

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING A PROJECT CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF FOUR, 4-STORY MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDINGS AGGREGATING APPROXIMATELY 250,000 SQUARE FEET BY 2635 NORTH FOREST ROAD, LLC TO BE LOCATED AT 2635-2691 NORTH FOREST ROAD, AMHERST, NEW YORK, FOR LEASE OR SALE TO THE AGENCY AND SUBSEQUENT LEASE OR RECONVEYANCE PURSUANT TO AN INSTALLMENT SALE CONTRACT TO 2635 NORTH FOREST ROAD, LLC, THE EXECUTION OF A MORTGAGE AGREEMENT, LEASE AGREEMENTS AND/OR INSTALLMENT SALE CONTRACT, A PILOT AGREEMENT AND THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Amherst Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) is authorized under the laws of the State of New York, and in particular the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, and Section 914-a of the General Municipal Law, as amended (collectively, the “Act”), to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial and research facilities and thereby advance the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York and to improve their prosperity and standard of living; and

**WHEREAS**, 2635 North Forest Road, LLC, for itself or for related individuals or entities (the “Company”), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency to undertake a certain project (the “Project”) consisting of: (i) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in certain property located at 2635-2691 North Forest Road in Amherst, New York (SBL Nos. 41.03-1-106.2, 41.03-1-45.1, and 41.03-1-46)(the “Premises”); (ii) the construction of a four, four-story, apartment buildings consisting of an aggregate of 250,000+/- square feet that will include 222 apartment units, related site improvements, and off-site improvements including sidewalk improvements on North Forest Road and pathway connections to Audubon Parkway (collectively, the “Improvements”); and (iii) the acquisition and installation therein, thereon or thereabout of certain machinery, equipment and related personal property (the “Equipment”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Company submitted an application and other materials and information (collectively, the “Application”) to the Agency to initiate the accomplishment of the above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Application sets forth certain information with respect to the Company and the Project, including the following: that the Company desires Agency financing for the construction of a four, four-story, 220 unit multi-family apartment buildings that will include a workforce housing component that will apply to ten percent (10%) of units and related on-site and off-site improvements located at 2635-2691 North Forest Road in Amherst, New York for commercial purposes, all at a cost of approximately \$52,500,000.00; that the Company anticipates that three (3) new full-time equivalent jobs will be created as a result of the Project at the end of two (2) years of operation thereof; that the Project will result in substantial capital investment; that if Agency financing is

disapproved, the Company would likely not proceed with the Project; and that, therefore, Agency financing is necessary to encourage the Company to proceed with the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has submitted additional information to the Agency regarding the Project, including the following: that the Town of Amherst has a need for attractive, multifamily housing to retain workers in the Town of Amherst and attract new business; that there is a lack of affordable and safe multifamily housing in the Town of Amherst; that the Project will promote and maintain job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of residents in the Town of Amherst and improve their standard of living; and that the Project will assist the Town of Amherst in addressing economic deterioration as a result of dramatic changes in market conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in Opinion of the State Comptroller Number 85-51 (“OSC Op. 85-51”), the State Comptroller opined that the determination of whether a project consisting of the construction of an apartment complex constitutes a commercial activity within the meaning of the Act is to be made based upon all of the facts relevant to the proposed project, and that any such determination should take into account the stated purpose of the Act to promote employment opportunities and prevent economic deterioration; and

**WHEREAS**, after the giving of all required notices (including published notice), the Agency held a public hearing on the Project on October 5, 2023, and has considered all oral and written presentations made at or in connection with said public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has reviewed the Application, prepared a cost-benefit analysis with respect to the Project and has evaluated the extent to which the Project will create and retain permanent, private-sector jobs, the value of tax exemptions to be provided, the amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Project, the likelihood of accomplishing the proposed Project in a timely fashion, the extent to which the proposed Project will provide additional sources of revenue for the municipalities and school district and other public benefits that might occur as a result of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency desires to encourage the Company with respect to the consummation of the Project, if by doing so it is able to induce the Company to proceed with the Project in the Town of Amherst; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company is expected to undertake and complete the Project by obtaining a conventional loan from a third party, and the Company has requested that the Agency execute any and all documents required by the parties, including any collateral mortgages on the Project given to secure a loan(s) obtained by the Company to finance the cost of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Amherst Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) served as lead agency and conducted an environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL Article 8 and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617)(“SEQRA”) for the Company’s project and at its February 16, 2023 meeting, declared the Project a Type I action and issued a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA that the project is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the environment, a copy of which is attached hereto as part of Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency was not identified as an involved agency in the long-form Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) submitted to the Planning Board, and the Company has submitted to the Agency an additional Part 1 of a long-form EAF in accordance with the provisions of SEQRA, a copy of which is attached hereto as part of Exhibit A, in order for the Agency to make the findings required of an agency under SEQRA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Based upon the Agency’s review of the Company’s Application, the Planning Board’s SEQRA determination and the Agency’s SEQRA review, the Agency hereby: (a) ratifies and confirms the proceedings undertaken by the Planning Board under SEQRA, including the Planning Board’s determination and issuance of a negative declaration stating that the Project is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on the environment; (b) adopts the Planning Board’s negative declaration with regard to the Project; and (c) determines that all of the provisions of SEQRA that are required to be complied with as a condition precedent to the approval of the Financial Assistance (as defined herein) contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project and the participation by the Agency in undertaking the Project have been satisfied.

**Section 2.** The Project is described in the recitals to this Resolution. The financial assistance to be provided in connection therewith include: an exemption from sales and use taxes for building materials and machinery, equipment, fixtures and furnishings purchased for incorporation into or use at the Project location having a total cost not to exceed \$20,900,000.00, an exemption from mortgage recording taxes for one or more mortgages having a principal amount not to exceed \$42,000,000.00 and an abatement from real property taxes in accordance with the Agency’s ten (10) year payment in lieu of tax schedule (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”). In addition to any other covenants, obligations and agreements which may be contained in the Project Documents (as hereinafter defined), the provision by the Agency of the Financial Assistance is made subject to the agreement by the Company to comply with the following covenants and agreements, each of which shall constitute a “Material Factor”:

- (a) Investment of no less than \$44,625,000.00 at the Project location as noted in the Application;
- (b) Creation of two and one-half (2.5) full-time equivalent jobs and maintenance of those jobs throughout the ten-year term of the PILOT Agreement;
- (c) Compliance with the Agency’s Local Labor Policy in connection with the construction of the Project; and
- (d) Maintenance of ten percent (10%) of the total units as workforce housing for a period of fifteen (15) years.

**Section 3.** The Agency hereby determines that the Project and the financing thereof by the Agency pursuant to the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act will promote and is authorized by and will be in furtherance of the policy of the State as set forth in said Act. The Agency has reviewed OSC Op. 85-51 and specifically finds that the Project is for a commercial purpose within the meaning of the Act and will promote employment opportunities and prevent economic

deterioration in the Town of Amherst. The Project is generally consistent with the policies of the Town of Amherst Bicentennial Comprehensive Plan and planning objectives for the Audubon New Community and New Community District zoning classification. The construction of the Project will promote employment opportunities by targeting twenty-two (22) units for workforce housing to attract and retain residents to live within the Town, which will promote economic growth and improve the neighborhood. The Project will create temporary construction jobs and three (3) full-time equivalent jobs, increase the availability of affordable, multifamily housing in the Town of Amherst, and help prevent economic deterioration through the development of a currently vacant and unused site.

**Section 4.** The Agency hereby authorizes the Company, as agent for the Agency, to proceed with the Project as herein authorized. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire an interest in the Project site and the buildings thereon, if any, and to make renovations or additions thereto. The Company is authorized to proceed with the acquisition and construction of the Project as set forth in any Project Agreement, the Agency Lease Agreement or Installment Sale Contract (as hereinafter defined).

**Section 5.** The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and any Assistant Secretary of the Agency, and other appropriate officials of the Agency and its agents and employees, are hereby authorized and directed to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this Resolution and to complete the Project in cooperation with the Company.

