

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 1 - Project and Setting

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. 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; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either “Yes” or “No”. If the answer to the initial question is “Yes”, complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is “No”, proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: Triangle Area at Airport Business Park Development Plan at the Griffiss International Airport		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Site 1: Griffiss International Airport, City of Rome, Oneida County (Figure 1); Site 2: Former Mohawk Valley Golf Course (Figure 1); Site 3: Upland Sandpiper mitigation site (Figure 2)		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): See Attachment 1		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Oneida County	Telephone: 315-798-5700	
	E-Mail:	
Address: 800 Park Ave		
City/PO:	State: NY	Zip Code: 13501
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Ed Arcuri, Commissioner of Aviation	Telephone: 315-736-4171	
	E-Mail: earcuri@ocgov.net	
Address: Ed Arcuri, Commissioner of Aviation		
City/PO: Rome	State: NY	Zip Code: 13441
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):	Telephone:	
	E-Mail:	
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. (“Funding” includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)

Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Counsel, Town Board, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	City of Rome Planning Board	
c. City, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	City of Rome Planning Board	
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Oneida County	
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NYSDEC, NYSDOT, NYSHPO, NYSDOH	
h. Federal agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	FAA, EPA, US Air Force	
i. Coastal Resources.		
i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.

Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If Yes, complete sections C, F and G.
- If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1

C.2. Adopted land use plans.

a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

Site 1: Remediation Sites: 633006, NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor

Sites 2 & 3: NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor

c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?

Griffiss Business Redevelopment District

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? Griffiss Business - Flex Industrial

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? Sites 1 & 2: Rome City School District; Site 3: Whitesboro Central School District

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?

Sites 1 & 2: City of Rome Police Department; Site 3: Whitestown Police Department

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?

Sites 1 & 2: City of Rome Fire Department; Site 3: Whitesboro Fire Department

d. What parks serve the project site?

Sites 1 & 2: Fort Stanwix, Griffiss International Sculpture Garden, and Mohawk River Trail; Site 3: None

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)? Site 1: Commercial / industrial; Site 2: rezoning; Site 3: Upland Sandpiper mitigation area

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 634 acres

b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 216 acres

c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 587 acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? ☐ Yes ☒ No

i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % Units:

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes,

i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)

ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iii. Number of lots proposed?

iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum Maximum

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? ☒ Yes ☐ No

i. If No, anticipated period of construction: months

ii. If Yes:

- Total number of phases anticipated

8

- Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition)

01

month 2025 year

- Anticipated completion date of final phase

09

month 2035 year

- Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases:

Site 1: Phase 1 includes installation of duct banks and utilities (sewer, water, electric, gas, telecommunications), Phase 2 includes construction of traffic roundabout and site access road, Phases 3-8 include on-site construction of buildings with associated roads, auto parking, utilities, and landscaping; Site 2 no construction activities;

Site 3 includes grading and removing trees and converting areas to mowed grassed areas to create Upland Sandpiper habitat

f. Does the project include new residential uses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.				
	<u>One Family</u>	<u>Two Family</u>	<u>Three Family</u>	<u>Multiple Family (four or more)</u>
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion	_____	_____	_____	_____
of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes,	
<i>i.</i> Total number of structures <u>11</u> on Site 1 only, no structures on Sites 2 and 3	
<i>ii.</i> Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: <u>110</u> ft height; <u>800</u> ft width; and <u>1,250</u> ft length	
<i>iii.</i> Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: <u>1,912,300</u> square feet	

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes,	
<i>i.</i> Purpose of the impoundment: _____	
<i>ii.</i> If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground water <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water streams <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify: _____	
<i>iii.</i> If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. _____	
<i>iv.</i> Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres	
<i>v.</i> Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length	
<i>vi.</i> Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete): _____	

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes:	
<i>i.</i> What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____	
<i>ii.</i> How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____ • Over what duration of time? _____ 	
<i>iii.</i> Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them. _____	
<i>iv.</i> Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, describe. _____	
<i>v.</i> What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres	
<i>vi.</i> What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres	
<i>vii.</i> What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet	
<i>viii.</i> Will the excavation require blasting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>ix.</i> Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____	

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes:	
<i>i.</i> Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): <u>Site 3: one federally designated forested wetland (PFO1E) (Figure 6)</u>	

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:
Site 3 involves converting 1.7 acres of federally designated forested wetland (PFO1E) to scrub shrub wetland to support creation of new Upland Sandpiper habitat

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe: _____

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: _____
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: _____
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): _____
- proposed method of plant removal: _____
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): _____

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: _____

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: **Site 1 only**

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: _____ 88,000 gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: City of Rome, PWS ID: NY3202405
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Do existing lines serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☒ No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____
a new 12" water main loop will tie into existing 8" water main and extend north along Perimeter Rd. to Site 1
- Source(s) of supply for the district: City of Rome

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: _____

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: _____

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: _____ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: **Site 1 only**

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: _____ 88,000 gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): _____

Combination of domestic wastewater and industrial/commercial wastewater consistent with small manufacturing and R&D development for Site 1 only

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: City of Rome Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Name of district: City of Rome
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? • Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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new 8" diameter sanitary sewer main will tie into existing sewer manhole and run north along Perimeter Rd. to Site 1

<p>iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site?</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____ • Date application submitted or anticipated: _____ • What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____ <p>v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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<p>e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction?</p> <p>If Yes: Sites 1 & 3 only</p> <p>i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?</p> <p>_____ Square feet or <u>68.03</u> acres (impervious surface) Sites 1 only</p> <p>_____ Square feet or <u>286</u> acres (parcel size) Sites 1 only</p> <p>ii. Describe types of new point sources. Site 1: New point sources include collection from access roads, roadway improvements (traffic roundabout, realignment of Perimeter Rd.), automobile parkings areas, aircraft parking apron, and new buildings.</p> <p>iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>• If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands:</p> <p><small>Site 1: Stormwater runoff from the newly created impervious areas will be contained on-site through the construction of stormwater management infrastructure (i.e., stormwater drainage basins, dry swales, and installation of new drainage pipes); Site 3: removal of 80.08 acres of trees and associated grading to create grassland for Upland Sandpiper habitat may alter stormwater runoff temporarily. Existing natural drainage patterns will be maintained into Oriskany Creek and Deans Creek.</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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<p>iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater?</p> <p>f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations?</p> <p>If Yes, identify: Site 1 only</p> <p>i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)</p> <p>Increase in passenger vehicles from employee travel and delivery trucks.</p> <p>ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)</p> <p>Compressors, generators, and pumps</p> <p>iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)</p> <p>process emissions from manufacturing facilities and stationary source emissions from the combustion of natural gas to heat the buildings</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<p>g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit?</p> <p>If Yes: Site 1 only</p> <p>i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year)</p> <p>ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydroflouorocarbons (HFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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<p>h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____</p> <p>ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____</p>			
<p>i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): _____</p>			
<p>j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes: Site 1 only</p> <p>i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.</p> <p>ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): _____ 270 trucks per day on Perimeter Rd, 537 trucks per day on NYS Route 825/day all semi trailers</p> <p>iii. Parking spaces: Existing <u>0</u> Proposed <u>1,528</u> Net increase/decrease <u>100%</u></p> <p>iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: <u>A traffic roundabout will be installed at the intersection of Perimeter Rd. and NYS Route 825. Perimeter Rd. will be realigned. new access roads on site</u></p> <p>vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
<p>k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes: Site 1 only</p> <p>i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____ 50 MW</p> <p>ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): <u>GUSC Energy Inc. (Biomass energy facility/ Natural gas - fired steam plant)</u></p> <p>iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
<p>l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>i. During Construction: Sites 1 and 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: <u>7 AM - 7 PM</u> • Saturday: <u>7 AM - 7 PM</u> • Sunday: <u>7 AM - 7 PM</u> • Holidays: _____ </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>ii. During Operations: Site 1 only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: <u>8 AM - 5 PM +3 shift production</u> • Saturday: <u>3 shift production</u> • Sunday: <u>3 shift production</u> • Holidays: _____ </td> </tr> </table>		<p>i. During Construction: Sites 1 and 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: <u>7 AM - 7 PM</u> • Saturday: <u>7 AM - 7 PM</u> • Sunday: <u>7 AM - 7 PM</u> • Holidays: _____ 	<p>ii. During Operations: Site 1 only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday: <u>8 AM - 5 PM +3 shift production</u> • Saturday: <u>3 shift production</u> • Sunday: <u>3 shift production</u> • Holidays: _____
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<p>m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:</p> <p><small>Site 1: Temporary construction noise from trucks / heavy equipment for site clearing/grading and site development activities will return to existing conditions upon completion of construction. Noise barrier will be constructed to address traffic noise to 4 residences along Rt 825. Operational noise not expected to exceed existing ambient noise since within airport site. Site 3: Temporary construction noise from trucks/heavy equipment for site clearing/grading to create grassed areas for Upland Sandpiper habitat will return to existing conditions upon completion of construction.</small></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Describe: Site 1: 17.5 acres of trees and 340 individual trees will be removed. Existing tree screens / tree replanting along access roads will maintain screens between residential houses and the Proposed Project. A noise barrier will address traffic noise to 4 residences along Rt 825; Site 3: 80.08 acres of trees will be removed to create Upland Sandpiper habitat. There are no nearby residences these trees act as a noise barrier or screen for.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes: Site 1 only</p> <p>i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:</p> <p><u>Anticipated lighting consists of exterior wall-mounted flood lights for loading dock areas, 30-foot pole-mounted area lighting with 1-4 fixtures in parking lots, and pole-mounted lighting along access roads. Flood lights will be aimed in a downward direction and hoods will be placed on pole mounted lighting.</u></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Describe: <u>Tree screens remain in place between residences and Site 1 development</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Product(s) to be stored _____</p> <p>ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)</p> <p>iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe proposed treatment(s): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time) • Operation : _____ tons per _____ (unit of time) <p>ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ • Operation: _____ <p>iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ • Operation: _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): _____

ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:

- _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: _____

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: _____

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: _____

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: _____

E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site

a. Existing land uses.

i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.

☒ Urban ☒ Industrial ☒ Commercial ☒ Residential (suburban) ☐ Rural (non-farm)

☒ Forest ☒ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☒ Other (specify): Griffiss International Airport, previous golf course

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:

Site 1: Airport located at former Air Force base, aeronautical uses; Site 2: former golf course; Site 3: forest, agriculture, undeveloped

b. Land uses and coverytypes on the project site.

Land use or Coverytype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	34.04	129	+94.96
• Forested	106	8.5	-97.5
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	290	292.54	-3.96
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	40	40	0
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	1.37 - Streams	1.37 - Streams	0
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	2.09	2.09	0
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)			
• Other Describe: <u>golf course</u>	160.5	160.5	0

<p>c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? <i>i. If Yes: explain:</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p><small>Sites 2 is currently the Mohawk Glen Golf Course, Oneida County has executed a purchase agreement with the owner, and is in the process of closing on the purchase. Closing is expected by the end of January, and the County will cease use of the parcel as a golf course upon transfer of title.</small></p>	
<p>d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site?</p> <p>If Yes,</p> <p><i>i. Identify Facilities:</i></p> <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>e. Does the project site contain an existing dam?</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p><i>i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam height: _____ feet • Dam length: _____ feet • Surface area: _____ acres • Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet <p><i>ii. Dam's existing hazard classification:</i> _____</p> <p><i>iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:</i></p> <hr/> <hr/>	
<p>f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p><i>i. Has the facility been formally closed?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____ <p><i>ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities:</i> _____</p> <hr/>	
<p>g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes: Site 1 only</p> <p><i>i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred:</i></p> <p>Airport was originally the Griffiss Air Force Base, which generated hazardous waste from 1940-1974. Cleanup of tanks and contamination occurred in 1985, 1997, and 2002. Griffiss is on the Superfund National Priorities List and in the Installation Restoration Program.</p>	
<p>h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site?</p> <p>If Yes: Site 1 only</p> <p><i>i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply:</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Spills Incidents database <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database <input type="checkbox"/> Neither database </div> <div> Provide DEC ID number(s): Provide DEC ID number(s): 633006 </div> </div> <p><i>ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures:</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database?</i></p> <p>If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): 633006</p> <p><i>iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):</i></p>	
<p>Site 1: The Griffiss International Airport part of former 3,550 acre Griffiss Air Force Base. The base was placed on the NPL List in 1987. Approximately 2,900 acres, 650 acres remain on the NPL in various stages of remediation and monitoring.</p>	

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, DEC site ID number: <u>633006</u> Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____ Describe any use limitations: <u>Development and use is restricted to industrial, commercial, and non-residential land uses.</u> Describe any engineering controls: _____ Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Explain: _____ 										
Federal institutional controls <u>SD-52-05, Landfill 2/3 well installation restriction, prior approval for groundwater consumption and intrusion, land use restrictions to protect remedial operations.</u>										
E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site										
a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? <u>+/- 6.5</u> feet Sites 1, 2, & 3										
b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ %										
c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Sites 1 & 2: Urban Land / Site 3: Kendaia silt loam</td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 40%;">34.1 / 45 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sites 1 & 2: Covert loamy sand / Site 3: Conesus silt loam</td> <td style="text-align: right;">17.1 / 55 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sites 1 & 2: Windsor loamy sand / Site 3: no additional soils</td> <td style="text-align: right;">33.9 / 0 %</td> </tr> </table>		Sites 1 & 2: Urban Land / Site 3: Kendaia silt loam	34.1 / 45 %	Sites 1 & 2: Covert loamy sand / Site 3: Conesus silt loam	17.1 / 55 %	Sites 1 & 2: Windsor loamy sand / Site 3: no additional soils	33.9 / 0 %			
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g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, describe: _____										
h. Surface water features. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes to either <i>i</i> or <i>ii</i> , continue. If No, skip to E.2.i. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streams: Name <u>Site 1: 876-551; Site 3: 876-450, 876-446</u> Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Wetlands: Name <u>Site 3: federal wetlands</u> Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) <u>Site 1: RO-42</u> </td> <td style="width: 40%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classification <u>C</u> Classification _____ Approximate Size <u>Site 1: 0.39 acres; Site 3: 1.7 acres</u> </td> </tr> </table> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streams: Name <u>Site 1: 876-551; Site 3: 876-450, 876-446</u> Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Wetlands: Name <u>Site 3: federal wetlands</u> Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) <u>Site 1: RO-42</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classification <u>C</u> Classification _____ Approximate Size <u>Site 1: 0.39 acres; Site 3: 1.7 acres</u> 							
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v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____										
i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No										
j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No										
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l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Name of aquifer: <u>Sites 1 & 2: Principal Aquifer</u> 										

<p>m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Eastern Gray/American Red Squirrels</td> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Red Fox</td> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Raccoon</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">variety of rodents</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Ground Hog</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Eastern Cottontail</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Eastern Chipmunk</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">variety of birds, butterflies, moths</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">common garter snake</td> </tr> </table>			Eastern Gray/American Red Squirrels	Red Fox	Raccoon	variety of rodents	Ground Hog	Eastern Cottontail	Eastern Chipmunk	variety of birds, butterflies, moths	common garter snake
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<p>n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Extent of community/habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently: _____ acres • Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres • Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres 											
<p>o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____</p> <p>Sites 1 & 2: federally listed - Northern Long-eared Bat (Endangered) and state listed - Upland Sandpiper (Threatened); Site 3: federally listed - Northern Long-eared Bat (Endangered) and state listed - Northern Harrier (threatened)</p>											
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<p>q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____</p> <p>_____</p>											
<p>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</p>											
<p>a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: <u>ONEI005</u></p>											
<p>b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? Site 3: 42.04 acres Prime Farmland Soil types (Figure 7)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): <u>USDA NRCS Web Soil Survey - see Attachment 2</u></p>											
<p>c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____</p> <p>_____</p>											
<p>d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. CEA name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Basis for designation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Designating agency and date: _____</p>											

e. 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? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes: **Site 1 only**
 i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: ☐ Archaeological Site ☐ Historic Building or District
 ii. Name: SHPO Site No. 06541.000445
 iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based:
 J&A Holland complex (farmstead site) on east side of Wright Settlement Rd.

f. 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? ☒ Yes ☐ No

g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes: Site 1: Intact structural feature, dairying vessels made of redware, building materials associated with J&H Holland site; Site 3: Areas of
 i. Describe possible resource(s): archaeological potential include sections of landscape overlooking nearby wetlands and seasonal drainages
 ii. Basis for identification: Site 1: Phase II Archeological Site Evaluation; Site 3: Phase 1A Archeological Investigation

h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes: **Sites 1 & 2 only**
 i. Identify resource: North Country National Scenic Trail, Fort Stanwix National Monument
 ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): national scenic trail, national monument
 iii. Distance between project and resource: trail 0.25 miles, monument 2 miles.

i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes:
 i. Identify the name of the river and its designation:
 ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? ☐ Yes ☐ No

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name ONEIDA County Date 1/6/25

Signature  Title County Historian

ATTACHMENT 1

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to develop a large, unused “Triangle Area” at Griffiss International Airport (RME) with a mix of aeronautical and non-aeronautical uses to become more financially self-sustaining by maximizing the revenue potential of land under its ownership for the benefit of the Mohawk Valley region. The need for the Proposed Project is to generate airport revenue, promote orderly land use planning, and meet the demand for economic growth. The revenue will be used to construct, improve, and maintain Airport facilities and services while offsetting operating costs. Development of the Proposed Project is envisioned as a long-term process that is dependent on market response. The Proposed Project is broken into three distinct sites with separate activities.

- Site 1 is the main “Triangle Area” totaling 286 acres to be developed as an Airport Business Park
- Site 2 is the location of the 160.5-acre Mohawk Glen Golf Course property currently in the process of being acquired by Oneida County. The intent is to rezone the parcel from Griffiss Business Redevelopment District to Griffiss Business – Flex Industrial.
- Site 3 is a 192-acre site that will be used to create new Upland Sandpiper habitat to offset impacts within Site 1.

Site 1

Key components of Site 1 development are depicted on **Figure 3** and summarized below. The Proposed Airport Business Park Development Project consists of the following elements:

- ◆ Excavating/grading of approximately 135.5 acres of land that includes:
 - ◆ New building construction (43.9 acres: 33.3 acres non-aeronautical buildings and 10.6 acres of aeronautical buildings)
 - ◆ Installation of utility corridors to connect to public systems (i.e., water, sewer, electric, gas)
 - ◆ Installation of five stormwater management areas
 - ◆ Construction of paved roads and automobile parking areas, and installation of transportation infrastructure (i.e., access roads, sidewalks, curbs, street lighting, etc.)
 - ◆ Construction of traffic roundabout
 - ◆ Construction of aircraft parking apron
 - ◆ Construction of noise barrier
 - ◆ Landscaping (i.e., installing irrigation, plantings, etc.)
 - ◆ Installation of new perimeter fence (12,035 linear feet) and removal of existing perimeter fence (11,163 linear fence)
- ◆ Reserved greenspace (8.5 acres)
- ◆ Removal of 17.5 acres of trees and 340 individual trees
- ◆ Demolition of two buildings
 - ◆ Building 222 (former Hush House Building 5771) ¹
 - ◆ Tactical Air Navigation System (TACAN) electrical building
- ◆ Development of 187-acre upland sandpiper mitigation site
- ◆ Land acquisition or property transfer (**Figure 4**)

¹ A Hush House is a term used for an enclosed, noise suppressed, aircraft engine test facility

- ◆ Fee simple for traffic roundabout, 0.05 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-1)
- ◆ Utility corridor easements, 4.39 acres (tax parcels 243.000-1-1.6, 243.000-1-1.11, 243.000-1-1.33, 243.000-1-1.29 and 243.000-1-1.35)
- ◆ Temporary construction easements for road improvements and traffic roundabout, 0.25 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-1)
- ◆ Property transfer to NYS for traffic roundabout, 0.89 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-4.1)
- ◆ Property transfer to City of Rome for utility corridor (sewer), 0.75 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-4.1)
- ◆ Rezone ± 229 acres from Griffiss Business Redevelopment District to Griffiss Business – Flex Industrial

Site 2

Site 2 is currently the Mohawk Glen Golf Course consisting of 160.5 acres. Oneida County has executed a purchase agreement with the owner and is in the process of closing on the purchase. Closing is expected by the end of January, and the County will cease use of the parcel as a golf course upon transfer of title. Site 2 will be rezoned from Griffiss Business Redevelopment District to Griffiss Business – Flex Industrial (**Figure 3**).

Site 3

Compensatory mitigation is recommended for the loss of the 62.41 acres of Upland Sandpiper habitat within Site 1. Based on coordination with the NYSDEC, compensatory mitigation measures will require a 3:1 impact ratio (i.e., 62.41 acres of habitat x 3 = 187.23 acres of equivalent habitat to be created). Compensatory mitigation measures that are recommended include the following:

- ◆ Create new Upland Sandpiper habitat on four County-owned parcels (tax parcels 290.000-2-46, 290.00-2-50, 303-2-1.1, and 303.000-1-10.1). These parcels can accommodate approximately 192.96 acres of new habitat (**Figure 5**).
- ◆ Removal of 80.08 acres of vegetation on tax parcels 290.000-2-46, 290.00-2-50, and 303.000-1-10.1
- ◆ Habitat conversion will be established as part of the Part 182 Permit
- ◆ Proposed seed mix for cleared and grubbed areas will be provided by the NYSDEC.
- ◆ Removal of 1.8 acres of trees in federal wetlands will include cutting trees and grinding stumps to the ground with no soil disturbance; this will convert a forested wetland to an emergent wetland.
- ◆ Establish permanent conservation easements over areas preserved for new habitat.
- ◆ Acquire a permanent conservation easement on one privately owned parcel totaling 42 acres (tax parcel 303.000-2-2) (**Figure 5**)
- ◆ Area will continue to be farmed for hay crops only and seasonal mowing schedule outside of breeding season will be maintained.
- ◆ Proposed conservation easements will be in place prior to construction activities taking place.
- ◆ Upland Sandpiper mitigation plan will be developed based on NYSDEC recommendations and standards.
- ◆ SWPPP will be obtained prior to construction activities taking place.
- ◆ Implement vegetation management plan:
 - ◆ Baseline assessment of existing conditions at mitigation area/s
 - ◆ Mowing and vegetation management to create/retain grasslands of various heights.
 - ◆ Vegetation monitoring to make sure forested wetland that was converted to emergent/wet meadow does not succeed into a scrub shrub wetland cover type.
 - ◆ No mechanized equipment within managed areas during the breeding/nesting seasons

- ◆ Additional maintenance mowing to maintain grassland habitat and prevent encroachment of woody vegetation.
- ◆ Implement mitigation monitoring program:
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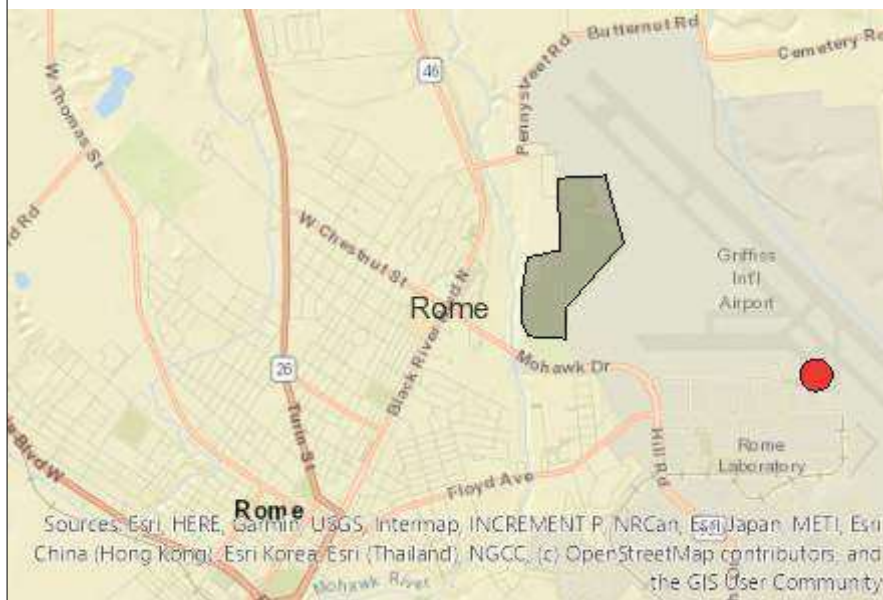


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C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	Remediation Sites:633006, NYS Heritage Areas:Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor
E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Yes - Digital mapping data for Spills Incidents are not available for this location. Refer to EAF Workbook.
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E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	Yes
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E.2.h.iv [Surface Water Features - Stream Classification]	C

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E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	No
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.l. [Aquifers]	Yes
E.2.l. [Aquifer Names]	Principal Aquifer
E.2.n. [Natural Communities]	No
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	Yes
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species - Name]	Upland Sandpiper
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	No
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area]	No
E.3.e. [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.3.f. [Archeological Sites]	Yes
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor]	No



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E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	Yes
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species - Name]	Northern Harrier
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	Yes
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	ONEI005
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
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Figure 1: Sites 1 & 2
Location Map

