

PART 3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

EVALUATION OF THE MAGNITUDE AND IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT IMPACTS

for

Village of Aurora Water System Source Improvements Project

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A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Village of Aurora is supplied water from the Wells College Water Treatment System. Wells College draws water from an intake located in Cayuga Lake. The college has one existing water storage tank, which is located on the college campus and a second tank (owned by the Village) is located on Sherwood Road. Over the past few decades, the sustainability of the arrangement between Wells College and the Village has been discussed in much detail. Ultimately Wells College decided that they would no longer like to serve as the Village's water supplier, requiring the Village to evaluate its options for an alternative water source that can serve its residents. Water source alternatives that were considered by the Village included a connection to existing water systems in the Town of Springport or the Village of Union Springs, or the development of a new surface water intake from Cayuga Lake. The construction of a new intake in Cayuga Lake was the preferred alternative, as it would provide a long-term solution and allow the Village to maintain control of their water system. The Village has decided to construct a new intake, pump station, and water treatment plant that would be owned and operated by the Village. The project would involve installing an intake in Cayuga Lake at a minimum 100 foot depth. Water would be drawn from the intake by gravity to a wet well and raw water pump station located on shore. The pump station would either be located at Long Point State Park in the Town of Ledyard (Alternative 1), or on the shore of the lake just west of Sherwood Road in the Village of Aurora (Alternative 2). Water would then be pumped from the station to a new water treatment plant that would either be located in Long Point State Park (Alternative 1) or on Sherwood Road (Alternative 2), as shown in the attached Figure 1.

Alternative 1 involves the installation of one new intake in Cayuga Lake (either at a depth of 100 feet or 150 feet), up to 650 linear feet (LF) of intake pipe, a new wet well/pump station and water treatment plant, approximately 750 linear feet of water transmission main from the pump station to the water treatment plant, and approximately 8,500 linear feet of water transmission main from the water treatment plant to the Village of Aurora, where it would connect to existing water main in the vicinity of the WWTP.

Alternative 2 involves the installation of one new intake in Cayuga Lake (either at a depth of 100 feet or 150 feet), up to 6,900 linear feet (LF) of intake pipe, a new wet well/pump station and water treatment plant, approximately 850 linear feet of water transmission main from the pump station to the water treatment plant, and approximately 2,200 linear feet of water transmission main from the water treatment plant to the existing Sherwood Road water storage tank. The proposed improvements are illustrated on Figure 1, attached.

B. COORDINATED REVIEW

The Village of Aurora Village Board declared their intent to act as the lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process on March 17, 2020. Subsequently, Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) and a project location map were sent to the

interested and involved agencies listed in Table 1 on March 19, 2020, to initiate a coordinated review of the proposed action.

Table 1— Interested and Involved Agencies		
Involved Agencies	Interested Agencies	Other Entities Provided Copies of SEQRA Correspondence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Ledyard • Cayuga County Dept. of Health • NYS Department of Environmental Conservation • NYS Dept. of Transportation • NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation • NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation • NYS Dept. of Health • NYS Canal Corporation • NYS Office of General Services • NYS Office of Community Renewal • NYS Dept. of State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Springport • New York State Historic Preservation Office • Cayuga County Soil & Water Authority • Cayuga County Planning & Economic Development • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells College • The Inns of Aurora • K. Teter Consulting • Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

The coordinated review comment period ended on April 20, 2020. A response was received from the NYS Office of Community Renewal (NYSOCR), indicating that they consent to the Village of Aurora assuming the role of lead agency, and clarifying that NYSOCR has not received any applications to date for the project. NYSOCR also emphasized that SEQRA, NEPA (if applicable), and other environmental review processes must be completed before construction or other choice limiting actions are undertaken. A response was also received from Wells College, which indicated their consent with the Village of Aurora assuming the role of lead agency.

A response was received from the Town of Ledyard challenging the Village's role as lead agency. The Town indicated that they should assume the role of lead agency for Alternative 1, which is located within the Town's municipal limits. The Town also noted that the Part 1 form contained numerous discrepancies, but did not comment further on what the errors were. The Village held a phone call with the Town on April 17, 2020 to discuss the project, and the Village elected to submit a request to the NYSDEC Commissioner regarding a lead agency decision in order to keep the project's SEQR review moving forward. The Village submitted a review package to the NYSDEC Commissioner on April 24, 2020 to formally request a lead agency decision. The Village met with the Town Board on April 29, 2020 to discuss the project in further detail and address the Town's concerns. The Town then provided a letter dated April 30, 2020 indicating that the Town Board voted to rescind their lead agency challenge. Finally, the Village sent a letter to the NYSDEC Commissioner on May 5, 2020, explaining that the lead agency dispute had been

resolved. Coordinated review responses are provided in Appendix A. Further coordination with involved agencies will be completed during project design. No other responses were received during the coordinated review process.

C. DETAILED INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO PART 2 OF SEQRA FULL EAF

The following information provides a detailed discussion of the potential impacts identified in Part 2 of the FEA that were listed as small or moderate to large, in support Part 3 of the FEA. The answers in the “No or Small Impact” column on Part 2 of the FEA are further clarified with an “NI” for no impact and “SI” for small impact. This document is organized according to the question numbers in Part 2, and the additional information provided herein summarizes the proposed actions that will be taken in order to minimize and/or mitigate each identified impact.

1. Impacts on Land

1.a. *The proposed action may involve construction on land where the depth to water table is less than 3 feet.*

Based on data available from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (USDA-NRCS) Web Soil Survey, the average depth to the water table in the project area is approximately 2.8 feet below the ground surface. The water table also consists of surface water (Cayuga Lake) for a portion of the project area, where the new water intake will be constructed. The project will involve approximately 3 acres of ground disturbance. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be prepared detailing suitable erosion control measures for the project, and will be followed during construction. Dewatering of excavated areas, if necessary, will be completed in accordance with the SWPPP.

1.b. *The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.*

Approximately 12% of the project area has a slope of 15% or greater. Areas with steep slopes are primarily located along Dublin Hill Rd and along mapped streams in the Village, where no ground disturbance is proposed. It is noted that the entire Village limits (existing water system service area) were included in the SEQRA review area. However, localized areas within the project’s disturbance limits may contain slopes greater than or equal to 15%. A SWPPP will be developed and followed during construction to prevent excess soil erosion in areas with steep slopes.

1.e. *The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.*

The project will be completed under a single phase. However, construction activities are expected to continue for approximately 24 months. The project will involve work at multiple locations, and work may not be continuous due to in-water work timing restrictions or seasonal weather. All impacts related to construction will be temporary, and the project will provide residents with a more reliable source of drinking water.

1.f. *The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).*

The project will involve about 3 acres of ground disturbance. A SWPPP will be prepared detailing suitable erosion control measures for the project, and will be followed during construction. Temporary increases in erosion may occur during construction due to ground disturbance. The project will result in a net increase in impervious area (approximately 0.5 acres), as the proposed pump station, water treatment plant, and any required access roads for these facilities may be constructed on undeveloped land. The SWPPP will address the construction and maintenance of any temporary or permanent stormwater controls required for the project.

2. Impacts on Geological Features

2.a. *Identify the specific land form(s) attached: Cayuga Lake*

According to the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper, Cayuga Lake is considered a unique geological feature. No further details regarding the geologic features of interest in this location were provided by the NYSDEC. Cayuga Lake lies in a U-shaped valley that was carved out by glacial processes. Long Point State Park is located on a spit of land that extends approximately 700 feet west into Cayuga Lake. If Alternative 1 is selected, the project will involve work within Long Point State Park and the adjacent part of Cayuga Lake. The new intake will be installed on the bed of Cayuga Lake, resulting in a permanent impact to this resource. The first section of the intake pipe will likely be directionally drilled beneath the lake bed from the lake shore to a specific depth. The pipe would be pulled from the drill entrance pit into the lake from a barge, where new sections of pipe would be fused and laid on the bottom of the lake bed. The pipe would be anchored to the lake bed at approximately 50-foot intervals. . Excavation on the lake shore and within shallow portions of the lake may be required for intake installation. If excavation is required, pre-construction grades and native substrate will be restored to disturbed portions of the lake bed. The new pump station and water treatment plant would be constructed at Long Point State Park for Alternative 1. Approximately 0.5 acres

of land would be impacted at the Park. The new pump station and water treatment plant will consist of relatively small, 1-story buildings and are not expected to sharply contrast with existing land uses. The pump station will be smaller and therefore easy to screen with landscaping. The water treatment plant would be intentionally located in a discreet area in order to minimize visual impacts.

3. Impacts on Surface Water

3.d. *The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.*

The project area includes Cayuga Lake and multiple mapped tributaries of Cayuga Lake. There are no wetlands mapped within the project area. Wetland field delineations will be conducted during the project's design phase to accurately delineate wetland boundaries (if any unmapped wetlands are present) and streams within the project area. Impacts to waterbodies, wetlands, and streams will be avoided by implementing trenchless water main installation methods, where possible. Temporary disturbances to wetlands and surface waters may result from water main installation, if trenchless installation methods are not feasible. All temporarily disturbed areas will be restored to their pre-construction grades and covertypes once construction is completed. The new intake will be installed on the bed of Cayuga Lake, resulting in a permanent impact to this resource. If subsurface conditions are favorable, the intake pipe may be directionally drilled beneath the lake bed from the lake shore to the intake's emergence point. Excavation on the lake shore and within the lake bed may be required for intake installation. If excavation is required, pre-construction grades and native substrate will be restored to disturbed portions of the lake bed.

In addition, necessary permits will be obtained from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), NYS Office of General Services (NYSOGS), NYS Canals Corporation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and a SWPPP will be prepared detailing suitable erosion control measures for the project. The SWPPP will address the construction and maintenance of any temporary or permanent stormwater controls required for the project. The general and special conditions associated with such permits and plans would be followed during construction to ensure that potential impacts to wetland and water resources are minimized. It is assumed that the new pump station and water treatment plant will be intentionally located outside of wetlands.

3.e. *The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff, or by disturbing bottom sediments.*

The installation of the new water intake pipe is likely to result in localized increases in turbidity in Cayuga Lake. The first section of the intake pipe will likely be directionally drilled beneath the lake bed from the shore to a specific depth within the lake. The pipe would be pulled from the drill entrance pit into the lake using a barge, where new sections of pipe would be fused and laid on the bottom of the lake bed. The pipe would be anchored to the lake bed at approximately 50-foot intervals. Excavation on the lake shore and within shallow portions of the lake may be required for intake pipe installation. If excavation is required, pre-construction grades and native substrate will be restored to disturbed portions of the lake bed.

In addition, in the event that open-cut installation of water transmission main along roadways is required for wetland or stream crossings, temporary increases in turbidity may result from the disturbance of bottom sediments. If wetlands must be open-cut for water main installation, the upper layer of wetland topsoil will be side-cast separately from other spoils and replaced after open-cut water main installation. There are several streams mapped along Lake Road that cross the proposed water main alignment for Alternative 1. If any of these streams need to be open-cut, the stream flow would be temporarily diverted and restored upon completion of open-cut water main installation. Post-construction, all resources temporarily disturbed by water main installation would be restored to their original grades and vegetative cover would be restored. A SWPPP will be developed and followed during construction to prevent erosion-related turbidity increases.

3.f. *The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.*

The project involves the construction of one new water intake in Cayuga Lake to supply the Village of Aurora's existing water distribution system. A water withdrawal permit would be obtained from the NYSDEC. The proposed volume of the new intake (approximately 65,000 gallons per day) is not expected to adversely affect the Lake's water levels or existing recreational uses.

3.h. *The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.*

See responses to 3.d and 3.e, above.

3.i. *The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.*

Temporary increases in turbidity may result within Cayuga Lake and tributaries of Cayuga Lake due to water intake and water transmission main installation. However, no re-designations of the existing water quality classifications of Cayuga Lake (Class AA with AA(T) standards) or its tributaries (Class C with C standards) are anticipated to result from the project.

4. Impacts on Groundwater

4.d. *The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.*

If Alternative 1 is selected, the wastewater from the water treatment plant will likely require a subsurface septic system. Approximately 100 gallons of wastewater per day are expected to be generated, which will include sanitary waste from the new restrooms at the water treatment plant as well as water used during the sampling process. The new septic system may require a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit from the NYSDEC, and would be designed and constructed in accordance with all applicable regulations. If Alternative 2 is selected, wastewater would be conveyed to the Village of Aurora's existing sanitary sewage collection system and treated at the Village's existing wastewater treatment plant.

5. Impacts on Flooding

5.a. *The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.*

The project area is within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped floodway of one Tributary of Cayuga Lake and the 100-year and 500-year floodplains of Cayuga Lake and multiple tributaries of Cayuga Lake. Water main installation may result in temporary disturbances to the 100-year and 500-year floodplain, however, these locations will be restored to their original grades and revegetated post-construction. Both alternative intake locations are within the 100-year and 500-year floodplain of Cayuga Lake. The Alternative 1 pump station is located within the 100-year floodplain of Cayuga Lake, and the Alternative 1 water treatment plant is located in the 500-year floodplain of Cayuga Lake. The Alternative 2 pump station and water treatment plant are not located within a mapped floodplain. No disturbances to designated floodways are anticipated. The project will be designed and constructed in accordance with all local, state, and federal floodplain regulations, which includes the elevation of new structures to make them more resilient to potential flooding

events. A local floodplain development permit may be required from the Village of Aurora and/or Town of Ledyard.