**Section 6.** The Company is authorized, as agents of the Agency, to initiate the construction of a building or building addition constituting the Project, and the acquisition of machinery and equipment which will be a part thereof or will be used in connection therewith, and to advance such funds as may be necessary to accomplish such purposes. The designation of the Company as agent hereunder is limited to purchases of sales-taxable tangible personal property and services in connection with the Project which do not exceed a total cost of \$20,900,000.00 and shall not apply to any other purchase by the Company or any operating expenses of the Company. The Company shall report to the Agency, at such times as the Agency shall require, or as may otherwise be prescribed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (the "Commissioner"), the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed by the Company or agents of the Company or any operators of the Project, including, but not limited to, consultants or subcontractors of such agents or Project operators under the authority granted pursuant to this Resolution. A failure to report may result in the revocation of the designation of the Company as agent and repayment of any sales and use tax exemptions claimed.

**Section 7.** The Agency is hereby authorized to enter into a Project Agreement with respect to the provision of the Financial Assistance authorized herein (the "Project Agreement") and to acquire an interest in the Project site and construct a facility thereon, and the execution and delivery of a lease by the Lessee to the Agency (the "Company Lease"), an Agency Lease Agreement (the "Agency Lease Agreement") or Installment Sale Contract (the "Installment Sale Contract") between the Agency and the Company, a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement between the Agency and the Company (the "PILOT Agreement"), and such other documents as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the parties to the transaction (collectively, the "Project Documents"), in form satisfactory to

Agency counsel, are hereby authorized. The PILOT Agreement shall provide for payments in accordance with the Agency's ten (10) year payment in lieu of tax schedule. The Agency Lease Agreement shall include provisions as required by the Agency to monitor and confirm the Company's compliance with the Material Factor relating to workforce housing, including: (i) requirements for income verification of tenants at rent-up and upon refilling a vacancy at the Premises; (ii) availability of one and two bedroom units at workforce rents as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and confirmed with the Town of Amherst; and (iii) renting to individual(s) that are income independent. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Secretary are each authorized to execute such documents and to make or approve such amendments or modifications to the Project Agreement, Company Lease, the Agency Lease Agreement, Installment Sale Contract, the PILOT Agreement and such other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith as they deem necessary under the circumstances provided, however, that such modifications do not materially alter the risk to the Agency.

**Section 8.** In the event the Company obtains one or more conventional loans to finance the cost of the Project, the Agency is hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the lender(s) one or more collateral mortgages on the Project given to secure such loans ("Mortgage Agreement"), and such other documents as may be necessary to fulfill the intent of the parties to the transaction in form satisfactory to Agency counsel provided that the aggregate amount of such mortgages shall not exceed \$42,000,000.00. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and any Assistant Secretary are each authorized to execute such collateral mortgages and to make or approve such amendment(s) or modifications to such collateral mortgages and other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith as they may deem necessary under the circumstances, provided, however, that such modifications do not materially alter the risk to the Agency.

**Section 9.** Any such action heretofore taken by the Company initiating the acquisition, installation and construction of the Project is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Section 10.** Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof shall be paid by the Company. By acceptance hereof, the Company agrees to pay such expenses and further agrees to indemnify the Agency, its members, employees and agents and hold the Agency and such persons harmless against claims for losses, damage or injury or any expenses or damages incurred as a result of action taken by or on behalf of the Agency with respect to the Project and the financing thereof.

**Section 11.** In the event a lease is not executed between the Company and the Agency by the expiration date of this Resolution (as such date may be extended as provided herein) or the termination of this Resolution, the Company shall then be required to pay all sales taxes which would have been levied in connection with the acquisition, construction and installation of all improvements of the real property and the machinery and equipment which constitute the Project, as if the Agency did not have an interest in the Project from the date the Company commenced its acquisition, construction and installation. In addition, in the event, because of the involvement of the Agency, the Company claims an exemption from state sales or use tax in connection with the Project, and such exemption is claimed with respect to property or services not authorized hereunder, or which exemption is in excess of the amounts authorized hereunder, or is otherwise not permitted under this Resolution, or if the Company

shall fail to comply with a material term or condition regarding the use of property or services acquired by the Company as agent for the Agency as set forth in this Resolution or in any document authorized hereunder, then the Company shall each be required to remit to the Agency an amount equal to the amount of state sales and use taxes for which such exemption was improperly claimed. A failure to remit such amounts may result in an assessment against the Company by the Commissioner of state sales and use taxes, together with any relevant penalties and interest.

In addition to the foregoing, in the event the Agency determines that Company is in violation of a Material Factor, or in the event that the Company closes the Project or relocates its operations to a location outside of the Town of Amherst within the time period during which the Company is receiving Financial Assistance from the Agency or in the event the Agency determines, in its judgment, that the Company knowingly and intentionally submitted false or intentionally misleading information in its application to the Agency or in any report or certification submitted to the Agency for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining any Financial Assistance from the Agency (each referred to herein as a “Recapture Event”), the Agency may, in accordance with its policies and procedures then in effect, (i) revoke the designation of the Company and any agents of the Company (including, but not limited to, consultants, sub-contractors or equipment lessors of the Company) as agents for the Agency in connection with the Project and terminate the exemption from New York State and local sales and use taxes conferred with respect to the Project and/or (ii) require that the Company, commencing with the tax fiscal year next following such Recapture Event make payments in lieu of taxes on the Project with respect to all applicable taxing authorities in such amounts as would be payable as real estate taxes levied on the Project if the Agency did not have an interest in the Project or otherwise modify the amount or terms of any Financial Assistance being provided by the Agency in connection with the Project and/or (iii) require that the Company pay to the Agency an amount equal to all or a portion (as determined by the Agency in its discretion) of the total value of (x) all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Company and any agents of the Company, including, but not limited to, consultants, sub-contractors, or any equipment lessors of the Company under the authority granted under this Resolution and the Project Agreement, (y) any exemption from real estate taxes received by reason of the Agency’s leasehold interest in the Project and/or (z) any exemption from mortgage recording tax received by reason of the Agency’s involvement with the Project. If the Agency makes any of the foregoing determinations and requires a repayment of all or a portion of the Financial Assistance received by the Company, the Company shall (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any or all Financial Assistance obtained by the Company and (ii) promptly pay over any or all such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands in connection therewith. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Agency shall then redistribute such amounts to the appropriate affected tax jurisdiction(s) unless otherwise agreed to by any affected tax jurisdiction.

**Section 12.** The Agency has made and makes no representation or warranty whatsoever, either express or implied, with respect to the merchantability, condition, environmental status, fitness, design, operation or workmanship of any part of the Project, its fitness for any particular purpose, the quality or capacity of the materials in the Project, or the suitability of the Project for the Company’s purposes or needs. The Company is satisfied that the Project is suitable and fit for its purposes. The Agency shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever to anyone for any loss, damage or expense of any kind or nature caused, directly or indirectly, by the Project property or the use or maintenance thereof or the failure of operation thereof, or the repair, service or adjustment thereof, or by any delay

or failure to provide any such maintenance, repairs, service or adjustment, or by any interruption of service or loss of use thereof or for any loss of business howsoever caused, and the Company hereby indemnifies and holds the Agency harmless from any such loss, damage or expense.

**Section 13.** Should the appropriate officers of the Agency determine, in their absolute discretion, that there is reason to believe that the activities of any past or present owner or operator of the Premises have resulted in the generation of any “hazardous substance” (as the term has been defined from time to time in any applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation), or that any party has stored, disposed or released any such substance on the Premises or within a one (1) mile radius thereof, the Agency shall be under no obligation to enter into a lease as contemplated by this Resolution.

**Section 14.** No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained or contained in the Project Agreement, Company Lease, the Mortgage Agreement, the Agency Lease Agreement, Installment Sale Contract, the PILOT Agreement or other documents, nor the breach thereof, shall constitute or give rise to or impose upon the Agency a pecuniary liability or a charge upon its general credit, nor shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his or her individual capacity.

**Section 15.** Should the Agency’s participation in the Project be challenged by any party, in the courts or otherwise, the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and its members, officers and employees from any and all losses arising from any such challenge including, but not limited to, the fees and disbursements of the Agency’s counsel. Should any court of competent jurisdiction determine that the Agency is not authorized under Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law to participate in the Project, this Resolution shall automatically become null, void and of no further force and effect, and the Agency shall have no liability to the Company hereunder or otherwise.

**Section 16.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall continue in full force and effect for one (1) year from the date hereof and on or after such one (1) year anniversary, the Agency may, at its option (a) terminate the effectiveness of this Resolution (except with respect to the obligations of the Company pursuant to Sections 10 and 11 of this Resolution which shall survive any expiration or termination) or (b) allow the Company additional time in which to close the transactions contemplated by this Resolution based upon affirmative actions taken by the Company and Lessee to complete such transactions. Upon any allowance of additional time to close, the Agency may charge the Company an extension fee in accordance with the Agency’s fee schedule.

**Section 17.** This Resolution is subject to compliance with all local building and zoning requirements.

ADOPTED: October 20, 2023

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

**2635 North Forest Road, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

**Exhibit A**

**EAF and Negative Declaration**

See attached.

## 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: Multifamily Project		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): 2635 North Forest Road - Erie County - Town of Amherst		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): The project ("action") consists of a multifamily project to be located at 2635 North Forest Road ("Project Site") consisting of 220 attached residential units for lease and related site improvements including 301 parking spaces. The Project Site is properly zoned New Community District General Commercial ["NCD-GC"]. The proposed action has been defined broadly to include all required discretionary approvals required from the municipal boards of the Town of Amherst and involved agencies and the construction of the multifamily building [totaling 220 units], 301 parking spaces as well as all necessary site improvements including parking spaces, access onto North Forest Road, access aisles, landscaping, lighting, an on-site storm water management system, water and sanitary sewer lines as well as utility connections. It is important to mention that the Town Board previously completed a coordinated environmental review of the project pursuant to SEQRA that resulted in its issuance of a negative declaration on July 25, 2022. A copy of the negative declaration issued by the Town Board is provided at Attachment "A" of this Part 1 of the Full EAF. The Planning Board also issued a negative declaration during its meeting on February 16, 2023. A copy of the negative declaration issued by the Planning Board on February 16, 2023 is provided at Exhibit "3" of the AIDA Application.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: 2635 North Forest Road, LLC c/o Sean Hopkins, Esq.	Telephone: (716) 510-4338	E-Mail: shopkins@hsmlegal.com
Address: 5500 Main Street, Suite 343		
City/PO: Williamsville	State: NY	Zip Code: 14221
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Same as Above	Telephone:	E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor): Menorah Campus, Inc.	Telephone:	E-Mail:
Address: 2700 North Forest Road		
City/PO: Amherst	State: NY	Zip Code: 14068

**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, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
c. City, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
d. Other local agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Town of Amherst IDA - PILOT and Incentives	September 2023
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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? YesNo

- 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? YesNo

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? YesNo

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?) YesNo

If Yes, identify the plan(s):  
 NYS Heritage Areas:West Erie Canal Corridor  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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? YesNo

If Yes, identify the plan(s):  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**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?  
New Community District General Commercial ["NCD-GC"].

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? Sweet Home Central School District.

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?  
Town of Amherst Police Department.

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?  
Volunteer Fire Department in which the Project Site is located.

d. What parks serve the project site?  
Various parks includes Nature View Park.

**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)? Multifamily use.

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? \_\_\_\_\_ 8.2 acres  
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? \_\_\_\_\_ 7.2 acres  
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_ 8.2 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?  Yes  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	_____	_____	_____	220
At completion	_____	_____	_____	_____
of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)?  Yes  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?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,

i. Purpose of the impoundment: Storm water management for bioretention purposes.

ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water:  Ground water  Surface water streams  Other specify: Runoff from impervious surfaces on the Project Site

iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source.  
Not Applicable

iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ million gallons; surface area: \_\_\_\_\_ .25 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):  
The stormwater management facility will consist of fill and does not constitute a regulated dam as defined by the NYSDEC.

**D.2. Project Operations**

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both?  Yes  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.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials?  Yes  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?  Yes  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?  Yes  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: \_\_\_\_\_ 42,680 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: ECWA Consolidated Water District
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 42,680 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
Sanitary wastewater.

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

If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: Town of Amherst Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Name of district: Town of Amherst Consolidated Sewer 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

• Do existing sewer lines serve the project site?  Yes  No  
 • Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 • Applicant/sponsor for new district: \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Date application submitted or anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 • What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? \_\_\_\_\_

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):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Square feet or \_\_\_\_\_ 4.5 acres (impervious surface)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Square feet or \_\_\_\_\_ 8.2 acres (parcel size)  
 ii. Describe types of new point sources. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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)?  
On-Site Stormwater Management Facility.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

• If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Applicable.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

• Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties?  Yes  No

iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater?  Yes  No

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?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, identify:  
 i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 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)  Yes  No  
 ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): \_\_\_\_\_

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i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations?  Yes  No

If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): \_\_\_\_\_

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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?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply):  Morning  Evening  Weekend  
 Randomly between hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Parking spaces: Existing \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed \_\_\_\_\_ Net increase/decrease \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking?  Yes  No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site?  Yes  No

vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles?  Yes  No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes?  Yes  No

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k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation?  Yes  No

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l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

<p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____ 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Saturday: _____ 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Sunday: _____ As needed</li> <li>• Holidays: _____ Not Applicable</li> </ul>	<p>ii. During Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____ Not Applicable [Multifamily Project]</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>
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m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both?  Yes  No  
 If yes:  
 i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:  
There will be temporary and unavoidable short-term noise impacts resulting from the use of construction equipment during the construction of the proposed project.

ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting?  Yes  No  
 If yes:  
 i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:  
There will be on-site lighting pursuant to the lighting standards contained in the Zoning Code.

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: \_\_\_\_\_

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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?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Product(s) to be stored \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Volume(s) \_\_\_\_\_ per unit time \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., month, year)  
 iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Describe proposed treatment(s):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices?  Yes  No

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r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:  
 • Construction: \_\_\_\_\_ tons per \_\_\_\_\_ (unit of time)  
 • Operation : \_\_\_\_\_ tons per \_\_\_\_\_ (unit of time)  
 ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:  
 • Construction: \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:  
 • 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

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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.

Urban  Industrial  Commercial  Residential (suburban)  Rural (non-farm)

Forest  Agriculture  Aquatic  Other (specify): Weinberg Campus [assisted living, nursing home and senior apartments]

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:

Mixture of uses including office buildings, senior uses, single-family homes, etc.

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b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertypes	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	0.17	4.5	+ 4.33
• Forested	5.0	0.0	- 5.0
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	2.2	0.0	- 2.2
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Other Describe: <u>Greenspace and Landscaping</u>	0.83	3.7	+ 2.87

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?  Yes  No  
i. If Yes: explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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?  Yes  No  
If Yes,  
i. Identify Facilities:  
The Weinberg Campus which includes a licensed skilled nursing home facility is located at 2700 North Forest Road.  
\_\_\_\_\_

e. Does the project site contain an existing dam?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:  
• Dam height: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
• Dam length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
• Surface area: \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
• Volume impounded: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons OR acre-feet  
ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Has the facility been formally closed?  Yes  No  
• If yes, cite sources/documentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply:  Yes  No  
 Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Neither database  
ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database?  Yes  No  
If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses?  Yes  No

- 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?  Yes  No
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site**

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? \_\_\_\_\_ >5 feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site?  Yes  No  
If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? \_\_\_\_\_ %

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:

Cosad Loamy Fine Sand	_____	73 %
Cheektowaga Fine Sandy Loam	_____	27 %
_____	_____	_____ %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: \_\_\_\_\_ >3 feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils:  Well Drained: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site  
 Moderately Well Drained: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site  
 Poorly Drained 100 % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes:  0-10%: 100 % of site  
 10-15%: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site  
 15% or greater: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site?  Yes  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)?  Yes  No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site?  Yes  No  
If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i. [There are not any jurisdictional wetlands located on the Project Site per the Jurisdictional Determination issued by the USACE on October 26, 2020. A copy of the JD is provided at Attachment "C" of this Part 1 of the Full EAF.]

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency?  Yes  No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_
- Lakes or Ponds: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_
- Wetlands: Name Federal Waters 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?  Yes  No  
If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway?  Yes  No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain?  Yes  No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain?  Yes  No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Name of aquifer: \_\_\_\_\_

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site: Typical suburban species _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____ _____	
ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____ iii. Extent of community/habitat:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently: _____ acres</li> <li>• Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres</li> <li>• Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres</li> </ul>	
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? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____ _____ _____	
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? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. Species and listing: _____ Spiny Softshell	
q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____ _____	
<b>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</b>	
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? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____	
b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____ ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____	
c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____ _____ _____	
d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. CEA name: _____ ii. Basis for designation: _____ 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? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Site      <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Building or District</p> <p>ii. Name: _____</p> <p>iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: _____</p>
<p>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? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>[A copy of the No Impact Determination letter issued by SHPO dated April 18, 2022 is provided at Attachment "B".]</p>
<p>g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe possible resource(s): _____</p> <p>ii. Basis for identification: _____</p>
<p>h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Identify resource: _____</p> <p>ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): _____</p> <p>iii. Distance between project and resource: _____ miles.</p>
<p>i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____</p> <p>ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p>

**F. Additional Information**

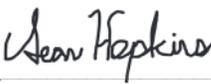
Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

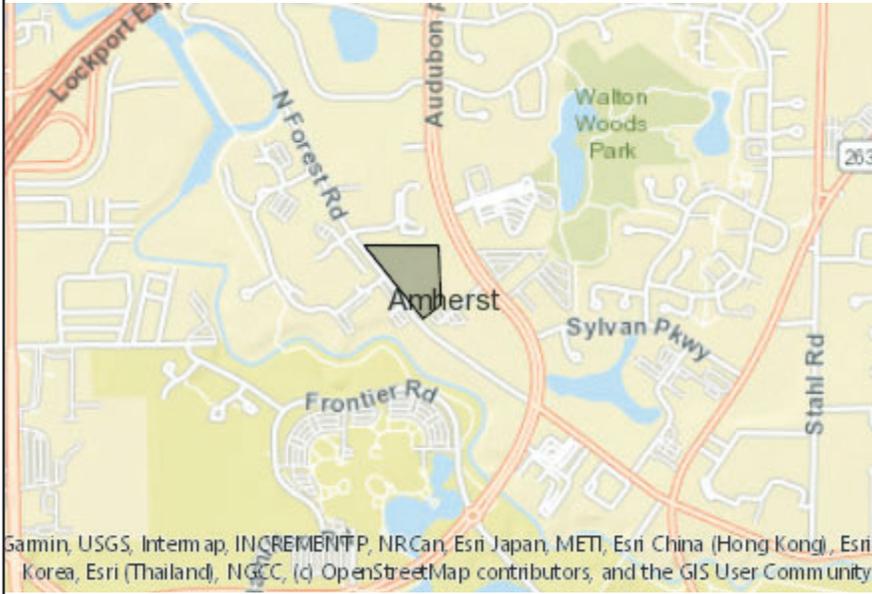
If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

**G. Verification**

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

Applicant/Sponsor Name 2635 Noth Forest Road, LLC      Date September 19, 2023

Signature       Title Counsel for Project Sponsor



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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]	Yes
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals - Name]	Spiny Softshell
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



## SEQR Negative Declaration

### NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

**Lead Agency:** Town of Amherst Planning Board      **Project:** SP-2022-14

**Address:** 5583 Main Street  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
(716) 631-7051      **Date:** February 16, 2023

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 and Local Law #3-82, as amended, of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Lead Agency has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

**Title of Action:** Site Plan Review for a Multifamily Residential Development

**SEQR Status:** Type I Action

**Description of Action:** Construction of four 4-story buildings containing 222-dwelling units with 247 surface parking spaces, 53 garage spaces and amenity facilities. Work will include the site improvements not specifically stated above, including, stormwater, utilities, grading, lighting, paving, and landscaping.

**Location:** 2635, 2675 & 2691 North Forest Road, Amherst, Erie County

**Petitioner:** PB Investors, LLC

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### **Reasons Supporting This Determination**

Based on information submitted by the applicant including a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) - Part I, (as amended) Part II and a complete site plan application, a preliminary staff analysis was undertaken. Compared to the criteria listed in Section 617.7, all indications are that this action will not have a significant impact on the environment, as follows:

1. The project is not expected to cause a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; or a substantial increase in the potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems. The Engineering Department on January 30, 2023 reviewed the Grading, Drainage and Utility Plans submitted on January 20, 2023, Engineer's Report submitted on November 14, 2022, Erosion Control Plan submitted on January 20, 2023, Geotechnical Report prepared by Barron & Associates, PC submitted on November 14, 2022, and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) submitted on November 14, 2022 was also reviewed. Based on its review of these documents, the Department has determined that the project has or will have met all applicable requirements and has no objection to its approval.
2. The project will not result in the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; or in significant adverse impacts to fish or wildlife species, habitats or other natural resources. The Planning Department reviewed a Landscape Plan submitted on January 20, 2023 and determined that it meets or exceeds Zoning Ordinance requirements for greenspace. The Landscape Plan has or will have met all Zoning Ordinance and Town requirements for landscaping. The USACE has issued a Jurisdictional Determination letter indicating 5 wetlands and 1 stream that are non-jurisdictional and disturbance of one water course associated with the drainage ditch will be permitted.
3. The project is not expected to create any substantive conflict with the Town Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Department in their review of January 26, 2023 and the Zoning Enforcement Officer in his/her review of January 26, 2023 have reviewed the application documents and Building Department in their review of January 10, 2023 has reviewed the application documents along with the Geotechnical Report submitted on November 14, 2023 and determined that the subject project has or will have met all International Building Code – 2015 and Zoning Ordinance regulations.
4. The project is within an area identified by the State as having potential archaeological or historical significance. A report (02SR52571) conducted in 2002 by Panamerican Consultants, Inc. did not identify any archaeological sites. The New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation states in a letter dated April 18, 2022, and received by the Planning Department on November 14, 2022, that no archaeological and/or historical resources listed in or eligible for the State or National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project.
5. The project will not impair the character or quality of important aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character. The project is located in the NCD-GC zoning district; neighboring uses include a mix of single and multifamily residences, office, religious/recreation and elder care uses, which are zoned NCD-GC and NCD-SA; therefore, the project is consistent with surrounding land use.

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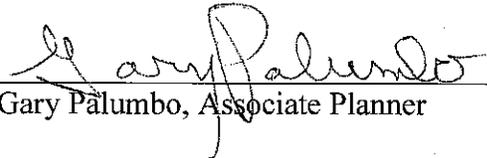
6. The proposed subject development will include four 4-story multifamily residential structures which will increase energy usage over the existing single-family residence, however, it will not cause a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy, over what is anticipated in the NCD, or exceed the capacity of suppliers.
7. The project will not create any hazard to human health. The Fire Chief's Council on February 3, 2023, has reviewed the project and has no objection to the approval of the site plan, as all requirements of this agency has or will have been met.
8. The project will not cause a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses. Although an intensification of use over the existing single family residence on site, the 222-unit apartment development will be consistent with the scale of surrounding land uses along this section of North Forest Road and backing up to John James Audubon Parkway, and is consistent with the Audubon Development Plan. The multifamily residential development will serve the intent of the NCD to provide a mix of housing types.
9. Although the function of the proposed 222-unit apartment development will increase the number of people using the site over its previous level of use, the site is designed to adequately support demand for the proposed number of residents and all required road and utility infrastructure will be in place to accommodate the development.
10. Review by the Town Traffic/Safety Board dated February 1, 2023 and Erie County Dept. of Public Works - Highways Division dated February 7, 2023 indicate that significant negative traffic impacts are not expected to result from the proposed project.

Review of the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) prepared by SRF Associates, submitted to the planning Department on November 14, 2022 and reviewed by Town Traffic/Safety Board indicates that significant negative traffic impacts are not expected to result from the proposed project.

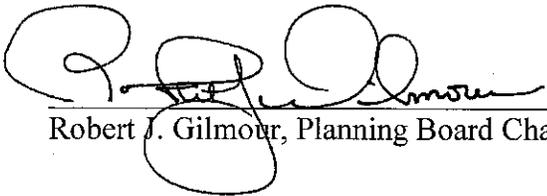
11. A coordinated review of the project has been undertaken by Town Departments including, in addition to those mentioned above, Highway on December 1, 2022, Assessor on November 22, 2022, Plumbing Division on December 23, 2022, and Right-of-Way Agent on February 15, 2023. These reviews did not identify any potential significant adverse environmental issues and indicated that the proposal will not have a significant damaging impact on the environment.
12. Issues not specifically mentioned above and/or those not specifically reviewed were not raised by Town departments, outside agencies or the public and are not determined to cause significant negative environmental impacts.

Planning Board Adoption:

Moved by: Penberthy; Second by: Chmiel      Ayes 7; Noes 0

  
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Gary Palumbo, Associate Planner

2.23.2023  
Date

  
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Robert J. Gilmour, Planning Board Chair

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cc: Amherst Building Department

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