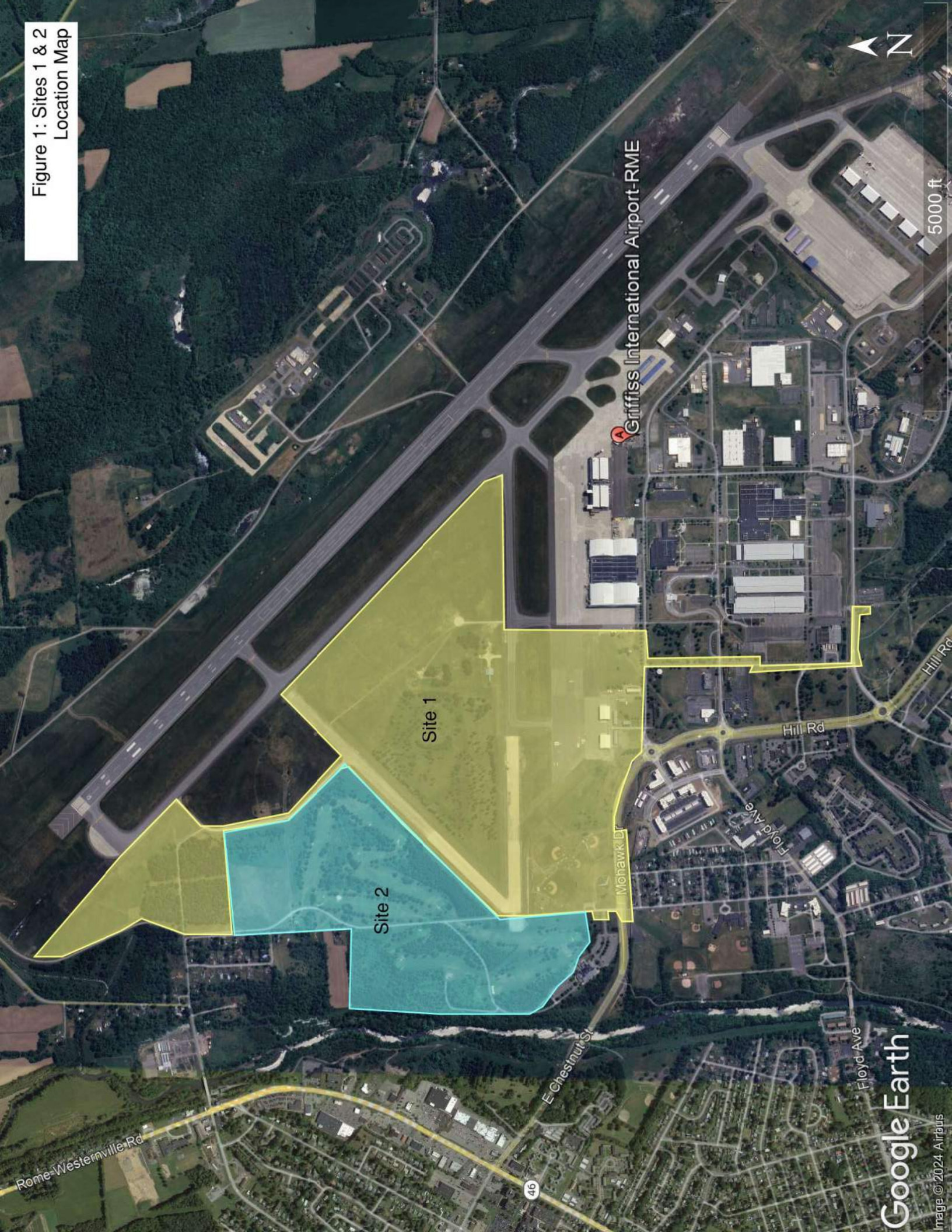



Figure 2
Site 3 Location Map





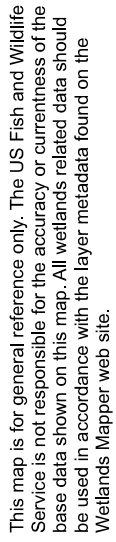
Site 3 Proposed Action

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Existing Potential Upland Sandpiper Habitat	Potential Upland Sandpiper Habitat if Cleared of Vegetation
Tax Parcel 290.000-2-46: Oneida County	
45.39 Acres (Ground Elevations - 635 ft - 720 ft)	67.46 Acres (Ground Elevations - 635 ft - 720 ft)
Tax Parcel - 290.00-2-51: Oneida County	
11.86 Acres (Ground Elevations - 645 ft - 685 ft)	1.53 Acres (Ground Elevations - 640 ft - 675 ft)
Tax Parcel - 303.000-1-10.1: Oneida County	
4.53 Acres (Ground Elevations - 640 ft - 660 ft)	11.09 Acres (Ground Elevations - 640 ft - 670 ft)
Tax Parcel - 303-2-1.1: Oneida County	
9.06 Acres (Ground Elevations - 650 ft - 675 ft)	---
Tax Parcel 303.000-2-2: Donna Thresher	
42.04 Acres (Ground Elevations - 590 ft - 655 ft)	---
Total Acreage: 112.88	Total Acreage: 80.08



Wetlands

- | Wetland Type | Wetland Type | Wetland Type | Wetland Type |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Estuarine and Marine Deepwater | Estuarine and Marine Deepwater | Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland | Other |
| Estuarine and Marine Wetland | Estuarine and Marine Wetland | Freshwater Pond | Riverine |

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
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Figure 7
Site 3: NYS Agriculture Districts



ATTACHMENT 1

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to develop a large, unused “Triangle Area” at Griffiss International Airport (RME) with a mix of aeronautical and non-aeronautical uses to become more financially self-sustaining by maximizing the revenue potential of land under its ownership for the benefit of the Mohawk Valley region. The need for the Proposed Project is to generate airport revenue, promote orderly land use planning, and meet the demand for economic growth. The revenue will be used to construct, improve, and maintain Airport facilities and services while offsetting operating costs. Development of the Proposed Project is envisioned as a long-term process that is dependent on market response. The Proposed Project is broken into three distinct sites with separate activities.

- Site 1 is the main “Triangle Area” totaling 286 acres to be developed as an Airport Business Park
- Site 2 is the location of the 160.5-acre Mohawk Glen Golf Course property currently in the process of being acquired by Oneida County. The intent is to rezone the parcel from Griffiss Business Redevelopment District to Griffiss Business – Flex Industrial.
- Site 3 is a 192-acre site that will be used to create new Upland Sandpiper habitat to offset impacts within Site 1.

Site 1

Key components of Site 1 development are depicted on **Figure 3** and summarized below. The Proposed Airport Business Park Development Project consists of the following elements:

- ◆ Excavating/grading of approximately 135.5 acres of land that includes:
 - ◆ New building construction (43.9 acres: 33.3 acres non-aeronautical buildings and 10.6 acres of aeronautical buildings)
 - ◆ Installation of utility corridors to connect to public systems (i.e., water, sewer, electric, gas)
 - ◆ Installation of five stormwater management areas
 - ◆ Construction of paved roads and automobile parking areas, and installation of transportation infrastructure (i.e., access roads, sidewalks, curbs, street lighting, etc.)
 - ◆ Construction of traffic roundabout
 - ◆ Construction of aircraft parking apron
 - ◆ Construction of noise barrier
 - ◆ Landscaping (i.e., installing irrigation, plantings, etc.)
 - ◆ Installation of new perimeter fence (12,035 linear feet) and removal of existing perimeter fence (11,163 linear fence)
- ◆ Reserved greenspace (8.5 acres)
- ◆ Removal of 17.5 acres of trees and 340 individual trees
- ◆ Demolition of two buildings
 - ◆ Building 222 (former Hush House Building 5771) ¹
 - ◆ Tactical Air Navigation System (TACAN) electrical building
- ◆ Development of 187-acre upland sandpiper mitigation site
- ◆ Land acquisition or property transfer (**Figure 4**)

¹ A Hush House is a term used for an enclosed, noise suppressed, aircraft engine test facility

- ◆ Fee simple for traffic roundabout, 0.05 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-1)
- ◆ Utility corridor easements, 4.39 acres (tax parcels 243.000-1-1.6, 243.000-1-1.11, 243.000-1-1.33, 243.000-1-1.29 and 243.000-1-1.35)
- ◆ Temporary construction easements for road improvements and traffic roundabout, 0.25 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-1)
- ◆ Property transfer to NYS for traffic roundabout, 0.89 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-4.1)
- ◆ Property transfer to City of Rome for utility corridor (sewer), 0.75 acres (tax parcel 224.000-1-4.1)
- ◆ Rezone \pm 229 acres from Griffiss Business Redevelopment District to Griffiss Business – Flex Industrial

Site 2

Site 2 is currently the Mohawk Glen Golf Course consisting of 160.5 acres. Oneida County has executed a purchase agreement with the owner and is in the process of closing on the purchase. Closing is expected by the end of January, and the County will cease use of the parcel as a golf course upon transfer of title. Site 2 will be rezoned from Griffiss Business Redevelopment District to Griffiss Business – Flex Industrial (**Figure 3**).

Site 3

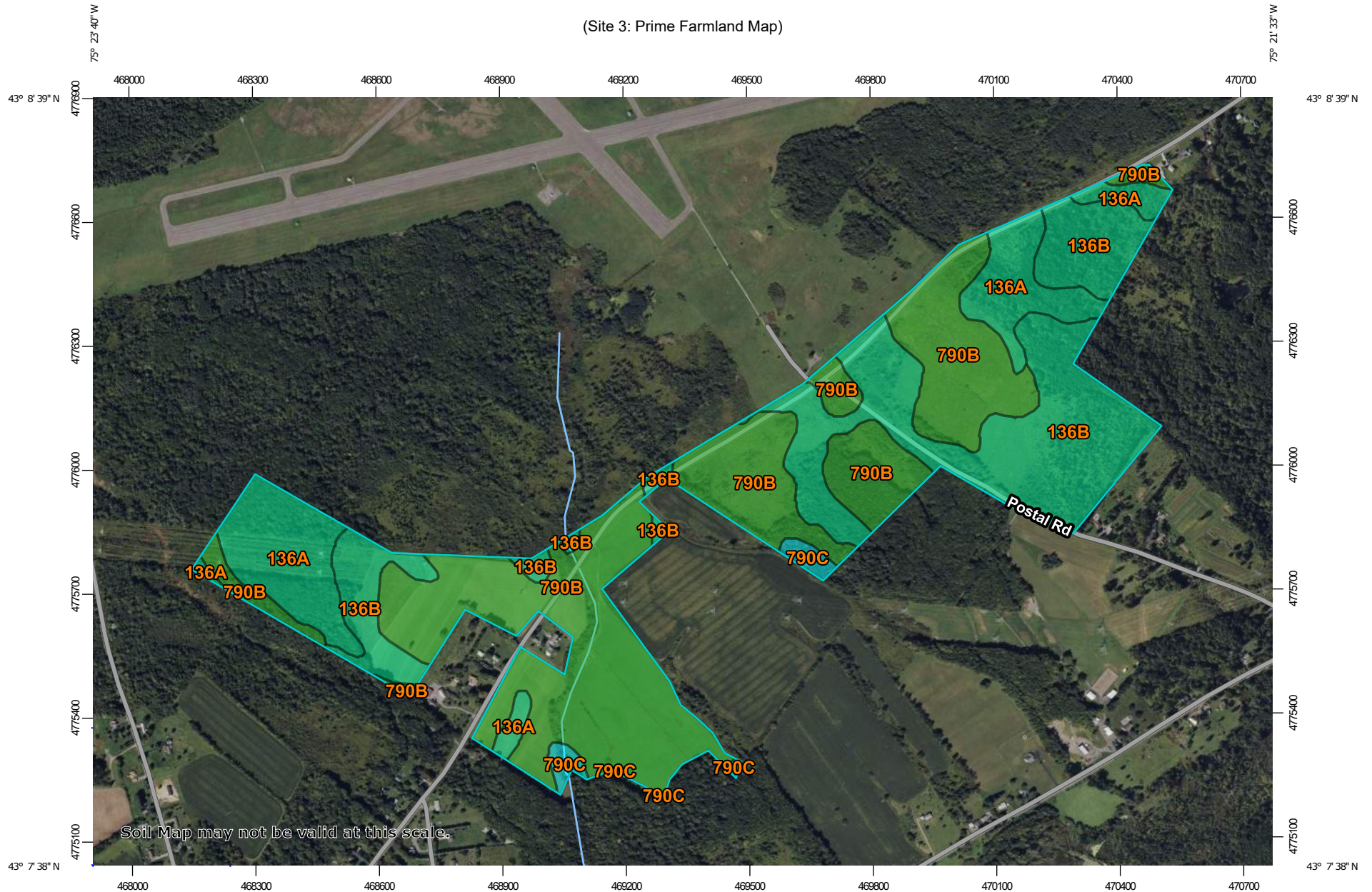
Compensatory mitigation is recommended for the loss of the 62.41 acres of Upland Sandpiper habitat within Site 1. Based on coordination with the NYSDEC, compensatory mitigation measures will require a 3:1 impact ratio (i.e., 62.41 acres of habitat \times 3 = 187.23 acres of equivalent habitat to be created). Compensatory mitigation measures that are recommended include the following:

- ◆ Create new Upland Sandpiper habitat on four County-owned parcels (tax parcels 290.000-2-46, 290.00-2-50, 303-2-1.1, and 303.000-1-10.1). These parcels can accommodate approximately 192.96 acres of new habitat (**Figure 5**).
- ◆ Removal of 80.08 acres of vegetation on tax parcels 290.000-2-46, 290.00-2-50, and 303.000-1-10.1
- ◆ Habitat conversion will be established as part of the Part 182 Permit
- ◆ Proposed seed mix for cleared and grubbed areas will be provided by the NYSDEC.
- ◆ Removal of 1.8 acres of trees in federal wetlands will include cutting trees and grinding stumps to the ground with no soil disturbance; this will convert a forested wetland to an emergent wetland.
- ◆ Establish permanent conservation easements over areas preserved for new habitat.
- ◆ Acquire a permanent conservation easement on one privately owned parcel totaling 42 acres (tax parcel 303.000-2-2) (**Figure 5**)
- ◆ Area will continue to be farmed for hay crops only and seasonal mowing schedule outside of breeding season will be maintained.
- ◆ Proposed conservation easements will be in place prior to construction activities taking place.
- ◆ Upland Sandpiper mitigation plan will be developed based on NYSDEC recommendations and standards.
- ◆ SWPPP will be obtained prior to construction activities taking place.
- ◆ Implement vegetation management plan:
 - ◆ Baseline assessment of existing conditions at mitigation area/s
 - ◆ Mowing and vegetation management to create/retain grasslands of various heights.
 - ◆ Vegetation monitoring to make sure forested wetland that was converted to emergent/wet meadow does not succeed into a scrub shrub wetland cover type.
 - ◆ No mechanized equipment within managed areas during the breeding/nesting seasons

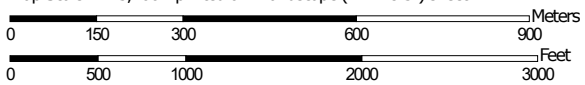
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ATTACHMENT 2 USDA NRCS WEB SOIL SURVEY

(Site 3: Prime Farmland Map)



Map Scale: 1:13,100 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.



Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84 Edge tics: UTM Zone 18N WGS84



**Natural Resources
Conservation Service**


Web Soil Survey
National Cooperative Soil Survey

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Farmland Classification—Oneida County, New York
(Site 3: Prime Farmland Map)









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



Soils



Soil Rating Polygons

-  Not prime farmland
-  All areas are prime farmland
-  Prime farmland if drained
-  Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if irrigated
-  Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and drained
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season









-  Prime farmland if subsoiled, completely removing the root inhibiting soil layer
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60
-  Prime farmland if irrigated and reclaimed of excess salts and sodium
-  Farmland of statewide importance
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-  Farmland of statewide importance, if drained or either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Farmland of statewide importance, if warm enough, and either drained or either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
-  Farmland of statewide importance, if warm enough
-  Farmland of statewide importance, if thawed
-  Farmland of local importance
-  Farmland of local importance, if irrigated

-  Farmland of unique importance
-  Not rated or not available

Soil Rating Lines

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Farmland Classification—Oneida County, New York
(Site 3: Prime Farmland Map)

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Farmland Classification—Oneida County, New York
(Site 3: Prime Farmland Map)



Farmland Classification

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
136A	Kendaia silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Prime farmland if drained	37.5	15.4%
136B	Kendaia silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Prime farmland if drained	79.7	32.7%
790B	Conesus silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	122.7	50.4%
790C	Conesus silt loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	Farmland of statewide importance	3.8	1.5%
Totals for Area of Interest			243.7	100.0%

Description

Farmland classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or unique farmland. It identifies the location and extent of the soils that are best suited to food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the "Federal Register," Vol. 43, No. 21, January 31, 1978.

Rating Options

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

Project :

Date :

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency **and** the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer “**Yes**” to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer “**No**” to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box “Moderate to large impact may occur.”
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the “whole action”.
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - j. If “No”, move on to Section 2.</i>				<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur		
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

2. Impact on Geological Features The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached: _____	E2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature: _____	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Impacts on Surface Water The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Impact on groundwater The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - h. If “No”, move on to Section 5.</i>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source: _____	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Impact on Flooding The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - g. If “No”, move on to Section 6.</i>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	E1e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Impacts on Air The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - f. If “No”, move on to Section 7.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels: i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO ₂) ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N ₂ O) iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs) iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF ₆) v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflouorocarbons (HFCs) emissions vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in “a” through “c”, above.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - j. If “No”, move on to Section 8.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source: _____	E2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source: _loss of 62.41 acres of mowed grassland o _____	E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Impact on Agricultural Resources The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. and b.) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).	E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.	E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.	E1b, E3a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.	E1 a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.	C2c, C3, D2c, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.	C2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile 1/2 -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical 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.	E3e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source: _____	E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If any of the above (a-d) are answered “Moderate to large impact may occur”, continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:</p> <p>e.</p> <p>i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.</p> <p>ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property’s setting or integrity.</p> <p>iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.</p>	<p>E3e, E3g, E3f</p> <p>E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b</p> <p>E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation</p> <p>The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - e. If “No”, go to Section 12.</i></p>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or “ecosystem services”, provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas</p> <p>The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - c. If “No”, go to Section 13.</i></p>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Impact on Transportation

The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems.

☐ NO

☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.j)

If “Yes”, answer questions a - f. If “No”, go to Section 14.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Impact on Energy

The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy.

☐ NO

☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.k)

If “Yes”, answer questions a - e. If “No”, go to Section 15.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Impacts: _____ _____			

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting.

☐ NO

☐ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)

If “Yes”, answer questions a - f. If “No”, go to Section 16.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.)

☐ NO

☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.	D2r, D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	E1f, E1g E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	E1f, E1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other impacts: _____ _____			

17. Consistency with Community Plans The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. (See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - h. If “No”, go to Section 18.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action’s land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Consistency with Community Character The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - g. If “No”, proceed to Part 3.</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, E3f, E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.	C2, E3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 impact evaluation.

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
Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Airport Business Park Development at the Griffiss International Airport, dated September 2024

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
Oneida County _____ 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: Triangle Area at Airport Business Park Development at Griffiss International Airport

Name of Lead Agency: Oneida County

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Ed Arcuri

Title of Responsible Officer: Commissioner of Aviation

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: 

Date: 4/17/25

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Date: 4/17/25

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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>

FEAF Part 3 Impact Evaluation

The FEAF Part 2 Analysis was completed using various documents, and online resources. A draft federal Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for Site 1 (“Airport Business Park Development Project”). The analysis below uses information contained in the Draft EA and associated technical studies and surveys to complete the SEQR analysis.¹ Site 2 (Mohawk Glen Golf Course) was recently acquired by the County and is being evaluated in this SEQR process for a zoning change only since it is an adjacent site to facilitate zoning approval in conjunction with the zoning change taking place on Site 1. There are no development plans in place at this time for Site 2. Site 3 contains the proposed Upland Sandpiper mitigation area. The mitigation area location and mitigation measures were developed and approved in coordination with the County, FAA, and NYSDEC as part of the Draft EA for Site 1. Since Site 3 was the approved mitigation further analysis was not conducted on the site as part of the federal EA. The analysis of impacts detailed below for SEQR purposes is based on a review of online resources related.

1. Impact on Land:

- (a) The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.

Site 1: A portion of the site contains USDA Web Soil Survey soil types with depth to the water table of less than 3 feet (refer to Attachment 1). However, this soil type occurs within the on-airport portion of development known as the “Triangle Site”. Based on historical records, this site has been previously disturbed and is now maintained as mowed lawn area. Therefore, the depth to water table is likely greater than 3 feet. No impact.

Site2: N/A , zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: The depth to the water table is less than 3 feet in some areas based on the USDA Web Soil Survey soil types (refer to Attachment 1). Removal of 80 acres of trees (including grading, grubbing, and replanting with NYSDEC approved grassland mixes) is proposed to create new Upland Sandpiper habitat to offset the loss of Upland Sandpiper breeding habitat impacted by development taking place on Site 1. Depth of disturbance for tree removal is not expected to exceed 18-24 inches. Impacts will be temporary during construction, disturbed areas will be reseeded with approved NYSDEC grassland mixes, and sediment and erosion will be controlled in accordance with the NYSDEC’s SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity GP-0-25-001 and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). No or small impact.

- (b) Based on a review of the USDA Web Soil Survey for Sites 1 & 3 there are no slopes that exceed 15% or greater (refer to Attachment 1). Site 2 N/A no development taking place, zoning change only. No Impact.
- (c) Based on a review of the USDA Web Soil Survey² depth to bedrock is greater than 6.5 feet (refer to Attachment 1). No impact.
- (d) The proposed action is not anticipated to remove amounts of material in excess of 1,000 tons of natural material. No impact.

