

RESOLUTION OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DETERMINING THAT
ACTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
RELATING TO A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
TRUSTEES OF HAMILTON COLLEGE WILL NOT HAVE A
SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, The Trustees of Hamilton College (the "College") have requested the Oneida County Local Development Corporation (the "LDC") to assist with a project consisting of design, construction and equipping of an approximately 37,000 square foot academic building known as the Innovation Center (the "New Facility") on the College's campus at 198 College Hill Road in the Town of Kirkland, New York (the "Campus"), as well as improvement of various facilities throughout the Campus, including renovation of Burke Library; renovation of Sage Hockey Rink; energy saving improvements and equipment at various College buildings; replacement of Beinecke Pedestrian Bridge; Bundy Residence Hall improvements including building renovation and parking; renovation of 3989 Campus Road for student housing; Landscape Master Plan projects; Bristol Center upgrades; and renovation of Benedict Hall, all located on the Campus; payment of design costs for new student residences and dining complex on the Campus; as well as the refinancing of existing LDC Revenue Bonds and the payment of costs incidental to the issuance of the Bonds; among other activities (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations"), the LDC desires to determine whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" (as said quoted term is defined in the SEQR Act and the Regulations) and therefore require the preparation of an environmental impact statement; and

WHEREAS, to aid the LDC in determining whether the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, the LDC has reviewed documentation including a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") dated July 2024 prepared by the College, which is on file at the office of the LDC, and such other documentation as the LDC has deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the College engaged in consultation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation which determined that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by the New Facility, and no other aspects of the Project are anticipated to have any such impact; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, the LDC has examined such documentation in order to make a determination as to the potential environmental significance of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based on an examination of the Application, the documentation referenced above, including the EAF, and based further upon the LDC's knowledge of the area surrounding the Campus and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the LDC has deemed appropriate, the LDC makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

- (A) The Project is as described in the Application;
- (B) The Project constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as defined in the Regulations);
- (C) No potentially significant impacts on the environment are noted in the documents pertaining to the Project, including the EAF, and none are known to the LDC;
- (D) The Project will not result in (i) substantial adverse change in existing air quality (including greenhouse gases); ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems; (ii) the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; substantial interference with the movement of a resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; impacts on a significant habitat area; substantial adverse impacts on threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; or (iii) other significant adverse impacts to natural resources;
- (E) The Project will not affect a critical environmental area as designated pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.14(g);
- (F) The Project will not conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted;
- (G) The Project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character;
- (H) The Project will not result in a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy;
- (I) The Project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health;

(J) The Project will not result in a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including architectural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses;

(K) The Project will not result in encouraging or attracting of a large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action;

(L) The Project will not result in the creation of a material demand for other actions that would result in one or more of the above consequences;

(M) The Project will not result in changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment; and

(N) The Project will not result in two or more related actions undertaken, funded or approved by an agency, none of which has or would have a significant impact on the environment, but when considered cumulatively would meet one or more of the criteria in 6 NYCRR Section 617.7(c).

Section 2. The LDC hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment and the LDC will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project. The LDC has prepared a negative declaration with respect to the Project which describes the basis for its decision that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the LDC is hereby directed to file in the LDC's records the negative declaration with respect to the Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ONEIDA)

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Oneida County Local Development Corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution of the Oneida County Local Development Corporation (the "LDC") with the original thereof on file in the office of the LDC, and the same is a true and correct copy of such resolution and of the proceedings of the LDC in connection with such matter.

Such resolution was passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the LDC duly convened in public session on September 5, 2024, at 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, New York at which the following members were:

Members: S. Zogby, D. Grow, T. Reed, F. Armstrong, K. Martin (virtual), A. Lewis (virtual), and J. Genovese (virtual)

Staff Present: S. Papale, T. Fitzgerald, L. Cohen, M. Kaucher, C. Mercurio, M. Carney, M. Barraco

Others Present: L Romano and L. Ruberto (BSK), M. Levitt and J. Pepinelli (Levitt & Gordon)

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Voting Aye

S. Zogby
D. Grow
T. Reed
F. Armstrong
K. Martin
A. Lewis
J. Genovese

Voting Nay

and, therefore, the resolution was declared duly adopted.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all directors of the LDC had due notice of said meeting, (ii) pursuant to Sections 103a and 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Sections 103a and 104, (iii) the meeting in all respects was duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as of the 5th day of September 2024.



Tim Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary