



**Governor's Office of
Storm Recovery**

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

May 22, 2018

Re: Lead Agency Designation for the New Paltz Emergency Operations Center East of the Wallkill River project, 117 Henry W. DuBois Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561

Dear Involved/ Interested Agency:

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery ("GOSR") proposes to serve as lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and related laws for the environmental review of the proposed of New Paltz Emergency Operations Center East of the Wallkill River Project (the "Proposed Action"). GOSR is conducting an environmental review of the Proposed Action on behalf of the State of New York as the recipient of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under 42 U.S.C. § 5304(g).¹

The Proposed Action consists of the demolition of an existing and outdated fire station and construction of a new 14,290 square foot fire station including an eight-bay firehouse and driveway and parking improvement at 117 Henry W. DiBois Drive, New Paltz, New York. Two fire stations served the Village and Town of New Paltz has two fire stations that serve their residents. The primary firehouse, built in early 1950's and located within the village at 25 Plattekill Avenue, is a three-bay facility that currently houses four fire trucks and the swift water rescue boat and trailer. The Village's second firehouse facility, currently designated as a sub-station, is a two-bay facility located on 4.3-acre parcel on Henry W. DuBois Drive.

The Plattekill Avenue facility is undersized and located in a precarious position adjacent to the Village's commercial core. Settled in the 1600's, this area was not designed to accommodate modern vehicular traffic, including delivery trucks and patrons doubled parked due to limited available parking, let alone large fire trucks. Further complicating the traffic situation is the large pedestrian population from the nearby SUNY New Paltz campus.

During Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, the Village core experienced substantial road flooding and storm water run-off as their storm water conveyance system was overwhelmed. These conditions near the Plattekill facility further delayed response times in that they also impeded the ingress of volunteer emergency personnel to the fire station as well as their egress from the facility.

¹ The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, operating under the auspices of New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Housing Trust Fund Corporation, is the Responsible Entity for the administration of the CDBG-DR grants to the State of New York.

The undersigned hereby consents to The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery serving as lead agency for the New Paltz Emergency Operations Center East of the Wallkill River Project, New Paltz.

Agency/Organization: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Permits/Approvals/Comments: _____

Enclosure: Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1
List of Involved and Interested Agencies

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

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

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

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information				
Name of Action or Project: New Paltz Emergency Operations Center East of the Wallkill River				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 117 Henry W. DuBois Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), on behalf of the Town and Village of New Paltz, is proposing to construct a new firehouse facility to replace the existing station located at 117 Henry W. Dubois Drive, New Paltz Ulster County, New York. The new facility will be used as an emergency operations center, command center and staging area by first responders and emergency personnel as may be needed during future disaster events. The station at 117 Henry W. Dubois Drive will be demolished. The existing fire stations are undersized and outdated and one is in an area that frequently floods. During Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, the Village core experienced substantial road flooding and storm water run-off as their storm water conveyance system was overwhelmed and delayed response times by impeding the ingress of volunteer emergency personnel to the fire station as well as their egress from the facility. One of the stations flooded requiring time-consuming repositioning and rearranging of vehicles which contributed to delayed response times for emergency providers.				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Village of New Paltz		Telephone: 845-255-0130 E-Mail: mayor@villageofnewpaltz.org		
Address: 25 Plattekill Avenue				
City/PO: New Paltz		State: New York	Zip Code: 12561	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: CDBG-DR			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		4.50 acres		
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0.33 acres		
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		4.50 acres		
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>SUNY</u>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland				

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____ _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____ _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____ _____	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Tim Rogers Mayor Village of New Paltz</u> Date: <u>5/18/18</u></p> <p>Signature: <u>[Signature]</u></p>		

New Paltz Emergency Operations Center
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