Site 1: The airport business park development will require excavation/earthwork to be performed to install foundations, electrical utilities, closed drainage piping and perform grading and asphalt paving

¹ <https://oneidacountyny.gov/departments/planning/public-notice/>

² [Web Soil Survey](#)

for access roads, and automobile/truck parking during construction operations. No mining or dredging will take place. No or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: Creation of Upland Sandpiper habitat to offset impacts related to development of Site 1 include grading and tree removal. Approximately 80 acres of trees will be removed. No mining or dredging will take place. No or small impact.

- (e) The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.

Site 1: The proposed action is expected to be constructed in multiple phases over multiple years (eight phases over a ten-year period). Phase 1 includes installation of duct banks and extending utilities (water, sewer utilities, electric, gas, and telecommunications) to the site. Phase 2 includes roadway improvements (construction of a traffic roundabout, road realignment, and noise barrier) and construction of an internal site access road. Phases 3-8 include on-site construction of infrastructure as needed to serve the proposed new manufacturing/R&D/aeronautical use lots as they are leased and developed (includes buildings with associated roads, auto parking, utilities, and landscaping). As part of the required NYS DEC SWPPP, a construction plan is required for each phase of construction that will identify construction access points, staging areas, haul routes, spoil areas, work areas, construction trailer locations, parking, and best management practices. Further to minimize noise impacts to nearby properties, it is recommended that construction activities take place during daylight hours, all engines have proper mufflers, and that operation of noisy equipment during weekends is minimized or avoided. No or small impact.

Site2: N/A , zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: Construction activities include the removal of trees, grading, grubbing and reseeding with grassland mix to create Upland Sandpiper habitat. It is anticipated construction activities will take place in a one-year timeframe with tree removal taking place during the winter to avoid impacts to threatened and endangered species and final grading/reseeding with grass taking place in the spring. Due to the short duration of construction activities no or small impact.

- (f) The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicide)

Sites 1 & 3: SWPPP's will be prepared for the proposed project in accordance with all requirements of the NYSDEC General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities (GP-0-25-001). The SWPPP and construction plans/drawings will contain details and written notes and descriptions regarding temporary and permanent erosion control measures, vegetative restoration, and slope stabilization along with a written construction sequence.

In order for the project to obtain and maintain coverage under the NYSDEC General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities, weekly written compliance inspections will be preformed, which will verify the condition of all implemented erosion control measures and identify any discrepancies in same with a directive to the Contractor to install/replace/repair all erosion control measures in a timely manner on an as-needed basis.

The proposed construction activities will create increased erosion; however, the proposed temporary and permanent erosion control measures and permanent stormwater management practices will mitigate these impacts as required by the NYSDEC. No or small impact may occur.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

- (g) Based on a review of the NYS DEC Coastal Erosion Hazard Area mapping³, the project sites are not located in a designated coastal erosion hazard area. No Impact.

2. Impact on Geological Features:

Based on a review of the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper⁴ and a review of the National Park Service National Natural Landmarks Directory⁵, the project sites do not contain nor are they adjacent to any unique geologic features or National Natural Landmarks. No Impact.

3. Impact on Surface Water:

- (a) The proposed action will not create a new water body.
- (b) The proposed action will not modify or increase the surface area of any existing water bodies.

Site 1: The increase in impervious area associated with the development of Site 1 (from 45.57 acres to 113.6 acres) related to construction of access roads, roadway improvements (traffic roundabout, realignment of Perimeter Road), automobile parking areas, aircraft parking apron, and new buildings will require additional stormwater management infrastructure. Approximately 40% of the entire 286-acre site would be impervious surfaces with the remaining 60% of the site remaining undeveloped.

Stormwater runoff from the newly created impervious areas will be contained onsite through the construction of stormwater management infrastructure (i.e., stormwater drainage basins, dry swales, and installation of new drainage pipes). Based on the results of a drainage study five new stormwater management areas will be constructed ranging in size from 43,000 SF to 262,226 SF. Comparison of existing and proposed peak flow rates for the overall development area with incorporation of the proposed stormwater management infrastructure indicates no increase in peak flow discharge rates overall or per drainage area. A SWPPP is required, and stormwater management areas will be designed in accordance with the NYSDEC Stormwater Management Design Manual (January 2015). No or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: N/A, no impervious surfaces will be constructed, nor will any stormwater management infrastructure be required for the proposed tree removal, grading, and reseeding. A SWPPP will be prepared for the project. No or small impact.

- (c) The proposed action will not involve dredging. No impact.
- (d) The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.

Site 1: Based on the results of various wetland and waterway delineations conducted by C&S Engineers, Inc., in June 2021, August 2022, and September 2022, two wetlands totaling 0.39 acres were delineated within or near the Project site (refer to Attachment 1). The proposed action will avoid Wetland A (USACE wetland) because this area has been identified as preserved grassland area for Upland Sandpipers. In addition, the proposed utility corridor was relocated west of the electrical

³ [Coastal Erosion Hazard Areas | NYS GIS Clearinghouse Data](#)

⁴ [Environmental Resource Mapper](#)

⁵ [National Natural Landmarks Directory - National Natural Landmarks \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

substation to avoid development activities taking place on or near Wetland B (USACE/NYSDEC wetland). No impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: Based on a review of the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper no state designated wetlands are located within Site 3 (refer to Attachment 1). Based on a wetland delineation conducted by C&S Engineers, Inc. in November 2024, creation of new Upland Sandpiper Habitat will include the removal of 1.8 acres of trees in a federally delineated wetland (USACE) (refer to Attachment 1). This will convert a forested wetland to an emergent wetland. The following mitigation measures are recommended:

- No grubbing of soils, removal of stumps, or the removal of root systems of any vegetation within wetlands
- Clearing activities in the vicinity of the wetland will be conducted such that individual trees are felled in a direction away from the wetland
- Minimize the duration of the construction period to the extent possible
- Vegetation removal will occur in winter months when the soils are dry and/or frozen and will be done using low ground pressure equipment or handheld equipment
- Appropriate soil erosion and sediment control devices will be used during construction

Implementation of the above mitigation measures will result in no or small impact.

- (e) The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.

Site 1 development will involve the removal of 17.5 acres of trees and 340 individual trees that can lead to erosion of soil and sedimentation. When trees are removed it can result in reduced base flows in streams, increase flooding, and lower water quality. During construction activities construction vehicles tracking soil onto the roadways can temporarily increase the potential for soil erosion, causing a potential increase in suspended solids in runoff and local receiving waters which can temporarily degrade water quality.

The following mitigation measures are proposed to minimize impacts to nearby waterbodies:

- Approximately 8.5 acres of trees will be preserved to maintain a visual screen/buffer between residential properties and site development.
- Preserve vegetation if not needed for site development activities (i.e., individual trees, small patches of tree areas)
- Preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.
- BMPs will be followed to avoid accidental spills of fuel oils, chemicals, concrete leachate, and sediments into aquatic habitats. These practices include proper storage, use, and cleanup of all construction-related chemicals. Erosion and sediment control features may include silt fences, straw bales, hydroseeding of exposed soils, and mulching.
- Construction entrances and exits will be stabilized to prevent tracking onto roadways.
- Disturbed areas will be restored to prevent soil erosion following completion of construction activities.
- Periodic cleaning of soil erosion and sediment control features.

The proposed construction activities will create increased erosion; however, the proposed temporary and permanent erosion control measures and permanent stormwater management practices will mitigate these impacts as required by the NYSDEC. No or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: The removal of 80 acres of trees associated with grading, grubbing, and replanting to create new Upland Sandpiper habitat may result in temporary soil erosion and sedimentation causing a potential increase in suspended solids in runoff and local receiving waters which can temporarily degrade water quality. The following mitigation measures are proposed to minimize impacts to nearby waterbodies:

- Preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.
- BMPs will be followed to avoid accidental spills of fuel oils, chemicals, concrete leachate, and sediments into aquatic habitats. These practices include proper storage, use, and cleanup of all construction-related chemicals. Erosion and sediment control features may include silt fences, straw bales, hydroseeding of exposed soils, and mulching.
- Construction entrances and exits will be stabilized to prevent tracking onto roadways.
- Disturbed areas will be restored to prevent soil erosion following completion of construction activities.
- Periodic cleaning of soil erosion and sediment control features.

The proposed construction activities will create increased erosion; however, the proposed temporary and permanent erosion control measures and permanent stormwater management practices will mitigate these impacts as required by the NYSDEC. No or small impact.

- (f) The proposed action does not include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water. No Impact.
- (g) The proposed action does not include construction outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s). No Impact.
- (h) The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.

Refer to Items 1.(f), 3.(b), and 3.(c).

- (i) The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.

Refer to Items 1.(f), 3.(b), and 3.(c).

- (j) The proposed action does not involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body. No impact.
- (k) The proposed action does not require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities. No impact.

4. Impact on Groundwater Water:

Site 1: The Airport Business Park Development is not located over a sole source aquifer, the groundwater at the Griffiss International Airport is not used as a drinking supply, and construction activities would not involve ground disturbance below 5 feet (groundwater in the area is at a depth of 13 feet⁶). No impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: Site clearing and grading will take place to remove trees and replant areas with approved NYSDEC approved grassland mix to support creation of Upland Sandpiper habitat. Construction activities would not involve ground disturbance below 1-2 feet (groundwater in the area is at a depth of 28.5 feet⁷). No impact.

5. Impact on Flooding

Site 1: Based on a review of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the airport (Map Number 36065C0556F effective date: September 27, 2013), the Project area is not located within a 100-year or 500-year floodplain boundary⁸ (refer to Attachment 1). No impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: Based on a review of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the site (Map Numbers 36065C0588F and 36065C0569F effective date: September 27, 2013), the Project area is not located within a 100-year or 500-year floodplain boundary⁹ (refer to Attachment 1). No impact.

6. Impacts on Air:

The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source.

- (a) If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above thresholds established in the FEAF.

Site 1: Federal and/or state regulated air emissions permits may be required for the proposed action depending on the type of facility/facilities that will be constructed. An Air Quality and Climate Assessment was prepared by HMMH in February 2024 for the conceptual layout plan. Based on the Assessment, the proposed action will generate more than 1,000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Currently there are no significance thresholds for climate impacts. Given the low percentage of overall emissions generated compared to the New York statewide GHG inventory, the increase in construction and net operational emissions as a result of the proposed action is not substantial on a statewide, national, or global scale

The following best management practices (BMPs) are recommended to reduce the emissions of criteria pollutants:

- Use construction equipment that can operate on alternative fuels or electricity wherever possible to minimize emissions associated with diesel and gasoline powered equipment.
- During construction, institute particulate control measures, such as watering and stabilizing wind erodible soil as soon as practical after disturbance. It should be noted the emissions associated with a watering truck have been included in the emission estimates for summertime scenarios.

⁶ https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/gwlevels/?site_no=431302075245101

⁷ https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/gwlevels/?site_no=431302075245101

⁸ <https://hazards-fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8b0adb51996444d4879338b5529aa9cd>

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- Reducing exposed erodible surface area through appropriate materials and equipment staging procedures.
- Covering exposed surface areas in an expeditious manner.
- Reducing equipment idling times.
- Reducing vehicle speeds onsite.
- Ensuring contractor knowledge of appropriate fugitive dust and equipment exhaust controls.
- Soil stabilization via cover or periodic watering.
- Using covered haul trucks during materials transportation.
- Suspension of construction activities during high-wind conditions.
- All air permits, including Title V, Air State Facility (ASF), and Air Facility Registrations (AFR) will be obtained prior to construction (groundbreaking)
- Air emissions sources will be developed in conformance with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)

Given all required air emissions permits will be obtained, BMPs will be implemented, no or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: N/A, air emission permits will not be required. Site work involves tree removal, grading, and replanting areas with NYSDEC approved grassland mixes to create Upland Sandpiper habitat. No structures will be constructed. No impact.

- (b) The proposed action will not generate 10 tons/year or more of designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants. No impact.
- (c) The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU=s per hour.

Site 1: As identified in 6.(a), the proposed action may require a state air registration. Based on the Air Quality and Climate Assessment was prepared by HMMH in February 2024, the proposed action is not expected to produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU=s per hour (1,900,000 SF of building / 55 BTUs = 34,550 BTUs per hour).

Given all required air emissions permits will be obtained and the proposed action is not expected to produce an emissions rate of total contaminants exceeding FEAF thresholds, no or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: N/A, air emission permits will not be required. Site work involves tree removal, grading, and replanting areas with NYSDEC approved grassland mixes to create Upland Sandpiper habitat. No structures will be constructed. No impact.

- (d) The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in “a” through “c”, above.

Refer to 6.(a).

- (e) The proposed action will not result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour. No impact.

7. Impact on Plants and Animals:

The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna.

- (a) The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.

Federally Protected Species

Site 1: Based on the USFWS Official Species Letter obtained on February 27, 2025, one endangered species (Northern Long-eared Bat), one proposed endangered species (Tricolored Bat), and one candidate species (Monarch Butterfly) may occur in the vicinity of the site (refer to Attachment 1). A Species and Habitat Assessment (Assessment) was conducted by C&S Engineers, Inc. in April 2024 to determine if the site has suitable foraging and roosting/breeding habitat for federally protected species. The Assessment determined the site does not have the potential to contain northern long-eared bat (NLEB) roosting/breeding habitat but does have the potential for suitable foraging habitat. The proposed development will result in the loss of 17.5 acres of forested areas and 340 individual trees resulting from Site 1 development activities (grading, buildings, auto parking, access roads, and stormwater management areas). A no effect determination was made for the NLEB and Tricolored Bats based on the following:

- USFWS IPaC data letter indicates the project is located in an area where the NLEB is not likely to occur
- NYSDEC data indicated that there are no documented summer occurrences within 1.5 miles of the project area, and there are no known hibernacula within 5 miles of the project.
- Tree clearing will not be completed within 0.25 mile of known hibernacula or within 150 feet of any known, occupied northern long-eared bat maternity roosts.
- Tree removal and clearing will be completed between November and February to avoid the species summer occupancy season.
- A significant amount of existing forested habitat and connective wildlife corridors will remain near the Project area
- Minimize the duration of the construction period to the extent possible

The proposed action will not significantly reduce the foraging potential within and adjacent to the Project area post-construction. Therefore, adverse impacts to NLEB and Tricolored Bats is not expected.

The proposed action will result in the loss of 62.41 acres of mowed lawn areas resulting from Site 1 development activities (grading, buildings, auto parking, access roads, and stormwater management areas). A no effect determination was made for the Monarch Butterfly based on the following:

- The project preserves approximately 30 acres of grassland areas within the project site boundary.
- The project requires the creation of approximately 187.23 acres of grassland.

- A significant amount of existing grassland habitat and connective wildlife corridors will remain near the project site.
- Minimize the duration of the construction period to the extent possible.

Although there is a loss of mowed lawn / grassland areas and reduction in habitat on the project site, there are mowed lawn/grassland areas within and adjacent to the project site post-construction and the additional grassland habitat creation on Site 3 offsets the loss. No or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: Based on the USFWS IPaC Resource List obtained on March 6, 2025, one endangered species (Northern Long-eared Bat), one proposed endangered species (Tricolored Bat), one proposed threatened (Green Floater), and one candidate species (Monarch Butterfly) may occur in the vicinity of the Project area (refer to Attachment 1). Since a 50-foot buffer is maintained between streams and the proposed tree removal activities and construction activities require a SWPPP, no impacts to the Green Floater clam are expected. Refer to Site 1 No Effect determination for the NLEB and Tricolored Bat, and monarch butterfly.

State Protected Species

Site 1: Coordination with the NYSDEC dated September 6, 2021, and the NYNHP dated October 4, 2022, identified the Upland Sandpiper (threatened) as having been documented within the Project area for Site 1. Based on the results a Grassland Species Assessment prepared by TRC in December 2022, Site 1 contains a total of 160 acres of grassland (approximately 56% of the Project area), while 138.6 acres (approximately 49% of the total Project area) provide contiguous grassland habitat that may be suitable for grassland obligate species”.

From January 5, 2023 through February 2025, meetings, field visits, and coordination has taken place with the NYSDEC regarding Upland Sandpiper impacts and mitigation measures. *“Based on the results of the assessment and breeding season occurrences of upland sandpiper within the past five years, it is our opinion that the Proposed Project has the potential to impact suitable habitat.”* NYSDEC reviewed the Grassland Species Assessment and concurred with assuming presence of the Upland Sandpiper within grassland areas identified in the project site. The NYSDEC noted the proposed action will require an Incidental Take permit, development of avoidance and minimization measures, and mitigation will need to be established before impacts take place.

Construction of roads, automobile parking areas, buildings, at full build-out will result in the permanent loss of 62.41 acres of breeding/nesting and foraging habitat used by the Upland Sandpiper. The required mitigation ratio approved by the NYSDEC in email correspondence dated December 15, 2023 is 187.23 acres (3:1 ratio).

Avoidance Measures: Avoidance is the first step in implementing mitigation. Avoidance means adverse impacts are avoided altogether through alteration of project location, design, or other related aspects. The Upland Sandpiper is known to be present at the Airport due to the large areas of maintained/mowed lawn. The Proposed Project takes place within a large “triangle area” that is currently undeveloped. Development of this area is a focus of Oneida County due to the lack of large developable land parcels in the County and the ongoing interest expressed by developers. No feasible development parcels under the control of Oneida County exist other than at the Airport site. Avoidance measures recommended include the following:

- Approximately 30 acres contained within the site limits will remain undeveloped and be preserved as grassland areas.
- Stormwater management areas located within the preserved grassland areas will be installed underground and restored to grassland areas.
- Construction of the site access road will take place outside of the breeding season to avoid impacts to Upland Sandpiper (i.e., outside April 23rd – August 15th timeframe)

Minimization Measures: The following measures are recommended to minimize impacts to Upland Sandpipers:

- Show preserved grassland habitat areas on site development plans.
- Maintain current mowing schedule in preserved grassland areas.
- Mark preserved grassland areas with surveyor's flags and/or silt fence prior to construction activities nearby.
- Limit the location of temporary access roads and vehicle traffic within the existing site to the extent possible

Compensatory Mitigation Measures: Creation of new Upland Sandpiper habitat will require a 3:1 impact ratio (i.e., 62.41 acres of habitat x 3 = 187.23 acres of equivalent habitat to be created).

