

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Negative SEQRA Declaration Ward Plumadore Park

DATE: 7-11-2022

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

BILL # 117-2022

DATE SUBMITTED: 7-7-2022

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED

AMOUNT
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution issuing a negative SEQRA declaration for the construction of improvements at Ward Plumadore Park

MOVED BY: Shapiro SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS	<u>absent</u>
TRUSTEE BRUNETTE	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE CATILLAZ	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SCOLLIN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SHAPIRO	<u>yes</u>

**RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE SEQRA DECLARATION FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT WARD PLUMADORE PARK**

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake (the “Village”) is proposing to implement improvements at Ward Plumadore Park , including new sidewalk along Broadway, a lower level plaza surrounded by seat wall, an upper level plaza with concrete retaining walls, an open grass area between the plazas, site furnishings, site lighting, and landscape areas (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), the Village desires to comply with SEQRA and the Regulations with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Village determined that the proposed Project constituted an “action” that may be subject to SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Village classified the proposed project as a Type I action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees, upon review of a completed Short Environmental Assessment Form and supporting documentation and determines that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and hereby issues a negative declaration for the proposed project.

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.

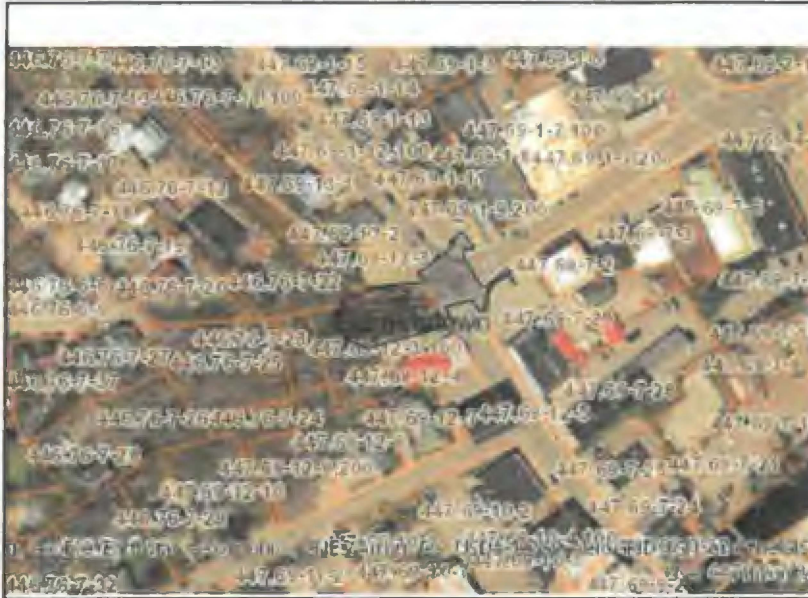
Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information				
Name of Action or Project: Ward Plumadore Park				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Village of Saranac Lake				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Ward Plumadore Park project includes demolishing existing features within the 0.3-acre +/- space including: seat wall height brick retaining walls at the sidewalk, concrete staircase, 270 SF brick plaza, asphalt parking (7-spaces), concrete and cobblestone retaining wall removal, and selective tree and vegetation removal. A portion of the railing on the northern retaining wall will be removed and replaced. The existing asphalt driveway will remain along the south boundary and the existing concrete roadway and retaining wall will remain along the north boundary. The proposed improvements include: replaced concrete sidewalk along Broadway, a lower level unit paver plaza (875 SF) surrounded by seat wall height concrete retaining walls, an upper level unit paver plaza (1,780 SF) with varying height concrete retaining walls, an open grass area between the plazas, site furnishings, site lighting, and landscape areas. A guard rail will be added to the northern retaining wall. The existing crosswalks will be repainted and two planting areas will be improved at the Broadway and Bloomingdale intersection, one at the northeast corner and one at the southeast corner.				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Village of Saranac Lake, Erik Stender, Village Manager		Telephone: 518-891-5140 E-Mail: manager@saranacklakeny.gov		
Address: 39 Main Street				
City/PO: Saranac Lake		State: NY	Zip Code: 12983	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYS DOS Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		0.39 acres		
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0.17 acres		
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		0.59 acres		
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland				

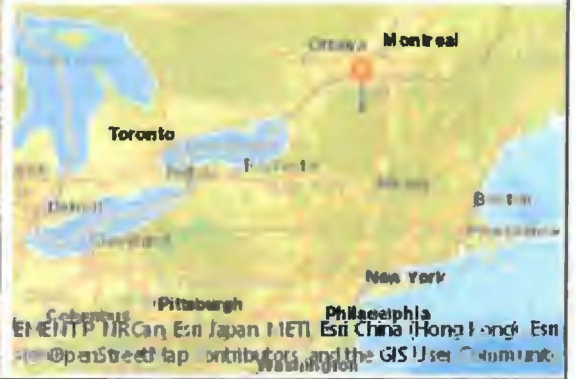
		NO	YES	N/A
5. Is the proposed action,	a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?		NO	YES	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ Does not require water supply.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ Does not require wastewater treatment.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. 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?		NO	YES	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		NO	YES	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____				

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, briefly describe: _____		
All storm water discharge will be generated as runoff from the addition of new non-permeable surfaces. Volume of storm water runoff will be minimal. All anticipated storm water runoff will drain into established municipal storm drains located on Broadway		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Saranac Lofts, Brownfield cleanup site, 1.11 acres, Site Code: C517015		
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Village of Saranac Lake, Erik Stender</u> Date: <u>7/7/22</u>		
Signature: <u></u> Title: <u>Village Manager</u>		

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



- Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area] No
- Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites] Yes
- Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites] No
- Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies] Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
- Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal] No
- Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain] Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
- Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site] No

Project:	DRI-Ward Plumadore
Date:	6/30/22

**Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project: **DRI-Ward Plumadore**

Date: **6/30/22**

**Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
Village of Saranac Lake	
Name of Lead Agency	Date
James M. Williams	Mayor
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)
	<i>James Kontosh</i>

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