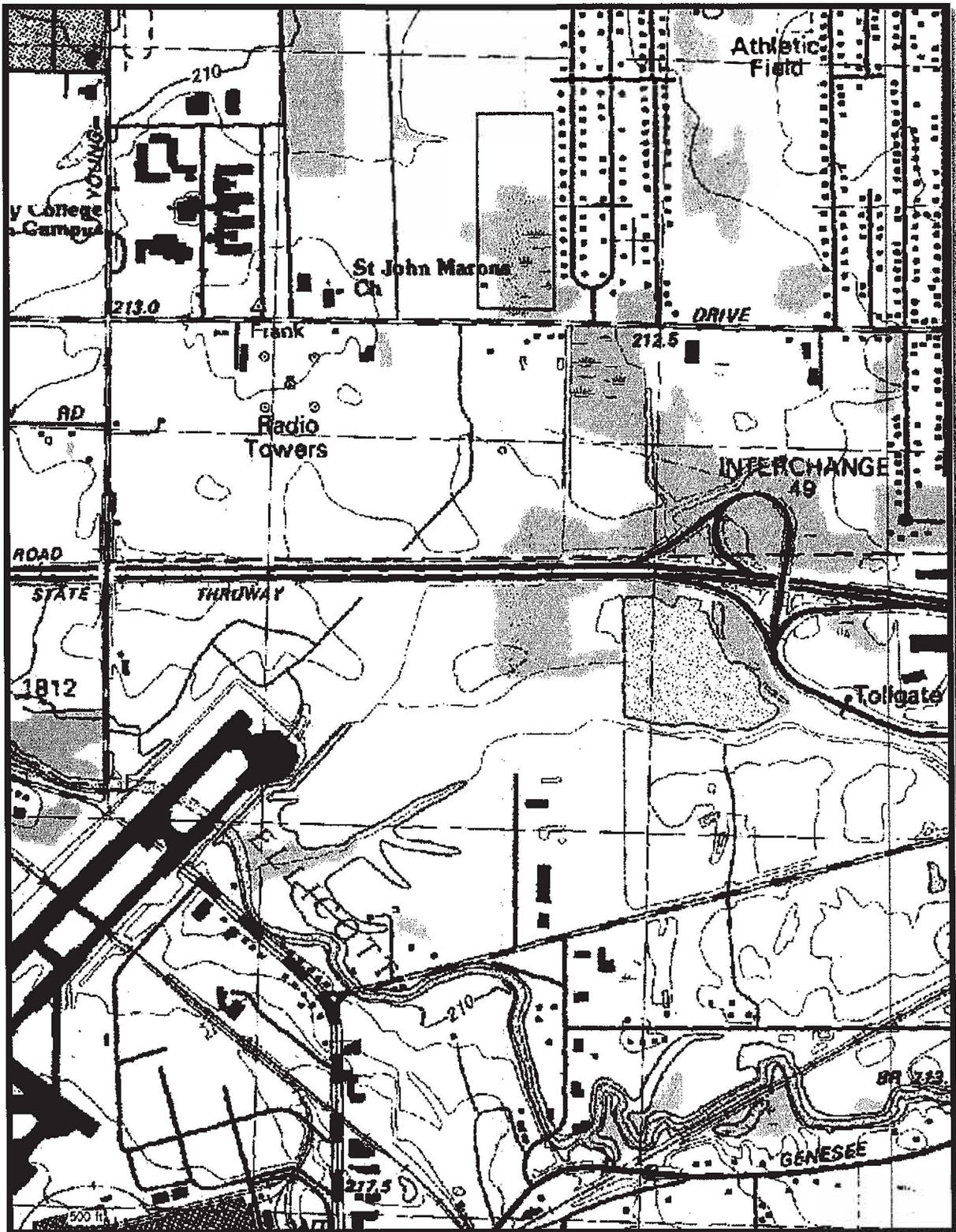


FIGURE 7: DRAINAGE MAP

Lancaster Quadrangle / 2002 DeLorme

2190-2220 Wehrle Drive

Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York

**NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND
REQUEST FOR APPEAL**

Applicant: Acquest Development, LLC		File Number: LRB-2000-00680	Date: January 22, 2021
Attached is:		See Section below	
	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	A	
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	B	
	PERMIT DENIAL	C	
X	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D	
	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E	

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg_materials.aspx or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

Steven Metivier
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, New York 14207
Steven.V.Metivier@usace.army.mil
(716) 879-4314

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact:

Suzanne Chubb
Regulatory Appeals Review Officer
US Army Corps of Engineers
Great Lakes and Ohio River Division
550 Main Street, Room 10-714
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3222
Phone: 513-684-7261 Fax: 513-684-2460

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

<hr/> Signature of appellant or agent.	Date:	Telephone number:
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I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 22-JAN-2021

ORM Number: LRB-2000-00680

Associated JDs: Previous JDs under 2000-00680

Review Area Location¹:

State/Territory: NY City: Amherst County/Parish/Borough: Erie County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 42.959129 Longitude -78.711571

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list **MUST** be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- ☐ The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
- ☐ There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.B).
- ☐ There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in section II.C).
- ☒ There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in section II.D).

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters)³

(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):

(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):

(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):

(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12))⁴:

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion ⁶	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Ditch 1	1805 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Ditch feature was excavated in uplands. The ditch was excavated along the property boundary where there was no indication, based upon soils, USGS, and previous wetland mapping of any adjacent wetlands or potential a(2) waters. The ditch is located along the eastern property line along the back of the residential lots of Bellingham Drive. This area was identified as upland in previous wetland delineations, including the WRAP report produced by USACE in 2002 and utilized for the Special Case JD performed by USEPA in 2002. This ditch was excavated subsequent to the 2002 report.
Ditch 2	1106 feet	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1)	Ditch feature was excavated in uplands. The ditch was excavated along the property boundary where there was no indication, based upon soils, USGS, and previous wetland mapping of any adjacent wetlands or potential a(2) waters.
Wetland 1	0.08 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This is a small depressional wetland area within a grassed field. There is no proximal potential a(1-3) water. The nearest potential a(1-3) water is a perennial town ditch located south of Wehrle Drive. There is no indication that the town ditch would flood into the subject parcel in a typical year. The ditch is approximately 1000 linear feet away from Wetlands 1-5 and separated from the wetlands by a four-lane road and a parking lot. Hence, this wetland does not abut an a(1-3) water, is not

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			inundated by an a(1-3) water in a typical year, is not separated from a a(1-3) water by a natural berm or barrier, and is not separated from an a(1-3) water by a man made feature which allows for water exchange in a typical year.
Wetland 2	0.2 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This is a small depressional wetland area within a grassed field. There is no proximal potential a(1-3) water. The nearest potential a(1-3) water is a perennial town ditch located south of Wehrle Drive. There is no indication that the town ditch would flood into the subject parcel in a typical year. The ditch is approximately 1000 linear feet away from Wetlands 1-5 and separated from the wetlands by a four-lane road and a parking lot. Hence, this wetland does not abut an a(1-3) water, is not inundated by an a(1-3) water in a typical year, is not separated from a a(1-3) water by a natural berm or barrier, and is not separated from an a(1-3) water by a man made feature which allows for water exchange in a typical year.
Wetland 3	0.05 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This is a small depressional wetland area within a grassed field. There is no proximal potential a(1-3) water. The nearest potential a(1-3) water is a perennial town ditch located south of Wehrle Drive. There is no indication that the town ditch would flood into the subject parcel in a typical year. The ditch is approximately 1000 linear feet away from Wetlands 1-5 and separated from the wetlands by a four-lane road and a parking lot. Hence, this wetland does not abut an a(1-3) water, is not

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Wetland 4	0.32 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This is a small depressional wetland area within a grassed field. There is no proximal potential a(1-3) water. The nearest potential a(1-3) water is a perennial town ditch located south of Wehrle Drive. There is no indication that the town ditch would flood into the subject parcel in a typical year. The ditch is approximately 1000 linear feet away from Wetlands 1-5 and separated from the wetlands by a four-lane road and a parking lot. Hence, this wetland does not abut an a(1-3) water, is not inundated by an a(1-3) water in a typical year, is not separated from a a(1-3) water by a natural berm or barrier, and is not separated from an a(1-3) water by a man made feature which allows for water exchange in a typical year.
Wetland 5	0.05 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	This is a small depressional wetland area within a grassed field. There is no proximal potential a(1-3) water. The nearest potential a(1-3) water is a perennial town ditch located south of Wehrle Drive. There is no indication that the town ditch would flood into the subject parcel in a typical year. The ditch is approximately 1000 linear feet away from Wetlands 1-5 and separated from the wetlands by a four-lane road and a parking lot. Hence, this wetland does not abut an a(1-3) water, is not

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III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. **Select/enter all resources** that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

- ☒ Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Wetland and Waterbodies Delineation Report for 2190-2220 Wehrle Drive, November 15, 2018.
This information *is and is not* sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
Rationale: *The delineation represents on-the ground information accurately, but did not include discussion of previous work on the site. This additional information was supplied subsequently by the applicant.*
- ☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s).*
- ☐ Photographs: *(NA, aerial, other, aerial and other) Title(s) and/or date(s).*
- ☒ Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *December 23, 2020.*
- ☒ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): 2000-00680, Completed in 2000, USEPA Special Case JD completed in 2002.
- ☐ Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
- ☐ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: *Title(s) and/or date(s).*
- ☐ USFWS NWI maps: *Title(s) and/or date(s).*
- ☐ USGS topographic maps: *Title(s) and/or date(s).*

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	ORM Maps
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

B. **Typical year assessment(s):** N/A. The JD does not rely on any "point in time" resources which would necessitate the use of the Antecedent Precipitation Tool.

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- C. Additional comments to support AJD:** This site has been the subject of much scrutiny, with a USEPA Special Case JD completed using information prepared by a Corps WRAP request. The WRAP request was completed in response to a lawsuit challenging a determination that wetlands on the site were isolated and not regulated in 2000. As a result of the lawsuit, the Corps JD was rescinded and the EPA took assumed responsibility for completing the JD, which was completed in 2002. No further JD was completed on the site between 2002 and 2020. Additional work, including the installation of the eastern property boundary drainage ditch was completed subsequent to the 2002 JD. The ditch was constructed in areas identified as uplands by the 2002 JD and appears to have modified the site hydrology such that the overall footprint of the wetlands on the site has been reduced. In accordance with the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, the Corps is evaluating conditions on the ground at the time of the current (2020) JD request. There are no potential a(1-3) waters on the site or in the vicinity of any of the existing wetlands. The closest potential a(2) water is a town ditch located south of Wehrle Drive. This ditch shows no indication that it floods during a typical year. The two ditches on the subject parcel are manmade and excavated in uplands.

