

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

See attached narrative document/addendum

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: Type 1 Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the County of Sullivan _____ as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: Sullivan County Emergency Communications New Tower Facility - Jeffersonville Tower

Name of Lead Agency: County of Sullivan

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Alex Rau

Title of Responsible Officer: Deputy Commissioner 911 & EMS; Sullivan County Division of Public Safety

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

PART 3 – DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (Addendum to Part 3 EAF)

Project: “Jeffersonville Public Safety Tower”

Date: 6/10/2026

Reasons Supporting This Determination

The Lead Agency has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form, project plans, supporting documentation, and comments received regarding the proposed Sullivan County Public Safety Unmanned Wireless Communications Facility. The proposed action consists of construction of an unmanned public safety telecommunications facility including a 195-foot self-supporting tower (199 feet including lightning rod), six antennas, associated ground equipment within a fenced compound, utility connections, and a gravel access drive. Construction activities will disturb approximately 0.68 acres of a 7-acre parcel and are anticipated to occur over a period of approximately two months.

Land Resources

The proposed action will involve limited site disturbance associated with installation of the tower foundation, equipment compound, utilities, and access improvements. Review of the Environmental Assessment Form indicates that the project will not involve construction on steep slopes, shallow groundwater areas, exposed bedrock, coastal erosion hazard areas, or other sensitive landforms. The project will not require significant excavation, blasting, or long-term phased construction. Any temporary construction-related impacts will be minimized through implementation of erosion and sediment control measures and restoration of disturbed areas. Accordingly, impacts to land resources will be minor in magnitude, temporary in duration, and will not result in significant adverse environmental effects.

Surface Water, Groundwater, and Flooding

The proposed action will not create or alter any waterbody, wetland, stream, shoreline, or floodplain resource. The project does not require a public water supply, private well, wastewater treatment system, or wastewater discharge. No impacts to groundwater resources, surface waters, drainage patterns, or flood hazard areas have been identified. The project's limited disturbance area and compliance with stormwater management requirements will ensure that water quality impacts remain minimal and temporary during construction.

Air Quality and Noise

The project does not involve industrial processes, significant stationary emission sources, or activities requiring state or federal air permits. Temporary emissions associated with construction equipment will be limited in duration and typical of small-scale construction projects. Operational noise is expected to be negligible because the facility will be unmanned and will contain only communications equipment and associated infrastructure. Any emergency backup generator will operate only periodically for maintenance and emergency situations. Consequently, air quality and noise impacts will be small and not significant.

Plants and Animals

Although the project involves limited vegetation disturbance, the Environmental Assessment Form identified no moderate-to-large impacts to plant or animal resources. The project site does not contain known habitats for threatened or endangered species, species of special concern, significant natural communities, or National Natural Landmarks. The scale of disturbance is limited and will not substantially affect wildlife habitat, ecological functions, breeding areas, or migration corridors. Therefore, impacts to biological resources will be minor and not significant.

Agricultural Resources

The proposed action will not result in significant impacts to agricultural resources. The project does not involve subdivision, residential development, or land use changes that would increase development

pressure on agricultural lands. The limited footprint of the facility minimizes conversion of land and avoids significant interference with agricultural operations.

Aesthetic Resources and Community Character

The telecommunications tower will be visible from portions of the surrounding area; however, review of the Environmental Assessment Form determined that the project will not adversely affect any officially designated scenic resource, scenic vista, historic landscape, or publicly recognized aesthetic resource. The facility is designed as a utility and public safety infrastructure improvement and occupies a relatively small footprint. Existing vegetation, topography, setbacks, and site design reduce visual impacts where feasible. The project is consistent with the existing pattern of utility and public service infrastructure and will not result in a significant adverse change to community character.

Historic and Archaeological Resources

The project site is not located within or adjacent to any known historic district, listed historic property, or archaeologically sensitive area. Required consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office will ensure that any potential cultural resource concerns are appropriately addressed. No significant adverse impacts to historic or archaeological resources are anticipated.

Transportation and Public Services

Construction traffic will be temporary, limited in duration, and well within the capacity of local roadways. Once operational, the facility will be unmanned and will generate only occasional maintenance traffic. The project will not create demand for schools, water systems, sewer systems, or other municipal infrastructure. Conversely, the project will provide a public benefit by enhancing emergency communications capabilities and public safety services within Sullivan County.

Human Health

The project will not generate hazardous waste streams, wastewater discharges, air emissions requiring permits, or other sources of contamination that would adversely affect public health. The facility will be constructed and operated in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations governing telecommunications facilities, electrical systems, and public safety communications infrastructure. No significant adverse impacts to human health have been identified.

Conclusion

After considering the magnitude, duration, geographic scope, and likelihood of all identified impacts, the Lead Agency finds that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Potential impacts are limited in scale, largely temporary during construction, and adequately minimized through project design, regulatory compliance, and standard construction practices. No moderate-to-large impacts were identified in the Environmental Assessment Form, and the project will provide important public safety and emergency communications benefits to the community.

For these reasons, the Lead Agency determines that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement is not required. A Negative Declaration is therefore issued pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).