5.b. *The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.*

See response to 5.a, above.

5.c. *The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.*

See response to 5.a, above.

5.d. *The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.*

The new structures and associated access roads (if required) will result in approximately 0.5 acres of new impervious surface. The Alternative 1 pump station is located within the 100-year floodplain of Cayuga Lake, and the Alternative 1 water treatment plant is located in the 500-year floodplain of Cayuga Lake. The Alternative 2 pump station and water treatment plant are not located within a mapped floodplain. The project will be designed and constructed in accordance with all local, state, and federal floodplain regulations. A local floodplain development permit may be required from the Village of Aurora and/or Town of Ledyard. In addition, a SWPPP will be developed and followed during construction to minimize stormwater runoff, which will address the operation and maintenance of temporary stormwater control measures for the project. Impacts to surrounding properties are expected to be minimal.

6. Impacts on Air

No air permits will be needed for the construction or operation of the project. It is noted that there will be an increase in fossil fuel consumption by heavy machinery during the construction period, but this minor and temporary increase in vehicular emissions is not anticipated to have any measurable impact on local air quality.

7. Impacts on Plants and Animals

7.b. *The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.*

The proposed action is likely to have a small impact on the local flora and fauna. All efforts will be made to reduce or eliminate the impact by limiting clearing and following all Federal and State guidelines related to ecological impacts and review processes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) New York Field Office's Information, Planning, and Consultation (IPaC) System was queried to determine whether any federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species are known to inhabit areas within the project area. The USFWS' IPaC System indicated that the project area is within the range of one federally endangered species, the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). The New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) indicated that bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, threatened) and red-headed woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*, special concern) have been documented within 150 yards of the northern end of the Alternative 1 water transmission main on Lake Rd. The NYNHP also indicated that lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*, threatened) have been documented in Cayuga Lake, and that the Lake is a waterfowl winter concentration area. In addition, the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper and New York Nature Explorer databases indicated that the blackchin shiner (*Notropis heterodon*, rare) may be present within the project area.

Minor tree clearing may be required to facilitate construction, which will be limited to the smallest amount necessary. A habitat assessment will be completed during the project's design phase to identify suitable habitat for any state or federally protected species within or adjacent to the project area. Disturbance to such habitats will be minimized to the extent possible.

Appropriate documentation and coordination will be completed to ensure that potential impacts to state and federal listed species are minimized to the extent practicable, which could include adherence to certain timing restrictions to minimize impacts to breeding populations of protected species if suitable habitat is identified within the project area. Any timing restrictions will be coordinated and approved by all applicable parties.

7.d. *The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.*

See response to 7.b, above. All temporarily disturbed areas will be restored to their pre-construction grades and covertypes once construction is completed. If excavation is required in Cayuga Lake, pre-construction grades and native substrate will be restored to disturbed portions of the lake bed.

7.g. *The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project area.*

In general, the predominant species in the project area likely include the white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, raccoon, white-footed mouse, and a number of birds, fish, and invertebrate species. Cayuga Lake is also a winter waterfowl concentration area. The most significant habitat impacts would be associated with tree clearing, if required to facilitate construction. Tree clearing could impact habitat for multiple species, though the amount of tree clearing necessitated by the project is not expected to be significant. In non-forested temporarily disturbed areas, vegetative cover will be re-established through seed application or other plantings, as appropriate.

Appropriate documentation and coordination will be completed to ensure that potential impacts to state and federal listed species are minimized to the extent practicable, which could include adherence to certain timing restrictions to alleviate potential impacts to certain species or groups during important life cycle periods. Any timing restrictions will be coordinated and approved by all applicable parties.

8. Impacts on Agricultural Resources

8.a. *The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.*

According to the USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey, there are multiple mapped soil units classified as prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance within the project area. The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets' soil group classification information is no longer available for review. Active agricultural lands mapped within these soil units comprise about 60 acres in the project area, off of Lake Rd, Dublin Hill Rd, Sherwood Rd, and Poplar Ridge Rd.

Water main installation will generally be completed within the right-of-way of Lake Rd for Alternative 1 and the right-of-way of Sherwood Rd or within the existing water main easement just north of Sherwood Rd for Alternative 2, and is not anticipated to result in an adverse impact to these soil groups. Ground disturbance associated with water main installation will be temporary and will not restrict agricultural activities within, or access to, these mapped productive soil areas. The new pump station and water treatment plant will be located outside of active agricultural land for both alternatives.

8.b. *The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc.).*

Portions of the project area are within Cayuga County Agricultural District No. 5. Water main installation will generally be completed within the right-of-way of Lake Rd for Alternative 1 and the right-of-way of Sherwood Rd or within the

existing water main easement just north of Sherwood Rd for Alternative 2, and is not anticipated to result in an adverse impact to active agricultural properties and properties otherwise included in the Agricultural District. Ground disturbance associated with water main installation will be temporary and will not restrict agricultural activities on adjacent properties. The new pump station and water treatment plant will be located outside of active agricultural land for both alternatives. A Final Notice of Intent will be submitted to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets during the design phase. No adverse impacts to agricultural resources within the Village of Aurora or Town of Ledyard are expected to occur as a result of the project.

8.c. *The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.*

See response to question 8.b, above.

9. Impacts on Aesthetic Resources

9.a. *Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.*

The Alternative 1 pump station and water treatment plant would be constructed within Long Point State Park, on the shore of Cayuga Lake. The Alternative 2 water treatment plant and pump station would be constructed within the Aurora Village-Wells College Historic District. In addition, Main St (State Route 90) is part of the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway. The new water intake will be installed within Cayuga Lake. Construction activities will be visible from the Lake and from nearby roadways, and will be temporary in nature.

Coordination with SHPO is ongoing regarding potential impacts to the historic district and general project impacts associated with both alternatives. Additional information regarding archaeological resources and previous archaeological studies completed in the Village of Aurora was provided by the Village Historian. All recommendations made by SHPO will be followed in order to avoid adverse impacts to historic resources.

The new intake will be constructed in Cayuga Lake. The intake pipe will be buried beneath the lake bed beginning from the shore until it reaches a certain depth, at which point it will lay directly on the lake bed. While temporary disruptions to navigation and other recreational uses of the Lake in the vicinity of the new intake are likely to occur during construction, no permanent impacts to navigation or general use of the Lake are anticipated to occur.

Both the pump station and water treatment plant will consist of relatively small, 1-story buildings. For Alternative 1, both structures are proposed to be constructed in Long Point State Park. It is emphasized that the locations of these

structures are not yet final. Existing structures on the Lake side of the park include a restroom facility, a cabin, and a lighthouse. Both new structures would be designed and constructed in a manner that will minimize visual impacts at the park. The pump station will be smaller and therefore easier to screen with existing or new landscaping at the park. The water treatment plant would be intentionally sited in a discreet area in order to minimize visual impacts.

The NYSOPRHP was contacted regarding the proposed alternative involving Long Point State Park, and indicated that the proposed intake and pump station would likely require an easement agreement and work permit from NYSOPRHP. Siting the new water treatment plant building on the State Park would require the Village to seek more complex formal approvals from NYSOPRHP (and potentially undergo the parkland alienation approval process through the NYS Legislature). The Village will continue to coordinate with the NYSOPRHP regarding work at Long Point State Park, and will ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to construction if Alternative 1 is selected.

9.c. *The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points:*

- i. *Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons)***
- ii. *Year-Round***

The project area includes work within Cayuga Lake as well as Long Point State Park (Alternative 1) and the Aurora Village-Wells College Historic District and Cayuga Lake (Alternative 2). In addition, Main St (State Route 90) is part of the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway. Construction activities will be visible from the Lake and from nearby roadways, and will be temporary in nature. The new pump stations and water treatment plants would be visible year-round. The proposed pump station and water treatment plant will consist of relatively small, 1-story buildings. For Alternative 2, there are already a number of buildings within the viewshed of the proposed pump station and water treatment plant. The new pump station on the lake shore is not expected to alter the view of Cayuga Lake. Permanent visual impacts are expected to be minimal. See response to question 9.a., above for further details.

9.d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is:

i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work

ii. Recreational or tourism based activities

For Alternative 1, construction activities will be visible to people using Cayuga Lake and to those travelling along roadways within the Village, particularly Main St and Sherwood Rd. For Alternative 2, construction activities would be visible within Cayuga Lake, at Long Point State Park, and along Lake Rd. Construction activities will be temporary in nature. Regardless of selected alternative, the new pump station and water treatment plant would be visible year-round. See response to question 9.a., above for further details.

9.f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile, 1/2-3 miles, 3-5 miles, or 5+ miles.

The new pump station and water treatment plant will consist of relatively small, 1-story buildings and are not expected to sharply contrast with existing land uses. For Alternative 1, both structures are proposed to be constructed in Long Point State Park. It is emphasized that the locations of these structures are not yet final. Existing structures on the Lake side of the park include a restroom facility, a cabin, and a lighthouse. Both new structures would be designed and constructed in a manner that will minimize visual impacts at the park. The pump station will be smaller and therefore easier to screen with existing or new landscaping at the park. The water treatment plant would be intentionally sited in a discreet area in order to minimize visual impacts. For Alternative 2, there are already a number of buildings within the viewshed of the proposed pump station and water treatment plant. The new pump station on the lake shore is not expected to alter the view of Cayuga Lake.

10. Impacts on Historic and Archeological Resources

10.a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical 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.

The project area includes the Aurora Village-Wells College Historic District and the Aurora Steam Grist Mill historic building on the shore of Cayuga Lake. In addition, portions of the project area (along Main St and Sherwood Rd in the

Village) are within an archaeologically sensitive area designated by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The project was submitted to SHPO for review through the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) in March 2020. SHPO provided a letter dated March 31, 2020, recommending a Phase 1 archaeological investigation for all ground-disturbing components of the project and requesting elevation drawings of the Alternative 2 pump station and water treatment plant (if this alternative is selected) so that potential impacts to the historic district can be further reviewed. SHPO also mentioned that an underwater archaeological survey may be required. Coordination with SHPO is ongoing. No ground-disturbing work will be completed in the vicinity of the Aurora Steam Grist Mill site. All recommendations made by SHPO to eliminate or reduce adverse impacts to these historic resources will be followed.

- 10.b. *The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.***

See response to 10.a, above.

11. Impacts on Open Space and Recreation

- 11.b. *The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.***

If Alternative 1 is selected, the new water intake, pump station, and water treatment plant would be constructed at Long Point State Park. Portions of the park may be temporarily closed during construction to ensure the safety of the public. The new pump station and water treatment plant would result in two new structures at the park and may convert up to 0.5 acres of state parkland to non-park use. For Alternative 1, both structures are proposed to be constructed in Long Point State Park. It is emphasized that the locations of these structures are not yet final. Existing structures on the Lake side of the park include a restroom facility, a cabin, and a lighthouse. Both new structures would be designed and constructed in a manner that will minimize visual impacts at the park. The pump station will be smaller and therefore easier to screen with existing or new landscaping at the park. The water treatment plant would be intentionally sited in a discreet area in order to minimize visual impacts. The new water main would be installed underground to connect the pump station to the water treatment plant. The final locations of both structures would be approved by NYSOPRHP.

Previous correspondence with NYSOPRHP indicated that the proposed intake and pump station would likely require an easement agreement and work permit

from NYSOPRHP. The construction of the new water treatment plant building on the State Park would likely require more complex formal approvals from NYSOPRHP. The Village will continue to coordinate with the NYSOPRHP regarding work at Long Point State Park, and will ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to construction if Alternative 1 is selected. In addition, construction activities at the park would be completed during the park's off-season in order to minimize disruptions for park visitors. After construction is complete, the park would provide the same recreational opportunities as it does currently. Siting the new water treatment plant building on the State Park would require the Village to seek more complex formal approvals from NYSOPRHP (and potentially undergo the parkland alienation approval process through the NYS Legislature). Further coordination with NYSOPRHP will be completed during the project's preliminary design phase if this alternative is selected.

12. Impacts on Critical Environmental Areas

No impacts to Critical Environmental Areas were identified. There are no Critical Environmental Areas within or near the project area.

13. Impacts on Transportation

13.e. *The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.*

Water main installation will generally be completed within the right-of-way of Lake Rd for Alternative 1 and the right-of-way of Sherwood Rd or within the existing water main easement just north of Sherwood Rd for Alternative 2. Temporary impacts to vehicular and pedestrian traffic will occur during construction within these areas. The new pump station and water treatment plant may require access roads, which would only be used by maintenance personnel and would not contribute to additional vehicular traffic along roadways in the project area. Additional traffic from maintenance personnel may result along park roadways, if existing park roads are used for facility access. The final locations of the pump station, water treatment plant, and access roads for these facilities would be determined during the project's design phase. The locations of all proposed infrastructure would be coordinated and approved by NYS OPRHP, if Alternative 1 is selected. No permanent impacts to the existing roadways and transportation patterns within the Village of Aurora or Town of Ledyard are anticipated.

