

**State Environmental Quality Review  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

**Project Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Fulton City Council, as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant environmental impact and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:** Fulton BOA Nomination Study

**SEQRA Status:**      Type 1  
                           Unlisted

**Conditioned Negative Declaration:**    Yes  
    No

**Description of Action:**

The proposed action is a BOA Nomination Study (Study) for the City of Fulton. The city developed a strategic vision that weaves together the changing economic conditions, the importance of preserving existing infrastructure, housing and open space, and the needs and desires of a diverse population. This BOA Nomination Study incorporates public input gathered throughout the planning process.

The Fulton City Council, as lead agency, determined at a public hearing on **XXX, 2010** that the Study will not have significant adverse environmental impact. The Study presents an overview of existing conditions for 21 potential brownfield sites in the BOA Study Area, and establishes a set of goals and recommendations for revitalizing and rehabilitating these sites.

**Location:**

The proposed action is located in the City of Fulton, with the study area known as the BOA and as defined by the Oswego River on the west, municipal boundaries to the south and southeast, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and NYS Rt 176 to the east, and bending back west towards the River running parallel to Van Buren Street to the City line in the north. The City is located in Oswego County, New York, which is located in central New York State. A map is provided in the BOA Nomination Study showing the study areal.

## **Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

(See 617.7(a)-(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for Conditioned Negative Declaration)

The City of Fulton has developed a BOA Nomination Study to serve as a planning policy document to guide the redevelopment of brownfields in the City. The planning policy document presents an inventory and analysis of existing vacant, underutilized and/or contaminated sites in the BOA study area, market analysis and research, and a strategic vision to redevelop the study area, and the individual sites while preserving, protecting and enhancing the BOA's resources and five neighborhoods.

The adoption and implementation of the BOA Nomination Study will serve to protect the environment, water quality and the public health, safety and welfare by allowing the City to sustainably reclaim and reuse the underutilized sites and redevelop them via future public and private development opportunities. Despite providing recommendations for redevelopment, the Study does not authorize the undertaking of any construction projects.

The adoption and implementation of the BOA Nomination Study is an action that does not cause a physical change in the environment. In accordance with the SEQR requirements, the Fulton City Council has reviewed Part 1 and 2 of the Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF) and determined that the BOA Nomination Study will not have a significant effect on the environment. The BOA Nomination Study will encourage greater protection of natural, historical and cultural resources while encouraging the preservation and enhancement of the BOA's neighborhoods, existing commercial districts, natural resources, open space and parkland, historic character, pedestrian amenities, transportation needs, and community facilities and services.

The Fulton City Council has compared the proposed action with the Criteria for Determining Significance in 6 NYCRR 617.7 (c) and determined that no significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed action have been identified, specifically:

- There are no new dwelling units proposed as a direct result of the proposed action.
- The proposed action is not expected to have significant adverse effects on local air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, or traffic or noise levels.
- The proposed action will not cause a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in the potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems.
- The proposed action will not result in the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, and is not expected to substantially interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species.
- No disturbance to or substantial adverse effect on any identified significant habitat areas, threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, the habitat of such species, or other natural resources has been identified.
- The proposed action will not result in the impairment or the environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area.
- The proposed action is not in material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
- The proposed activity will not impair the character or quality of important historical, archaeological, or aesthetic resources or the existing community or neighborhood character. There is no anticipated significant adverse effect on local community services such as police and fire protection, or recreational and educational facilities.
- The proposed action will not result in a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.

- The proposed action will not create a hazard to human health.
- The proposed activity will not result in a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land devoted to agricultural, open space, or recreational use. The proposed action will result in the protection of greenfields by redeveloping brownfields.
- The proposed action will not encourage or attract large numbers 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.
- The proposed action will not result in the direct creation of material demand for other actions that would result in one of the above consequences.
- The proposed action 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.
- When analyzed with two or more related actions, the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment and when considered cumulatively will not meet one or more of the criteria under 6 NYCRR 617.7.
- The Fulton City Council has considered all reasonably related long-term, short-term, direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects associated with the proposed action including other simultaneous or subsequent actions.

**If Conditioned Negative Declaration provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed and identify comment period (not less than 30 days from date of publication in the ENB)**

**For Further Information:**

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**A Copy of this Notice has been sent to the following:**

**Involved Agencies:** None

**Applicant:** City of Fulton

**Environmental Notice Bulletin:** 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750