

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF AMSTERDAM**

MARCH 19, 2025

SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

SEQR LEAD AGENCY, CLASSIFICATION & DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

WHEREAS, by resolution dated November 20, 2024, the Town of Amsterdam (“Town”) Town Board (“Town Board”) declared its intention to act as Lead Agency for the conduct of the State Environmental Quality Review (“SEQR”) process and to undertake a Coordinated Review for the Sanitary Sewer Extension Project (hereafter, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, each involved agency was notified of the Town’s intent to act as lead agency and provided with Part I of the Long Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”); and

WHEREAS, no other agency has requested in writing to act as lead agency;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby makes the following findings with respect to the Project:

1. All the property and property owners within the proposed district extension are benefited thereby;
2. All the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed district or extension; and
3. The establishment or extension of such district is in the public interest;
4. The Project is an action subject to review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that:

1. The Town Board is the Lead Agency for the environmental review of the Project.
2. The Town Board reaffirms classification of the Project as a Type I Action under SEQR per 6 NYCRR Part 617, and has been treated like a Type I Action for funding purposes.
3. Review of Part II of the Long EAF results in the determination that the Project will not have a significant negative impact on the environment and therefore, a Negative Declaration is hereby adopted along with Parts II and III of the Long EAF as documented in the narrative attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign Part III of the Long EAF indicating thereon that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared and cause the Notice of Determination of Non-Significance attached to be filed as required by law.
5. Filing of this Negative Declaration is hereby ordered in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.11.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the required votes of the Town Board.

Dated: March 19, 2025

Sponsored by:

Seconded by:

ADOPTED- -AYES- -NOES

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

This notice is issued pursuant to part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (SEQR).

The Town of Amsterdam Town Board, as Lead Agency, has determined that the Proposed Action described below will not have a significant impact on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

DATE: March 19, 2025

NAME OF ACTION: Sanitary Sewer Extension to the Harrower Area

LOCATION: 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010

SEQR STATUS: Type I Action

LEAD AGENCY: Town of Amsterdam Town Board

CONTACT PERSON: Thomas Dimezza, Supervisor, 283 Manny's Corners Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The proposed sewer extension in the Harrower Area will include approximately 7,650 liner feet of 8-inch diameter gravity sewer line on Hollywood Road, Midline Road, Pioneer Street and Harrower Lane that will discharge to the City Sewers located on Midline Road that was extended north into the Town to provide service to the High School in 1971. A pump station and 1,250 linear feet of force main will be required here along with a metering manhole.

Another 1,800 liner feet of 8-inch gravity sewer on Crouse Drive and Maple Avenue is proposed that will convey sewage to an existing gravity 10-inch sewer main on Midline Road. This area will discharge to the Town of Amsterdam-owned sewers on Midline Road. No force main, pump stations or metering manholes will be required for the Crouse Drive/Maple Avenue extension area.

Work will take place primarily within previously disturbed areas. The Town of Amsterdam is conducting the sewer district extension process as part of the proposed project. Although the Town has evaluated the improvements designed to serve Crouse Drive, the Town may elect to proceed separately with the Harrower Area improvements, depending up on funding availability. This project will eliminate substandard and failing septic systems in the area which are contributing to environmental pollution in documented low-income areas.

REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:

The Town Board has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) and the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7 and has determined that the Action will not have a significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

- A. As required by §617.7(a)(2), the Town Board has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required because any identified adverse impacts on the environment will not be significant.
- B. As required by §617.7(b), the Town Board has:
 1. Considered the Action as defined in subdivisions 617.2(b) and 617.3(g).
 2. Reviewed the FEAF, the criteria identified in 617.7(c) and other supporting information to identify relevant areas of environmental concern.
 3. Analyzed the identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine whether the Action will have a significant adverse impact.
 4. Set forth herein its written Finding of No Significant Environmental Impact.
- C. The Town Board has compared the impacts reasonably expected to result from the Proposed Action to the criteria listed in 617.7(c)(1) as indicators of significant adverse impacts:
 1. Will the Proposed Action result in a physical change to the Project site?
Small impact. Construction of the project will disturb less than 3 acres of land and work will be completed primarily in areas which have previously been disturbed. Work will be completed under terms of construction permits (if required) to mitigate the potential environmental impacts. A SWPPP will be prepared (if required) to mitigate runoff impacts.
 2. Will there be an impact to any unique or unusual land forms or geologic features found on the site?
No impact. No such land forms exist in the Project Area.
 3. Impacts on Surface Waters:
 - a. Will Proposed Action impact any water body designated as protected? (Under Articles 15, 24, 25 of the Environmental Conservation Law, ECL)?
Small impact. No waterbodies will be disturbed by the proposed Project. Sediment and erosion control will be utilized during construction. Work will be completed under terms of ACOE and NYSDEC permits (if required) to mitigate the potential environmental impacts. A SWPPP will be prepared (if required) to mitigate runoff impacts.
 - b. Will Proposed Action impact any non-protected existing or new body of water?

No impact has been identified.

4. Will Proposed Action impact groundwater quality or quantity?
Small impact. No waterbodies will be disturbed by the proposed Project. Sediment and erosion control will be utilized during construction to ensure that surrounding groundwater is protected to the fullest extent. Work will be completed under terms of ACOE and NYSDEC permits (if required) to mitigate the potential environmental impacts. A SWPPP will be prepared (if required) to mitigate runoff impacts.
5. Will Proposed Action result in development on lands subject to flooding?
Small to moderate impact. Construction will take place on lands near or within the Special Flood Hazard Zone A which runs along the North Chuctanunda Creek. The majority of construction will take place in areas that have previously been disturbed. All new development will be located above the base flood elevation and all applicable permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction.
6. Will Proposed Action impact air quality?
No impact has been identified.
7. Impacts on Plants and Animals:
 - a. Will Proposed Action impact any threatened or endangered species?
No impact has been identified. No species have been identified in the area of potential effect.
 - b. Will Proposed Action substantially impact non-threatened or non-endangered species?
No impact has been identified. No species have been identified in the area of potential effect.
8. Will Proposed Action impact agricultural land resources?
No impact has been identified. No agricultural lands have been identified within the area of potential effect.
9. Will Proposed Action impact aesthetic resources?
No impact has been identified. The Project is within 5 miles of the Mohawk River/Barge Canal and NYS Wildlife Management Units although the project will not be visible from those aesthetic resources.
10. Will Proposed Action impact any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance?
No impact has been identified. The Harrower Mill/Pioneer St. Mill/Pawling Mill is an eligible historic resource located at the eastern end of Pioneer St. The Project would involve installation of underground sanitary sewer conveyances with potential above-ground pump station equipment to be installed about 1,000 feet to the west, along Pioneer St. The Hurricana site is a historic listed resources situated

less than 500' to the west at its nearest to the project area and is separated from the Project site by Bunn Creek and existing wooded vacant land. The Project would result in minimal above-ground changes (i.e., pump station equipment) and, once construction is complete, no substantial alterations to the existing ROWs will be visible. No archaeological resources have been identified within the area of potential effect. The Town has initiated consultation with NY SHPO, and work will be completed under terms of all required permits (if required), including those requiring SHPO review, in accordance with state and federal historic preservation legislation, to mitigate potential impacts.

11. Will proposed Action impact the quantity or quality of existing or future open spaces or recreational opportunities?

No impact has been identified. No such areas have been designated in the Project area.

12. Will Proposed Action impact the exceptional or unique characteristics of a critical environmental area (CEA) established pursuant to subdivision 6NYCRR 617.14(g)?

No impact has been identified. No such areas have been designated in the Project area.

13. Will there be an impact to existing transportation systems?

Small to moderate impact. Heavy equipment will be used during construction which may periodically cause a change in the normal traffic levels. Traffic levels will return to normal once construction is completed. Temporary lane closures and other work zone traffic control measures may be required and result in small impacts to local streets. Work will be completed under terms of highway and roadway work permits (if required) to mitigate potential impacts.

14. Will Proposed Action impact the community's sources of fuel or energy supply?

No impact has been identified. If required, all equipment will employ energy efficient meters and appurtenances. The project will meet all State energy code requirements.

15. Will there be objectionable odors, noise, or outdoor lighting as a result of the Proposed Action?

Small to moderate impact. Heavy equipment will be used during construction which may periodically cause noise and vibration above those usually experienced in the area. Lighting will be installed per Town of Amsterdam building code, if required. Odors caused by failing and substandard septic systems will improve sanitary sewer odors that occur within the area of potential effect.

16. Will Proposed Action impact public health and safety?

No negative impact has been identified. The Project is located in the vicinity of a NYSDEC Remediation Site. Work will be completed under terms of NYSDEC work permits (if required) and will be conducted in accordance with the Site management Plan (SMP) to mitigate potential impacts. Health and safety concerns caused by

failing and substandard septic systems will improve within the area of potential effect as a result of the Project.

17. Will the Proposed Action impact existing community plans.

No adverse impact has been identified. The Project will provide sewer service to an existing developed area consisting of approximately 100 parcels. Any future development in this area would be subject to review in accordance with the Town's zoning and land use plans. The elimination of failing and substandard septic systems will improve the character of the existing community as a result of the Project.

18. Will Proposed Action impact the character of the existing community?

No adverse negative impact has been identified. The Project lies within the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor (a designated NYS Heritage Area) but, as described herein, will result in minimal above-ground infrastructure (sanitary sewer pump station) and no substantial alteration to existing public ROWs. Construction-related activities will be temporary and could have a small impact. The elimination of failing and substandard septic systems will improve the character of the existing community as a result of the Project.

- D. 617.7(c)(2) – For the purpose of determining significant adverse impacts on the environment of those factors listed above, the long-term, short-term, direct, indirect and cumulative impacts, including simultaneous or subsequent actions, to the extent reasonable, as included in any long-range plan for the Action, any action that is a result of the reviewed Action or is dependent on the Action were reviewed.
- E. 617.7(c)(3) – The significance of any likely consequences was assessed in connection with the setting of the Action, the likelihood of occurrence, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope, magnitude and the number of people affected as a consequence of the Action.

Based on this review, the Town of Amsterdam Town Board has determined that no significant adverse environmental impacts would result from this Action.