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Exhibit 3 - Updated Concept Site Plan
[Drawing C - Date: 04/22/25]



INTERIOR PARKING GREENSPACE	
REQUIRED BY CODE	PROVIDED
538 (1,530 SF)	15,636 (11,010 SF)

<p>2" UP SARE BILLING TYPE 3 ADJUTANT</p>	<p>PAVING REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>ATTACHED DWELLING UNIT: 2 PER DWELLING UNIT RECYD PARKING: 2 + 364 UNITS = 732 SPACES</p> <p>PAVING PROVISIONS:</p> <p>25% GRASSES (MAX) IF 4 FT SPACES TOTAL PROVIDED: 497 SPACES</p>	<p>DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>0 TO 1 BEDROOM: 2,565 SF LAND AREA REQUIRED PER UNIT 2 BEDROOMS: 3,904 SF LAND AREA REQUIRED PER UNIT 3 BEDROOMS: 5,185 SF LAND AREA REQUIRED PER UNIT</p> <p>TOTAL AREA: 8.2 ACRES = 400,732 SF</p> <p>PACKAGED UNITS: (117 x 2042) + (218 x 2094) + (273 x 3030) =</p>
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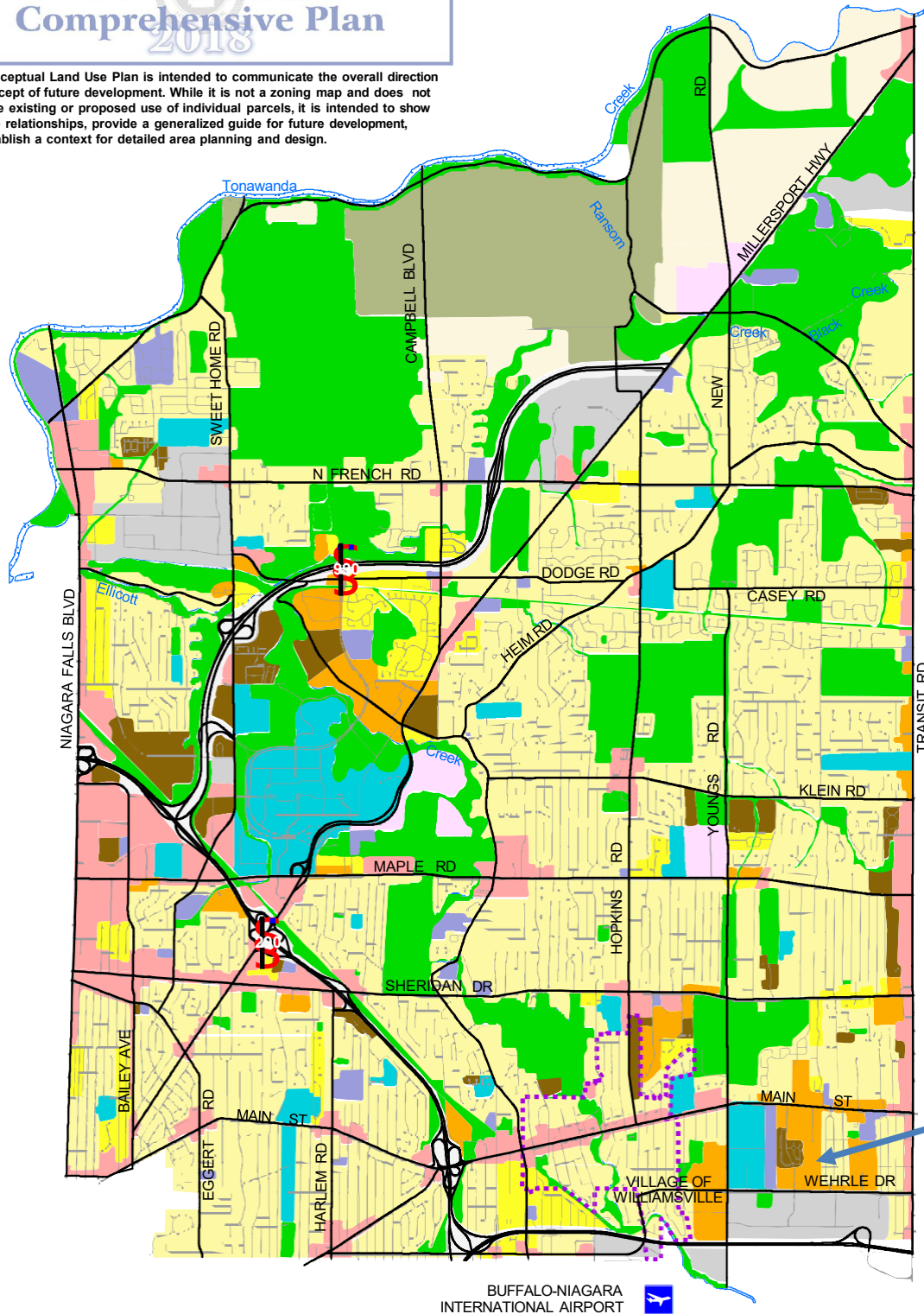
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**Exhibit 4 - Marked-Up Copy of
Figure 6 of Comprehensive Plan**

Town of Amherst Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan

The Conceptual Land Use Plan is intended to communicate the overall direction and concept of future development. While it is not a zoning map and does not show the existing or proposed use of individual parcels, it is intended to show land use relationships, provide a generalized guide for future development, and establish a context for detailed area planning and design.



Change
Designation from
Commercial Office
to Medium
Residential

Conceptual Land Use Plan

FIGURE 6

Rural Residential	Special Use Center	Recreation, Open Space & Greenways
Single Family Residential	Commercial - Office	Agriculture
Mixed Residential	Industrial - Office	Transportation
Medium Residential	Community Facilities	Surface Water
Commercial / Mixed Use*	Educational Campus	Village of Williamsville Boundary

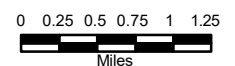
* See Map Figure 6-A for
Additional Designations

SOURCE NOTES:

Original Source Data Provided by the Town of Amherst Information Technology Department, URS Corporation and Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC

Map Compiled by the Town of Amherst Planning Department

Date: December 2020



**Exhibit 5 - Response to Question in
Section 4A of the BCPA Application**

EXHIBIT 5

RESPONSES TO QUESTION IN SECTION 4A OF BICENTENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPLICATION

Section 4A of the BCPA Application requests that information be provided regarding the description of any prospective action. The Project Sponsor is seeking to develop the property at 2190-2200 Wehrle Drive (collectively the “Project Site”) as a multifamily project based on the Residential District Six (“MFR-6”) zoning classification. The Project Site is currently Office Building District (“OB”) pursuant to the Town’s Zoning Map.

The proposed project consists of a mixture of multifamily buildings, a large clubhouse building and related site improvements including extensive landscaping, stormwater management improvements, etc. Attached as **Exhibit “3”** is a copy of the updated Concept Site Plan prepared by Patrick Sheedy, Jr., P.E., of Carmina Wood Design [Drawing C-100 – Date: 04/24/25].¹ The Concept Plan depicts 366 units to be located in twenty-two apartment buildings.

The proposed multifamily project requires Figure 6 [titled “Conceptual Land Use Plan”] to be amended. A marked-up color copy of Figure 6 of the Comprehensive Plan is attached as **Exhibit “4”**. Figure 6 of the Comprehensive Plan designates the Project Site as appropriate for

¹ A full-size copy of the updated Concept Site Plan [Drawing C-100 – Date: 04/24/25].

“Commercial Office” use.² The Project Sponsor is requesting that the designation be amended to “Medium Residential”.

At that time the Project Site was rezoned to OB, there was substantially greater demand for office space in the Town than the current demand. The current long-time owner of the Project Site was unable to find a tenant or tenants for the previously approved project consisting of numerous office buildings. As such, it is likely that in the absence of the Project Site being developed for a different land use category, the Project Site will continue to remain vacant for the foreseeable future.

² Pages 3-29 and 3-30 of the Comprehensive Plan states “The Conceptual Land Plan is neither a zoning map nor is it meant to show the existing or proposed use of individual parcels of land. It is not meant to dictate land use, nor is it meant to show any phasing or timing of development. The Plan is intended to communicate the overall direction and concept of future development. While it is intended to present a composite picture of the Town at full development, the Plan is designed to be flexible, to show relationships, to provide a generalized guide for future development, and establish a context for detailed area planning and design. Over time the Plan may be amended by the Town Board to reflect changes in social, economic, and cultural trends, so that it remains a relevant guide to community development.

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EXHIBIT 6

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS IN SECTION 4C OF BICENTENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPLICATION

Section 4C of the BCPA Application requests that information be provided regarding the reasons the Comprehensive Plan Amendment aligns with the defined policies in Sections 3-9 of the Comprehensive Plan. The Project Sponsor is seeking to develop the parcels at 2190-2200 Wehrle Drive (collectively the “Project Site”) as a multifamily project based on the MFR-6 zoning classification. The Project Site is currently zoned Office Building District (“OB”).

The proposed project consists of a mixture of multifamily buildings, a large clubhouse building and related site improvements including extensive landscaping, stormwater management improvements, etc. Attached as Exhibit “3” is a copy of the updated Concept Site Plan prepared by Patrick Sheedy, Jr., P.E., of Carmina Wood Design [Drawing C-100 – Date: 04/24/25]. The Concept Plan depicts 366 units to be located in twenty-two apartment buildings.

The proposed multifamily project requires Figure 6 [titled “Conceptual Land Use Plan”] of the Comprehensive Plan to be amended. Figure 6 of the Comprehensive Plan designates the Project Site as appropriate for “Commercial Office” use. The Project Sponsor is requesting that the designation of the Project Site be changed “Commercial Office” use.¹ The Project Sponsor is requesting that the designation be amended to “Medium Residential” use.

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I. CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES IN SECTION 3 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT”):

Section 3 of the Comprehensive Plan is titled “Land Use and Development” and according to Section 3.2 the Goal is “An interconnected mix of land uses that includes revitalized older neighborhoods and commercial centers and corridors, quality new development, vibrant activity centers, agriculture, and green spaces throughout the community.”² The six (6) Objectives for “Land Use and Development” as set forth in Section 3 of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- **Promote the development/revitalization of walkable higher density, mixed-use centers surrounded by lower density development;**
- **Implement context-sensitive zoning and incentives to improve the quality and appearance of non-residential development;**
- **Encourage revitalization and reinvestment in older neighborhoods and commercial corridors in Amherst;**
- **Target capital improvements to leverage private investment and enhance community appearance;**
- **Establish a town-wide network of parks, open spaces, and greenway corridors; and**
- **Improve the predictability and consistency of the development review and decision-making process³**

POLICIES:

A. Development Patterns:

According to the language on Page 3-4, “[T]he Comprehensive Plan land use policies should guide the distribution of development, but are not intended to alter the amount of

² See Page 3-4 of the Comprehensive Plan.

³ See Page 3-4 of the Comprehensive Plan.

development in Amherst. The Plan is a tool to redistribute densities to appropriate locations while maintaining lower density development in the surrounding areas. This will result in more sustainable land use patterns that help to implement objectives such as promoting pedestrian-friendly development; preserving open space; and establishing centers of community activity.”

3-1 Expand provisions and incentives for mixed-use development of commercial centers.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate a multifamily project is consistent with Policy 3-1 since it will result in a multifamily project at a location in close proximity to an assortment of existing land uses including the north campus of Erie County Community College, many existing office buildings, a wide assortment of commercial uses on Transit Road, etc.

- **Provide a focus for new development and revitalization in the Town, consistent with protecting the character of adjacent residential areas; and**
- **Enhance the viability of surrounding neighborhoods by providing identifiable centers of community activities such as shopping, work, recreation, and meetings**

The proposed project is consistent with the above two strategies since it will assist the Town in its continued efforts to encourage infill development in proximity to a mixture of existing land uses.

3-2 Encourage compact, pedestrian-friendly development through Planned Residential options, including but not limited to neo-traditional design.

Policy 3-2 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the Project Sponsor is not seeking to develop the Project Site based a Planned Residential District (PRD) option as described on Pages 3-7 and 3-8 of the Comprehensive Plan.

3-3 Modify provisions of the Suburban Agricultural District to reduce conversions of rural to suburban development patterns.

Policy 3-3 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the Project Site is not zoned Suburban Agricultural District.

3-4 Reduce future new commercial development in North Amherst and along highway strips.

Policy 3-4 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the Project Site is not located in the portion of the Town to the north of North French Road as described on Page 3-10 of the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Development Character:

3-5 Employ design standards to enhance community appearance and a strong identity and character.

Policy 3-5 states “[T]hat Design standards are effective tools to guide and shape new development and revitalization initiatives and are important in addressing such issues as impacts on the visual character of public roadways and on adjacent residential areas.”⁴ The text accompanying Policy 3-5 states that Design standards should address the following nine “Development Considerations”:

- Landscaping and lighting;
- Screening of visually obtrusive elements;
- Placement of building and parking areas;
- Use and placement of land use transitions;
- General building design;
- Scale;
- Access and connectivity;
- Public safety; and

⁴ See Page 3-10 of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Signage

The proposed project will be consistent with the above list of “Development Considerations” and will include extensive landscaping as well as screening and the on-site lighting will comply with the Town lighting standards. A Landscape Plan and Photometric Plan will both need to be approved in connection with a future request for Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board for the proposed project.

The layout of the proposed project as depicted on the Concept Site Plan [Drawing C-100] is suitable in terms of the design and placement of land-use transitions since the higher density portion of the project will be located in the center portion of the Project Site further away from the homes on the west side of Bellingham Drive. While the residential signage for the proposed project has not yet been designed, the signage will be consistent with the architectural style and scale of buildings.⁵

3-6 Apply context-sensitive design standards to designated character roads.

The layout of the proposed project will ensure there is landscaping and an upscale appearance along the Wehrle Drive frontage.

⁵ The relevant text on Pages 3-11 and 3-12 of the Comprehensive Plan states, “Signs can play an important role in defining the character and context of an area. Sign regulations and standards need to be more sensitive to the local context, improve aesthetic character, and reduce “visual clutter” along commercial corridors. In general, signage should be consistent with the architectural style and scale of buildings and be an integral component of the building and site.

3-7 Protect and retain the identity of special places through design guidelines.

Policy 3-7 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the Project Site is not located as described on Page 3-13 of the Comprehensive Plan.⁶

C. Reinvestment:

3-8 Consider tax incentives for reinvestment, revitalization, and redevelopment of commercial properties and housing in older areas with less emphasis on new "greenfield" development.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate a multifamily project is consistent with Policy 3-8 since it will result in a project on an infill site that has already been cleared and that does not contain any designated environmental resources.

3-9 Advance the redevelopment and revitalization of underutilized, obsolete, and vacant properties for economically viable uses.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate a multifamily project is consistent with Policy 3-9 since it will result in an upscale project on underutilized property that remains vacant despite being approved for a large office building project by the Planning Board pursuant to a previously approved Site Plan.

3-10 Target capital investments to improve the aesthetic character of key locations within the Town.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate a multifamily project is consistent with Policy 3-10 since it will result in a substantial investment of funds that will improve the aesthetic character of a key location on Wehrle Drive.

⁶ The text accompanying Policy 3-7 states as follows: "Certain places within the Town of Amherst have a special identity defined by factors such as historic character (e.g., former "hamlets" such as Getzville and Swormville), geographic location (e.g., at a highway interchange or gateway entrance to the Town), or presence of an important community resource (e.g., a major park, public or private buildings or open space, or an educational campus)."

3-11 Initiate public capital investment projects to encourage/support private investment.

Policy 3-11 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the proposed project is not dependent on a public capital investment project. The project is a commercial project that is eligible for a PILOT from the Town of Amherst Industrial Development.

E. Open Space System:

3-12 Designate a town-wide open space and greenway network to be achieved through a variety of mechanisms.

Policy 3-12 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

3-13 Encourage conservation development with incentives for the dedication of open space in private developments.

Policy 3-13 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since there are not any designated environmental resources on the Project Site and the Project Site is not located in the portion of the northern part of the Town not serviced by sanitary sewer infrastructure.