14. Impacts on Energy

14.e. *Other Impacts: A small increase in energy usage would result from the new pump station and water treatment plant.*

A small increase in energy usage will result from system operations at the selected new pump station and water treatment plant. Both facilities would also likely be equipped with emergency backup generators so that operations can continue during a power outage. An estimate of energy usage is not currently quantifiable as pump sizing will be determined during the design phase of the project. The anticipated minor increase in energy usage is not expected to exceed the capacity of the existing electrical supply. No modifications to the existing electrical utility system in the Village of Aurora or Town of Ledyard are necessary.

15. Impacts on Noise, Odor, and Light

15.a. *The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.*

Ambient noise levels will be exceeded temporarily during construction. Excess noise will be limited to daylight hours to minimize adverse impacts on the community and nearby receptors. Elevated noise conditions will be temporary and are therefore considered to be small impacts.

16. Impacts on Human Health

16.a. *The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed daycare center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.*

Aurora Preschool and Wells College are located in the Project Area. Both facilities are located off of Main St in the Village of Aurora. It is noted that the entire Village was included in the project review area because the whole Village would be served by the new water source. However, no ground-disturbing work is proposed to occur in the vicinity of these facilities. No contaminant exposure or other health hazards are anticipated to be associated with the project near these sensitive receptors. Both receptors will continue to receive drinking water through the water system improvements project being proposed.

16.c. *There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.*

Three spill incidents (1708365, 1501772, and 1503300) occurred within the project area within the last 5 years. Spill 1708365 occurred at 431 Main St in the Village on December 5, 2017 and involved the release of fuel oil. Spill 1501772 occurred at Wells College on May 18, 2018 and involved the release of 20 gallons of an unknown substance. No ground-disturbing work is proposed in the

vicinity of these two past spill locations. Spill 1503300 occurred on June 24, 2015 at 2288 Lake Rd and involved an unknown substance. If Alternative 1 is selected, water main will be installed within the right-of-way of Lake Rd in the vicinity of this property. These three spill records have been closed out by the NYSDEC, meeting cleanup standards. No new contaminant exposure is expected to result from the project.

17. Consistency with Community Plans

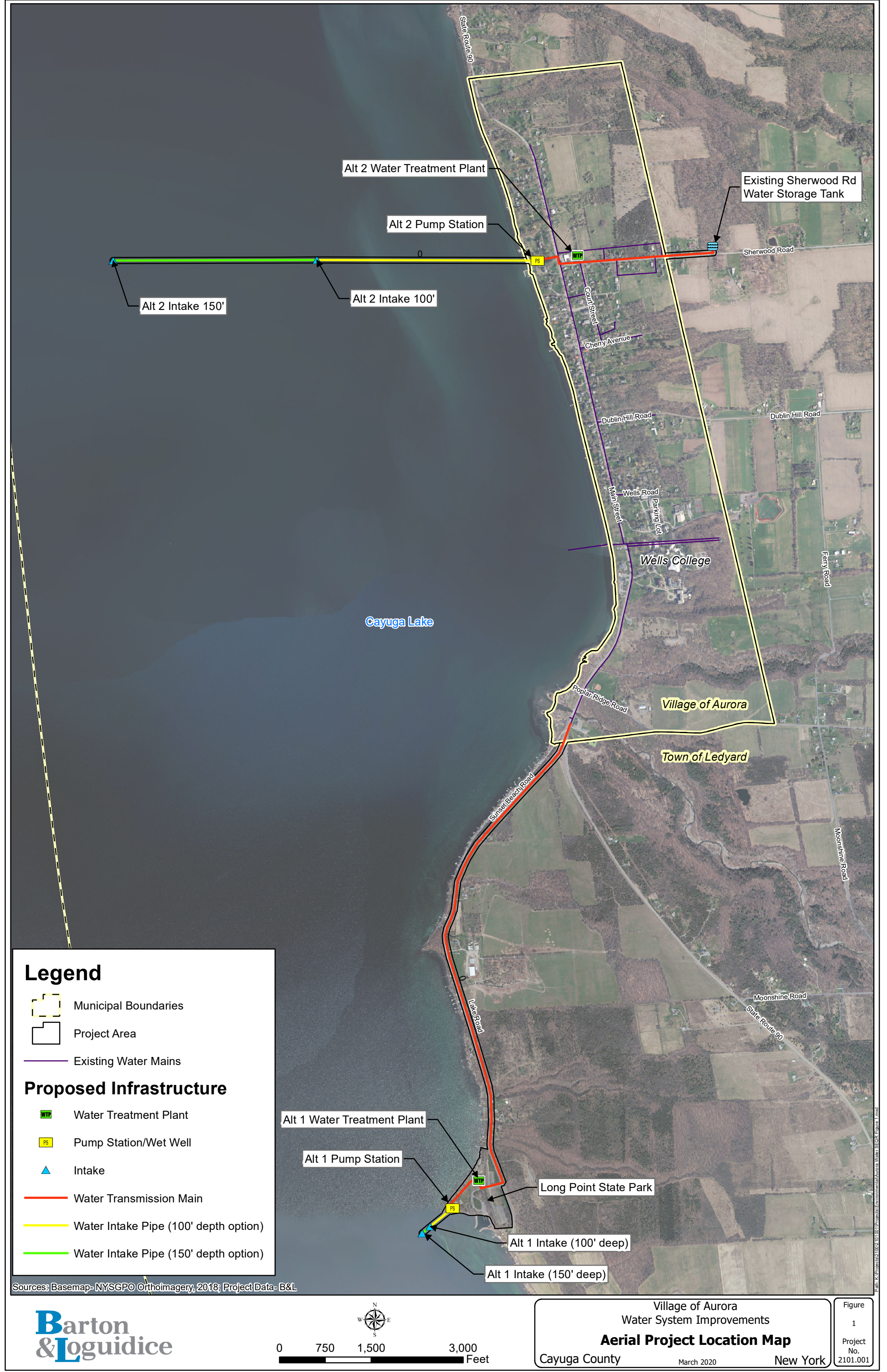
No impacts were identified. The proposed action is consistent with existing Community Plans.

18. Consistency with Community Character

18.d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.

For Alternative 1, the new pump station and water treatment plant are proposed to be constructed in Long Point State Park. It is emphasized that the locations of these structures are not yet final. Existing structures on the Lake side of the park include a restroom facility, a cabin, and a lighthouse. Both new structures would be designed and constructed in a manner that will minimize visual impacts at the park. The pump station will be smaller and therefore easier to screen with existing or new landscaping at the park. The water treatment plant would be intentionally sited in a discreet area in order to minimize visual impacts. For Alternative 2, the new pump station is proposed to be located along the shore of Cayuga Lake within the Village of Aurora, and the new water treatment plant is proposed to be located off of Sherwood Rd. There are already a number of buildings within the viewshed of the Alternative 2 pump station and water treatment plant locations. The new pump station on the lake shore is not expected to alter the view of Cayuga Lake. Both structures would be designed in a manner so that they do not result in sharp contrasts to existing structures throughout the Village. No adverse impacts to the Village of Aurora's existing community character are anticipated to result from the project.

Figure 1



Appendix A

Coordinated Review Responses



ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

Homes and Community Renewal

RUTHANNE VISNAUSKAS
Commissioner/CEO

March 30, 2020

Honorable Bonnie Apgar-Bennett
Village of Aurora
456 Main Street
Aurora, NY 13026

Dear Mayor Apgar-Bennett:

Re: Lead Agency Consent
NYS CDBG Project # N/A

The NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR) consents to the designation of the Village Board as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting a coordinated review of the above-referenced project classified by the Type 1 Action under 6NYCRR617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The NYS Office of Community Renewal requires that all involved agencies be provided with written notice of your determination of significance.

Please be aware, an application for the above-referenced project has not been received by the NYS OCR, no determination has yet been made regarding any award of funding, and no CDBG reimbursable costs may be incurred prior to any potential award of funding. In addition, prior to completion of all environmental review processes including SEQRA, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), flood notice or Coastal Zone Management requirements, as applicable, no choice limiting actions (construction, purchase of property, etc.) may be undertaken regardless of the source of funding.

Sincerely,

Charles Phillion
Program Director
Office of Community Renewal

Grete L. Day

From: Bonnie Bennett <bonnie_apgar_bennett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Kenneth Teter; Christian G. Lawton; Clerk Balloni
Subject: Fw: Water Plant Lead Agency

Hi Guys, just FYI.

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From: Jonathan Gibraltar <jgibraltar@wells.edu>
To: Bonnie Bennett <bonnie_apgar_bennett@yahoo.com>
Cc: John Callahan <callahj@bsk.com>; Carl Sgrecci <csgrecci@wells.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:06:07 PM EDT
Subject: Water Plant Lead Agency

Bonnie:

I received your certified letter and have no issue with the Village of Aurora being the lead agency. In fact, I cannot imagine who else would take the lead if not the Village. Thank you for letting me know and I look forward to your updates regarding progress.

Jonathan Gibraltar,

President

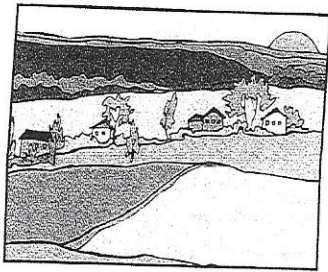
Wells College

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Lead Agency Dispute Documentation



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April 15, 2020

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Basil Seggos, Commissioner
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April 24, 2020

Dear Commissioner Seggos and Involved Agencies,

The Village of Aurora recently initiated the SEQR environmental review process for a new water source improvement project and during the initial 30 day notification period establishing the Lead Agency, the Town of Ledyard contested the Village's Lead Agency designation. We have attempted to resolve the dispute with the Town but to date there has been no change. As a result, and in accordance with Part 617, we are submitting to you a request for a decision to resolve this issue. Enclosed with this letter is a document which attempts to provide you with sufficient information and discussion to enable you to reach your decision based on the criteria prescribed in the regulations. Also included in this mailing (Commissioner only), is a copy of the initial letter and Part 1 of the Full EAF which was circulated to all of the Involved and Interested Agencies. If any of the Involved Agencies want to submit comments to the Commissioner on this issue, they must do so within 10 calendar days after receipt of this submission.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your decision. If there is a need for clarification, please let me know via e-mail or phone (see above), so that we can forward whatever you may need as quickly as possible. Our urgency is driven by our desire to complete the SEQR review and also adopt the needed Bond Resolution so as to submit funding applications in the upcoming round later this spring. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Apgar Bennett
Mayor, Village of Aurora

Cc: All Involved Agencies, w/enc.
T. Blair, Village Attorney, w/enc.
K. Teter and Barton & Loguidice, Village Engineering Consultants, w/enc.

Village of Aurora

Water System Project – Lead Agency Dispute with Ledyard (T)

Request for a DEC Commissioner Lead Agency Decision

Project Name: Village of Aurora Water System Source Improvements Project

Disputing Agencies: Village of Aurora Board of Trustees who is seeking to be the Lead Agency (also the Project Sponsor) versus the Town of Ledyard.

Project Description and Related Information:

The Village of Aurora ("Village") is presently supplied water from the Wells College ("College") Water Treatment System ("WTS") which draws water from an intake located in Cayuga Lake. The college has one existing water storage tank, which is located on the College campus and a second tank (owned by the Village) is located on Sherwood Road. Over the past few decades, the sustainability of the arrangement between Wells College and the Village has been discussed in much detail. Ultimately Wells College decided that it would no longer like to serve as the Village's water supplier and will be getting out of the "water business", requiring the Village to evaluate its options for an alternative water source that can serve its residents, businesses and constituents. In 2018 a comprehensive Preliminary Engineering Report was completed by K. Teter Consulting ("KTC", serving as consulting Engineer to the Village) and engineering consultant Barton & Loguidice Engineers ("B&L"). Water source alternatives that were considered by the Village included a connection to existing water systems in the Town of Springport or the Village of Union Springs, or the development of a new surface water intake from Cayuga Lake.

At this same time, the Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority ("CCWSA") was conducting its own study/assessment of the sewer and water infrastructure for all of Cayuga County in attempting to seek a more equitable and comprehensive approach to these two services rather than the highly fragmented conditions that presently exist. This study was also evaluating safeguards and opportunities to protect all of the users in the central portion of Cayuga County (Auburn and the surrounding towns), in light of the emergence of the Harmful Algae Blooms ("HAB's") in Owasco Lake. The approach on this issue was to consider a redundant source from a different Finger Lake (Cayuga Lake). As a result of frequent meetings and coordination between Aurora and CCWSA, there was also the realization that perhaps the issues facing Aurora and the solutions being sought by Cayuga County could be addressed through one project. This common goal played a significant role in the decision making process for both the Village and CCWSA. Following a Public Information Meeting held by Aurora in early March 2020 and continuing discussions, the construction of a new intake in Cayuga Lake was selected as the preferred alternative at the March 17, 2020 Village Board meeting, at

which time the Village designated itself as the Lead Agency. That decision initiated the coordinated review process and issuance of all the required Lead Agency notifications, correspondence, and completed Full EAF.

The new source improvement project would provide a long-term solution and allow the Village to maintain control of its water system. This choice was also recognized as being the preferred alternative by CCWSA at the conclusion of their assessment report. While Cayuga County continues to develop the details for its project via a Map, Plan and Report engineering study now underway, the Village has decided to construct a new intake, pump station, and water treatment plant (WTP") that would be owned and operated by the Village. The project would involve installing an intake in Cayuga Lake at a minimum 100 foot depth. Water would be drawn from the intake by gravity to a wet well and raw water pump station located on shore. The pump station would either be located at Long Point State Park in the Town of Ledyard (Alternative 1), or on the shore of the lake just west of Sherwood Road in the Village of Aurora (Alternative 2). Water would then be pumped from the station to a new WTP that would either be located in Long Point State Park (Alternative 1) or on Sherwood Road (Alternative 2), as shown in the attached Figure 1.

Alternative 1 involves the installation of one new intake in Cayuga Lake (either at a depth of 100 feet or 150 feet), up to 650 linear feet (LF) of intake pipe, a new wet well/pump station and WTP, approximately 750 linear feet of water transmission main from the pump station to the WTP, and approximately 8,500 linear feet of water transmission main from the WTP to the Village of Aurora, where it would connect to existing water main in the vicinity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant located near the Village's southern boundary line.

Alternative 2 involves the installation of one new intake in Cayuga Lake (either at a depth of 100 feet or 150 feet), up to 6,900 linear feet (LF) of intake pipe, a new wet well/pump station and WTP, approximately 850 linear feet of water transmission main from the pump station to the water treatment plant, and approximately 2,200 linear feet of water transmission main from the water treatment plant to the existing Sherwood Road water storage tank. The proposed improvements are illustrated on Figure 1, attached.

In anticipation of moving forward at the upcoming Village Board meeting on April 29, 2020, an assessment of the potential impacts of the project on the environment has been conducted by the Village's consultants (KTC and B&L) with the completion of Part 2 and Part 3 (which includes significant supporting information), for consideration by the Village Board. This assessment yielded a wide variety of potential impacts but it also incorporated a variety of mitigative measures that will significantly minimize any significant risk to the environment as a result of this project. As is often the case for a project of this nature which is replacing an existing water supply system, most of the impacts are short-term and primarily associated with the construction phase.

Regulatory Setting:

For this project, the Village has already reached out to numerous agencies for input via both the initiation of the SEQR process but also in an attempt to identify what additional tasks may be required (SHPO for instance and the need to conduct a Phase 1A [and possibly 1B] Cultural Resources study). Noted below is both a table indicating the various agencies and parties which were contacted as part of the SEQR process followed by a list which identifies all the anticipated agencies that will have one or more discretionary decisions in conjunction with the project, including the likely type of permit/approval and/or funding being sought.

Table 1— Interested and Involved Agencies		
Involved Agencies	Interested Agencies	Other Entities Provided Copies of SEQRA Correspondence
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town of Ledyard• Cayuga County Dept. of Health• NYS Department of Environmental Conservation• NYS Dept. of Transportation• NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation• NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation• NYS Dept. of Health• NYS Canal Corporation• NYS Office of General Services• NYS Office of Community Renewal• NYS Dept. of State	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town of Springport• New York State Historic Preservation Office• Cayuga County Soil & Water Authority• Cayuga County Planning & Economic Development• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers• U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wells College• The Inns of Aurora• K. Teter Consulting• Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

Agencies Associated with Permits, Approvals and Funding

- Cayuga County Department of Health – Approval of Water Supply Improvements
- NYS Department of Health – Approval of Water Supply Improvements and coordination for funding approvals
- Town of Ledyard – Highway Work Permit for installations within the Town's Lake Road, Building Permit and compliance with the Zoning Law (Alternative 1 only).
- NYSDEC Region 7 – Joint permits and approvals with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for all water related activities including the new intake, creek crossings, etc.

- NYSDOT Region 3 – Highway Work Permit for Route 90 crossings and/or installations within the ROW.
- NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (SRF and WIIA) – Funding source approval.
- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (Region 4) – Easements and work permits for construction in Long Point State Park.
- New York State Office of Community Renewal CDBG) – Funding source approval
- U.S.D.A. Rural Development – Funding source approval
- NYS Canal Corporation – Permit for Use and Occupancy in Cayuga Lake.
- NYS Office of General Services – Permit for State-Owned Lands Under Water
- NYS Department of State – Funding source approval

SEQR Decision Criteria:

The information below will provide a more specific discussion in support of the Village's position that it should retain the Lead Agency designation in this matter. As per the Part 617 regulations, the three criteria which are considered by the Commissioner are enumerated with the information following.

First Criterion: Whether the anticipated impacts of the action being considered are primarily of statewide, regional, or local significance (I'e., if such impacts are of primarily local significance, all other considerations being equal, the local agency involved will be lead agency.

In this regard, it is important to consider each alternative individually. If the Alternative 2 option is selected (located entirely within the Village itself), the Town of Ledyard has no jurisdiction and could not be considered as a potential Lead Agent. The impacts of that decision are primarily local in nature but the project could potentially have more regional impacts due to the possibility that CCWSA would join with the Village in developing the project (as their study recommended), to meet their needs as well. If Alternative 1 is selected, the local impact is on both the Village and the Town of Ledyard. However, as noted above and even more so for this option, this choice has more of a potential regional impact due to the fact that this specific location is the recommended site for the preferred alternative being pursued by Cayuga County at this time. In addition, there are slightly more than 200 separate water service accounts in the Village which equate to more than 425 EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units), whereas there will be no additional services provided within the Town of Ledyard.

Second Criterion: Which agency has the broadest governmental powers to investigate the impacts of the proposed action.

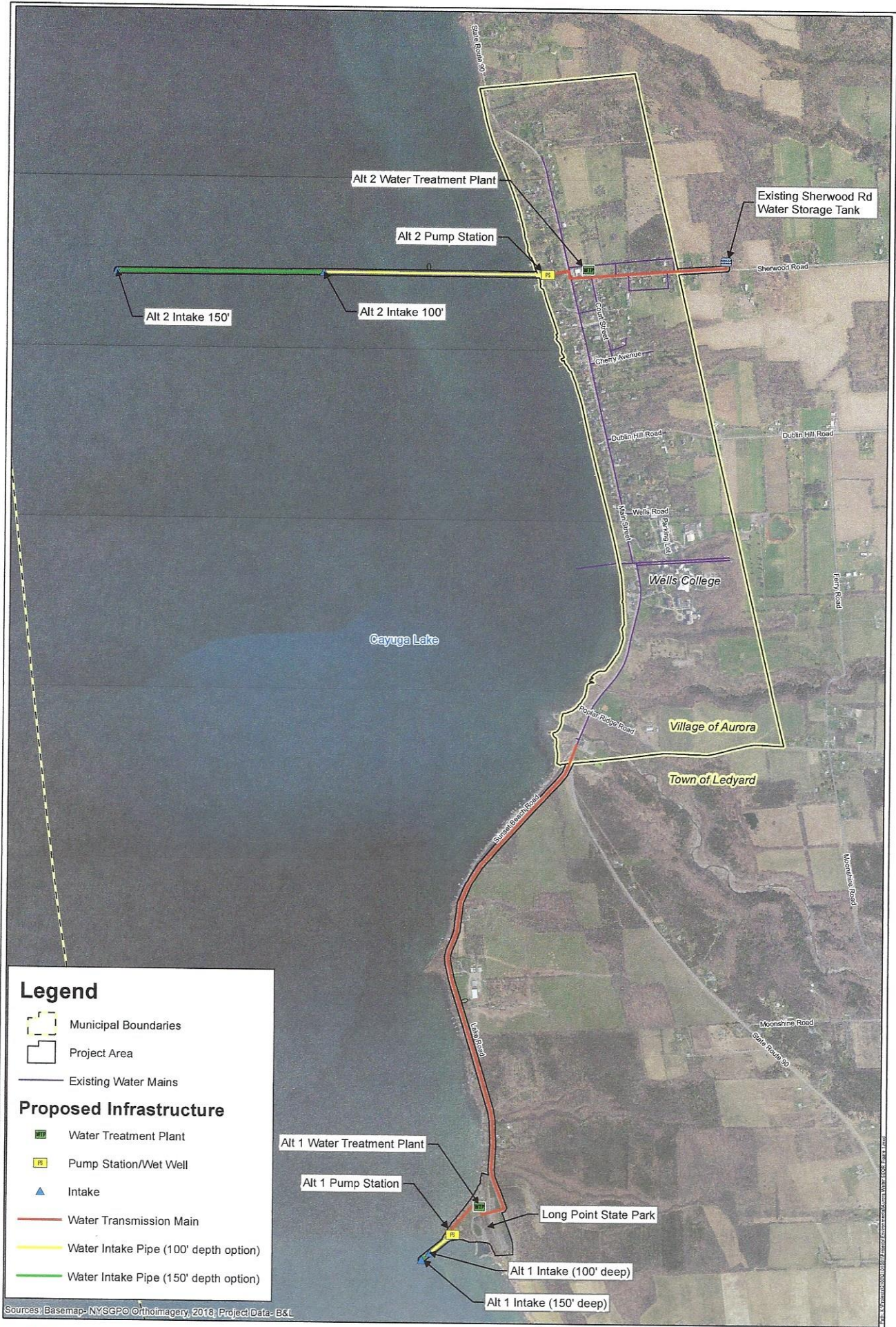
For this criterion, the Village of Aurora has the broadest powers to evaluate the impacts of the project since it is the sole governmental body which is not only sponsoring the project but is also fully responsible to seek out all funding sources, develop the design of the entire project, secure all required permits and approvals, conduct the public works bidding process, fully oversee the construction phase and ultimately own and operate the new system. In fulfilling these roles, the Village will be in the best position to ensure the implementation of any measures necessary to minimize any potential impacts that may come to light. The role and involvement of the Town of Ledyard is exceedingly minimal by comparison.

Third Criterion: Which agency has the greatest capability to provide the most thorough environmental assessment of the proposed action.

The applicability of this criterion is not as definitive as the previous two in that any municipal entity (in this case Aurora and Ledyard) may have the capability to hire consultants to assist them through the environmental review process. At this point in time, however, the Village already has a consultant Village Engineer and a supporting additional consulting engineering firm totally familiar with all aspects of the project, as well as a consulting Village Attorney. This is not the case in the Town of Ledyard. The Village's engineering consultants have prepared all of the required documents, reports and studies to date, have conducted field inspections, attended all key meetings, met with and responded to the public and as a result, have the greatest understanding of what is required in order to conduct a suitable environmental review.

Summary Discussion:

In light of the information provide herein, the Village of Aurora feels strongly that they are the most appropriate and most capable governmental body to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQR review process. If deemed necessary, additional support documentation is available upon request.



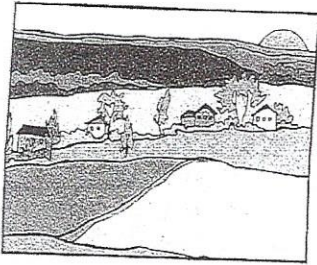
Legend

- Municipal Boundaries
- Project Area
- Existing Water Mains

Proposed Infrastructure

- Water Treatment Plant
- Pump Station/Wet Well
- Intake
- Water Transmission Main
- Water Intake Pipe (100' depth option)
- Water Intake Pipe (150' depth option)

Sources: Basemap: NYSGPO Orthoimagery, 2016; Project Data: B&L



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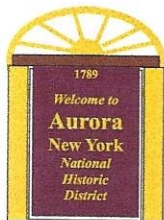
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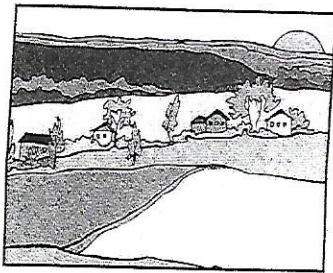
April 20, 2020

Dear Supervisor Jordan,

As discussed in our phone call on Friday, April 17th, the Village has received your letter of April 15th stating your intention to pursue Lead Agency for the Town on the SEQRA review for the proposed Village of Aurora water plant project. In that conversation I made mention of why the Village should serve as the Lead Agency and the problems that will arise from the delay caused by the Town's action of contesting the designation. In light of your comments of not being able to meet with us shortly, we intend to initiate the required request to the NYSDEC Commissioner to make a decision on this matter. If a meeting can be arranged, I am happy to go forward and attend in the interest of resolving the disagreement as soon as possible. I look forward to hearing from you so please let me know when this would be possible.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Apgar Bennett
Mayor, Village of Aurora



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Dear Mrs. Bennett,

The Ledyard Town Board has voted to rescind its previous objection for the Village of Aurora to be the lead agency for the water project taking place in the Town of Ledyard from Long Point State Park to the Village of Aurora.

Sincerely,
Ledyard Town Board

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May 5, 2020

Basil Seggos, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Seggos:

The Village of Aurora has been able to resolve the issues involved in the Town of Ledyard's challenge to our being lead agency on the SEQR for the proposed water system project for the Village. The letter from the Town withdrawing their challenge and ending the dispute is enclosed. Thank you for your consideration of this issue; there is no longer a need for a decision from your office.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Apgar Bennett
Mayor

Encl: letter from Town of Ledyard