3-14 Initiate a public open space acquisition program consistent with the open space, recreation, and greenway network.

Policy 3-14 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

F. Development Review and Approval Process:

3-15 Improve the predictability and consistency of the rezoning and other development approval processes through the application of clear town-wide land use policies.

3-16 Set clear standards for development quality to increase the level of certainty in the development review and approval process.

3-17 Provide for periodic review and revision of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.

Policies 3-15 to 3-17 are not specifically applicable to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and pertain more generally to the review processes to be utilized for proposed projects in the Town.

II. CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES IN SECTION 4 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TITLED “NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES”):

Section 4 of the Comprehensive Plan is titled “Natural and Cultural Resources” and according to Section 4.3 of the Comprehensive Plan the Goal is “Sensitive environmental and cultural resources identified and preserved as part of the physical fabric of the community”.⁷ The two (2) Objectives for “Land Use and Development” set forth in Section 4 of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- **Establish an interconnected open space network that incorporates significant natural and cultural resources.**
- **Protect sensitive environmental resources through improved regulations, policies, and management, including:**
 - **Water resources and wetlands**
 - **Air quality**
 - **Trees and woodlands**
 - **Historic and cultural resources**⁸

There are fourteen (14) policies contained in Chapter 4 of the Comprehensive Plan and to a large degree these policies do not specifically apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. It is important to mention that the Project Site does not contain any wetlands subject to the jurisdiction of either the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed project will also be required to comply with the

⁷ See Page 4-2 of the Comprehensive Plan.

⁸ See Page 4-2 of the Comprehensive Plan.

stringent stormwater quality and quantity standards of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and is also subject to an environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.⁹

III. CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES IN SECTION 5 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TITLED “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT”):

Section 5 of the Comprehensive Plan is titled “Economic Development” and according to Section 5.2 of the Comprehensive Plan the Goal is “A Town with a strong tax base and ample economic opportunities for a diverse base of employers and employees, housed in attractive, state-of-the-art commercial developments in convenient and accessible locations.” The five (5) Objectives for “Economic Development” as set forth in Section 5 of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- Maintain Amherst’s strong tax base
- Attract more high-paying jobs to the Town
- Ensure that economic development and redevelopment respect the character and quality of life of Amherst’s residential communities
- Capitalize on the presence of the University at Buffalo to leverage University-related economic development opportunities
- Build partnerships with development agencies, private industry, and educational and research institutions to promote economic development in Amherst and throughout the region¹⁰

POLICIES:

A. Tax Base and Employment:

⁹ A copy of Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form with Page 5[a] is provided at Exhibit “2”.

¹⁰ See Pages 5-2 and 5-3 of the Comprehensive Plan.

According to the language on Page 5-3, “A healthy tax and employment base are essential not only to Amherst’s economy but also to the Town’s quality of life. Studies have shown that commercial retail, office, and industrial development partially subsidize the cost of providing high-quality community facilities and services to residents. Without such development, the burden on residential taxpayers would be significantly higher. Competitive employment is also important in providing economic opportunities to Amherst residents.” The propose multifamily project will dramatically increase the annual tax revenues to be received by taxing jurisdictions including the Town.

5-1 Target economic development policies, programs, capital expenditures, and incentives to attract and retain higher paying employment and promote desired forms and locations of development and redevelopment.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate an upscale multifamily project is consistent with Policy 5-1 since it will provide new residential units at an appropriate location.

5-2 Build flexibility into non-residential zoning so that options are available for the various stages of business development.

Policy 5-2 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

5-3 Promote economic development through collaborations between government, educational institutions, health care organizations, and private industries.

While Policy 5-3 does not specifically apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, it is important to mention that the Project Site is located in close proximity to Erie County Community College and many large office parks that employs many individuals who will benefit from having the ability to live in upscale attached residential units with direct and easy access with their place of employment.

5-4 Work with educational institutions on lifelong learning and other programs to train, attract, and retain a skilled workforce.

Policy 5-4 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

B. Community Character and Quality of Life:

5-5 Promote commercial development patterns that reduce neighborhood impacts.

Policy 5-5 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

5-6 Adopt commercial development standards for neighborhood compatibility with context sensitive design guidelines.

Policy 5-6 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

C. University of Buffalo:

Policies 5-7 to 5-9 of the Comprehensive Plan pertain to the synergies that can result from collaboration between the Town and the University of Buffalo and as such do not apply to the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

D. Regional Economic Development:

Policies 5-10 and 5-11 of the Comprehensive Plan pertain to the benefits that can result from a healthy economy in Western New York and positioning the Town as a regional technology center. An important aspect of positioning the Town as a regional technology center is providing various types of high quality housing choices for employees. The proposed project will result in high quality attached residential units at a very convenient location with easy access to a wide range of amenities.

III. CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES IN SECTION 6 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TITLED “TRANSPORTATION”):

Section 6 of the Comprehensive Plan is titled “Transportation” and according to Section 6.2 of the Comprehensive Plan the Goal is “An efficient, multi-modal transportation system that accommodates the automobile, maintains neighborhood character, and emphasizes alternative means of travel, including walking, biking, and public transportation.”

The four (4) Objectives for “Transportation” as set forth in Section 6 of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- **Create a roadway network that improves efficiency and connectivity while preserving neighborhood character;**
- **Develop the existing bicycle/pedestrian system into a townwide, interconnected network that facilitates connections between vehicular and non-vehicular transportation;**
- **Work with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to provide adequate public transit service, particularly to mixed use activity centers identified in the Conceptual Land Use Plan; and**
- **Establish a town traffic assessment and planning capability to manage and maintain local highways¹¹**

POLICIES:

A. Road Network:

6-1 Designate roadway corridors for application of context sensitive design standards to maintain their character.

The proposed project is consistent with Policy 6-1 since the design includes a focus on Wehrle Drive and includes on-site pedestrian friendly amenities.

6-2 Modify the Town’s engineering standards for roadways to reduce neighborhood impacts.

Policy 6-2 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the proposed project does not involve the construction of any new public roadways.

6-3 Establish a town highway planning capability to manage the local road network.

Policy 6-3 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

¹¹ See Pages 6-3 and 6-4 of the Comprehensive Plan.

6-4 Enhance transportation system capacities through operational improvements, including improved access management and a comprehensive signal-timing plan.

Policy 6-4 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. It is important to mention that a Traffic Impact Study has been submitted for the purpose of evaluating the potential traffic impacts that will result from the proposed project.

6-5 Undertake a capital program to maintain or improve the efficiency of the existing road system.

Policy 6-5 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

6-6 Accept a certain level of traffic congestion as a “given” and expand investments in alternative transportation modes and compact, mixed-use development patterns.

The text on Pages 6-14 and 6-15 of the Comprehensive Plan states as follows: “Given the limits placed on future roadway improvements by funding constraints and the need to preserve neighborhood character, combined with Amherst’s established and growing function as a regional employment center, it is not expected that the above policies will “solve” congestion problems in the Town. Instead, the Comprehensive Plan transportation policies involve a shift away from an emphasis on functional efficiency for the automobile towards a more balanced transportation system that achieves other community objectives. As described in Sections B and C below, this shift includes expanded investment in facilities to support alternative travel modes (e.g., trails, sidewalks, bikeways, and transit).¹² Equally important is the coordination of transportation and land use policies to promote compact, mixed-use development patterns that reduce automobile dependency and encourage walking.”

¹² The reference to B and C relates to Policies 6-7 to 6-9 of the Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to facilitate the proposed project is consistent with Policy 6-6 since it represents compact, development that will encourage walking on the Project Site and to nearby land uses.

B. Bicycle/Pedestrian Network:

6-7 Develop a comprehensive bicycle network, using a rating system to identify and prioritize improvements.

Policy 6-7 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

6-8 Develop a comprehensive pedestrian network of sidewalks, crosswalks, and trails.

Policy 6-8 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

C. Transit Service:

6-9 Work with NFTA to improve transit service and provide connections to activity centers (e.g., UB and Eggertsville).

Policy 6-9 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

IV. CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES IN SECTION 7 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TITLED “INFRASTRUCTURE”):

Section 7 of the Comprehensive Plan is titled “Infrastructure” and according to Section 7.2 of the Comprehensive Plan the Goal is “Well-maintained and cost-effective infrastructure systems that provide public water, sewer, stormwater, and other utility services within the Town of Amherst, consistent with Comprehensive Plan policies to promote sustainable land use and economic development and protect natural resources.” The two (2) Objectives for “Infrastructure” as set forth in Section 7 of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- **Establish a town-wide program with plans and policies to effectively manage stormwater runoff, including flooding and stormwater quality; and**

- **Maintain and upgrade existing sanitary sewer infrastructure to support existing and projected needs. Limit future service extensions to those needed to serve development areas designated on the Conceptual Land Use Plan¹³**

POLICIES:

A. Stormwater Management:

7-1 Develop a program to address flooding and other stormwater management issues in coordination with other responsible agencies.

Policy 7-1 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment which states the Town should implement flood mitigation measures as recommended in the Town Flood Mitigation Plan Report and the Ransom Creek Improvement Study.

7-2 Implement “low impact development” standards and techniques designed to reduce the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater runoff from development.

Policy 7-2 does not specifically apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. It is important to mention that during the future Site Plan Application review process the proposed multifamily project will need comply with the stringent stormwater quality and quantity standards of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation based on engineered plans and a SWPPP with Engineer’s Report that will be included the future submission of a Site Plan Application. The technical project documentation will need to be reviewed and approved by the Town’s Engineering Department.

B. Sanitary Sewer System:

7-3 Give priority to repairs to existing infrastructure systems, rather than extensions to serve new greenfield development.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate an upscale multifamily project is consistent with Policy 7-3 since the Project Site is serviced by existing sanitary sewer

¹³ See Page 7-3 of the Comprehensive Plan.

infrastructure and does not constitute a new greenfield development. The project will also be required to comply with the NYSDEC Inflow and Infiltration policy that applies to specified categories of projects that will generate a daily average of greater than 2,500 gallons per day (“gpd”) of sanitary sewer flow.

7-4 Redefine the boundaries of the Consolidated Sanitary Sewer District in the northern part of the Town to exclude rural and agricultural areas designated for protection and include areas designated for more intensive development. Promote the importance of proper maintenance of private disposal systems or septic systems to limit sewer extensions into protected areas. (Amended 09-08-15; BCPA-2014-01)

Policy 7-4 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

V. CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES IN SECTION 8 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TITLED “HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS”):

Section 8 of the Comprehensive Plan is titled “Housing and Neighborhoods” and according to Section 8.2 of the Comprehensive Plan the Goals are as follows

- **Decent and affordable housing choices available to all residents; and**
- **Healthy and diverse neighborhoods, including conserved and revitalized older parts of Amherst¹⁴**

The three (3) Objectives for “Housing and Neighborhoods” as set forth in Section 8.2 of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- **Ensure the availability of housing affordable to all socioeconomic groups in Amherst;**
- **Promote a diverse housing stock, with higher density housing focused on mixed-use activity centers; and**
- **Implement a coordinated program to conserve and revitalize Amherst’s neighborhoods.¹⁵**

¹⁴ See Page 8-2 of the Comprehensive Plan.

¹⁵ See Page 8-3 of the Comprehensive Plan.

POLICIES:

A. Affordable Housing:

8-1 Continue existing housing policies that promote home ownership and affordability.

Policy 7-1 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the proposed project does not involve residential units for sale or a designated affordable housing project relying on tax credits or affordable housing subsidies.

B. Housing Diversity:

8-2 Promote the development of a variety of housing types.

The text on Pages 8-3 and 8-4 of the Comprehensive Plan states as follows:

“Approximately two-thirds of Amherst’s current housing stock consists of single-family detached homes, with the remainder comprised of a mix of duplexes, townhouses, apartments, and other living arrangements (e.g., dormitories and assisted living). Recent housing development has consisted mostly of multifamily units and single-family detached, suburban subdivisions. Demographic trends will reinforce the need for a more diverse housing stock to accommodate groups such as the elderly, empty nesters, and students. As previously noted, housing diversity enhances affordability and, if properly managed, can contribute to neighborhood stability and character. Older neighborhoods like Eggertsville, for example, could benefit from decreasing household sizes and the increasing appeal of traditional development, which make smaller homes in pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods more attractive.

The Town should encourage the proportional development of diverse housing types and price levels, including single-family detached (at a variety of lot sizes), townhouses, condominiums, apartments, and housing as part of mixed-use developments. Higher density housing should be located to complement established residential areas through appropriate standards for location and design (see Policies 8-3 and 8-5).”

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate an upscale multifamily project is consistent with Policy 8-2 since the project will include 366 apartments of various sizes, which are the types of housing units that are consistent with

demographic trends demonstrating there is an increased demand for apartments and townhomes in the Town.

8-3 Encourage higher density residential uses in mixed-use developments and other appropriate locations.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate an upscale multifamily project is consistent with Policy 8-3 since the Project Site is an appropriate location for an infill mixed-use project. The language contained on Page 8-4 of the Comprehensive Plan discuss the benefits of higher density residential uses at appropriate locations that decrease the potential impacts of development on sensitive lands.

8-4 Work with UB to establish mixed-use centers around the periphery of both campuses.

Policy 8-4 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the proposed multifamily Project Site is not located in close proximity to either UB North or UB South campuses.

8-5 Establish standards for multi-family housing to promote high quality design and neighborhood compatibility.

The text on Page 9-8 and 9-9 of the Comprehensive Plan states as follows:

“Policy 8-5 addresses the need to manage the location of higher density housing to ensure that it does not negatively affect the overall character of Amherst’s neighborhoods. Equally important is the establishment of standards addressing the design and appearance of multi-family housing and its relationships to adjoining land uses. In addition to improving the quality and livability of multi-family developments for residents and improving the “fit” of these developments into the community, design standards will also help to create a more positive public perception of multi-family housing. A greater public tolerance of multi-family housing will ultimately aid the Town in preserving open space and providing alternatives to single-family detached units that are dependent on automobile use.

Design standards should address the creation of multi-family housing via renovation or redevelopment of existing properties as well as new development. Design standards should also address the creation of multi-family housing for the elderly and other special needs residents. The standards should address all forms of

multi-family housing including apartments, townhouses, and mixed-use developments.”

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to accommodate an upscale multifamily project is consistent with Policy 8-5.

C. Neighborhood Revitalization:

8-6 Provide incentives for residential property repairs and improvements on a town-wide basis.

Policy 8-6 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

8-7 Initiate a Neighborhood Conservation Program to promote revitalization of designated neighborhoods through measures such as code enforcement, capital improvements, and design standards.

Policy 8-7 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

8-8 Promote the revitalization of older commercial areas as a focus of neighborhood activity and include support for building and property maintenance code enforcement.

Policy 8-8 does not apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the Project Site is not located in a designated older commercial area.

8-9 Encourage participation from residents when the Town is developing action/improvement plans for specific neighborhoods.

Policy 8-9 does not specifically apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment but is important to mention that the review process for the proposed project will involve public hearings to be held by both the Planning Board and the Town Board.

VI. CONSISTENCY WITH POLICIES IN SECTION 9 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TITLED “COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES”):

Section 9 of the Comprehensive Plan is titled “Community Facilities and Services” and according to Section 9.2 of the Comprehensive Plan the Goal is as follows: “Community facilities and services that meet residents’ needs and contribute to the Town’s high quality of life.”¹⁶ The three (3) Objectives for “Community Facilities and Services” as set forth in Section 9.2 of the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- **Establish standards or performance criteria to determine community facility and service needs; and**
- **Enhance the role of public facilities as centers of neighborhood and community activity; and**
- **Provide quality facilities and services cost effectively by managing expenses and diversifying revenue sources**

There are nine (9) policies contained in Chapter 9 of the Comprehensive Plan and these policies do not specifically apply to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment since the proposed project does not consist of a community facilities project.

¹⁶ See Page 9-2 of the Comprehensive Plan.