Compensatory mitigation measures that are recommended include the following:

- Create new Upland Sandpiper habitat on four County-owned parcels (tax parcels 290.000-2-46, 290.00-2-50, 303-2-1.1, and 303.000-1-10.1). These parcels can accommodate approximately 192.96 acres of new habitat.
- Removal of 80.08 acres of vegetation on tax parcels 290.000-2-46, 290.00-2-50, and 303.000-1-10.1
- Habitat conversion will be established as part of the Part 182 Permit
- Proposed seed mix for cleared and grubbed areas will be provided by the NYSDEC.
- Removal of 1.8 acres of trees in federal wetlands will include cutting trees and grinding stumps to the ground with no soil disturbance; this will convert a forested wetland to an emergent wetland.
- Establish permanent conservation easements over areas preserved for new habitat.
- Acquire a permanent conservation easement on one privately owned parcel totaling 42 acres (tax parcel 303.000-2-2)
- Area will continue to be farmed for hay crops only and seasonal mowing schedule outside of breeding season will be maintained.
- Proposed conservation easements will be in place prior to construction activities taking place.
- Upland Sandpiper mitigation plan will be developed based on NYSDEC recommendations and standards.
- SWPPP will be obtained prior to construction activities taking place.
- Implement vegetation management plan:
 - Baseline assessment of existing conditions at mitigation area/s
 - Mowing and vegetation management to create/retain grasslands of various heights.
 - Vegetation monitoring to make sure forested wetland that was converted to emergent/wet meadow does not succeed into a scrub shrub wetland cover type.
 - No mechanized equipment within managed areas during the breeding/nesting seasons
 - Additional maintenance mowing to maintain grassland habitat and prevent encroachment of woody vegetation.
- Implement mitigation monitoring program:

- Establish objectives for mitigation and corresponding measurement methods.
- Identify performance standards to evaluate mitigation success.
- Annual monitoring and reporting based on NYSDEC requirements.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development.

Site 3: The NYSDEC EAF Mapper Summary Report contained in the FEAF Part 1 identified one state threatened species (Northern Harrier) with the potential to be located within the project limits. Minor impacts to potential foraging habitat could occur with the removal of 80 acres of forested areas. The proposed tree removal will not significantly reduce the foraging potential adjacent to the site post-construction (i.e., over 433 acres of adjacent forested areas remain) and forested areas converted to grassed areas may continue to support the Northern Harrier. No or small impact.

- (b) The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.

Refer to Item 7.(a) above.

- (c) Site 1: Correspondence with NYSDEC between September 2021 and August 2023 and the USFWS Official Species list dated 2/27/25 did not indicate any species of special concern or conservation need within or adjacent to the proposed action. No impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: The USFWS IPaC Resource List and NYSDEC EAF Mapper Summary Report contained in the FEAF Part 1, no species of special concern or conservation need are located within or adjacent to the proposed action. No Impact.

- (d) As identified in Item (c) above, no species of special concern or conservation need is located within or adjacent to the proposed action. No impact.
- (e) Based on a review of the National Park Service Natural National Natural Landmarks Directory¹⁰, no registered National Natural Landmarks are located within or adjacent to the proposed action. No impact.
- (f) Based on a review of the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper contained in the FEAF Part 1, no significant natural communities are located within or adjacent to the proposed action. No impact.
- (g) The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.

Refer to 7.(a) above.

- (h) The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat.

Refer to 7.(a).

¹⁰ [National Natural Landmarks Directory - National Natural Landmarks \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

- (i) Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) will not involve the use of herbicides or pesticides. No impact.

Given the information included above no or small impacts to plants and animals are expected since additional habitat is located nearby that wildlife species can migrate to and seasonal restrictions on clearing or mowing vegetation will be implemented.

Additionally, no significant adverse impacts to state-listed threatened and endangered species (Upland Sandpiper) are expected with the implementation of the recommended avoidance, minimization, and compensatory mitigation measures listed above. Oneida County will continue further coordination with the NYSDEC and the NYNHP during the design and permitting phases of site development activities.

8. Impact on Agricultural Resources:

The proposed action may impact agricultural resources.

Site 1: According to the Web Soil Survey from the NRCS, soil types identified as farmland of statewide importance and prime farmland are located within the Site 1 limits (refer to Attachment 1), Based on review agricultural district mapping for Oneida County, no agricultural districts are present within the project site¹¹ (refer to Attachment 1), and a response letter from the NYS Agriculture and Markets dated June 14, 2021, stated “based upon the information provided, it appears that the affected land is not located within a county adopted, State certified, agricultural district”

Although Site 1 does contain prime farmland soils and soils of statewide importance, there is no active farming taking place within the Site 1. Given that Site 1 is not located within an Agricultural District, and the proposed action would not involve the conversion of FPPA farmland to non-agricultural uses, no impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: According to the Web Soil Survey from the NRCS, soil types identified as farmland of statewide importance and prime farmland are located within the Site 2 limits (refer to Attachment 1). Based on review agricultural district mapping for Oneida County¹², a portion of Site 3 is located within Agricultural District 5 (refer to Attachment 1). The creation of Upland Sandpiper habitat will include approximately 42 acres of land being farmed for hay. This area will continue to be farmed for hay as this is conducive to Upland Sandpiper habitat per coordination with the NYSDEC that has taken place. Given that Site 3 would not involve the loss of farmland or loss of access to farmland, will not remove farmland from use nor impact existing agricultural operations or prohibit such farming actions in the future, no or small impact.

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources:

The land use of the proposed action are not obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource.

Site 1: The visible landscape will change from vacant to buildings, site access roads, parking areas, lighting and landscaping associated with the proposed Airport Business Park. Views of new development are screened by existing vegetation between adjacent residential properties and the site or will be screened with construction of the proposed noise wall barrier along Route 825/Mohawk Drive. New development would be visible to vehicles traveling along Route 825/Mohawk Drive. The proposed development is not obviously different or

¹¹ <https://cugir-data.s3.amazonaws.com/00/79/75/agONEI.pdf>

¹² <https://cugir-data.s3.amazonaws.com/00/79/75/agONEI.pdf>

in sharp contrast to current land use patterns since the site is located in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park and includes a mix of commercial, light industrial, and airport uses. Although Part 1 of the FEAF identified two National Park Service resources within five miles of the site (North Country National Scenic Trail and Fort Stanwix National Monument), the resources are located west of the Mohawk River and are not visible from the site due to existing vegetation. No impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no change in land use. No impact.

Site 3: A portion of the landscape will change with the removal of 80 acres of trees and conversion of these areas to grassland areas to create the new Upland Sandpiper habitat. This change is not obviously different or in sharp contrast to current land uses patterns which consist of forested areas, farmland, grassland areas, and scattered residential homes. No scenic or aesthetic resources have been identified within five miles of the site. No impact.

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources:

The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource.

- (a) The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.

Site 1: Phase 1A Literature Review and Archeological Sensitivity Assessments conducted by Hartgen Archeological Associates Inc. in September and March of 2023 and a Phase II Archeological Site investigation conducted by Hartgen Archeological Associates Inc., in February 2023. Results of the studies determined the B-52G bomber display does not meet the criteria for National Register listing and there is one site, identified as PCI Site 24 that retains National Register Eligible status. For PCI Site #24, avoidance or a Phase III Survey for Data Recovery was recommended if ground disturbing activities were to take place on the site. Impacts to PCI Site #24 are not expected since the proposed action has been modified to avoid development within this sensitive archaeological site. A plan was prepared to avoid impacts to PCI #24 for the short and long-term protection of archeologically sensitive sites and includes the following:

- Site 24 will be marked on the site plan map as “Environmentally Sensitive, Do Not Impact.”
- Site 24 will be marked with exclusionary fencing in the field by a NYSHPO approved archeologist prior to construction activities taking place in areas adjacent to the site.
- If for any reason proposed action recommendations were to change and ground disturbing activities were to take place within Site 24 and its associated buffer area, a Phase III Archeological Data Retrieval and Recovery Plan would be required and further coordination with the NYSHPO would need to take place.
- Proper soil erosion and sediment control plans will be utilized and maintained during construction activities.

Due to a number of project changes, coordination with SHPO was ongoing from July 2021 through February 2024. The February 2024 response letter states, “*it remains NYSHPO’s opinion that the project will result in No Effect on historic properties, including archeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the NYS and NRHP with the stipulation that the avoidance plan submitted with the report is fully implemented*”. With implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, and SHPO No effect / approval of the avoidance plan, no or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: Based on Phase 1B Archeological Field Reconnaissance conducted by Hartgen Archeological Associates Inc. in January 2025, no cultural materials, subsurface features, or structural features were located, and historic artifacts were not collected. Hartgen Archeological Associates Inc. recommended no further archeological testing. A response letter from NYSOPRHP dated March 5, 2025, stated “*NYSHPO concurs with the report recommendation that no additional archaeological investigation is warranted for the project. Based upon this review, it is the opinion of OPRHP 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 this project*”. Based on SHPO No Effect determination, no impact.

- (b) The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.

Refer to Item 10.(a).

- (c) The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory.

Refer to Item 10.(a).

11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation:

The proposed action may result in the loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan.

- (a) The proposed action will not result in an impairment of natural functions, or “ecosystem services”, provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.
- (b) The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.

Site 1: Three recreational or open space areas exist within the project area:

- Delutis Ball Field: a private baseball club leasing County property
- Griffiss International Sculpture Park: a publicly owned public use outdoor sculpture park with a paved nature trail and 18-hole disc golf course
- Mohawk Glen Golf Course: a privately owned public use golf course

The City of Rome Comprehensive Plan Action Plan prepared by River Street Planning and Development does not include a discussion of recreational or open space resources within the project area, but does including the following identified goals:

- The attraction of well-paid jobs through business development ...at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park is of paramount concern.
- Park is divided into seven distinct development sites.... commercial, technology, heavy industry, defense, office, aviation, education, recreation and open space.
- Park offers considerable capacity for new commercial and industrial development.

City of Rome zoning Sec. 80-23.3 Griffiss Business and Technology Park Development Districts map does identify the above three recreational areas as conservation/open space. Per Sec. 80-8.2 of the zoning codes the “GB-CV conservation recreation sub-district delineates certain open areas of value to the public within the park, represented in their natural, undeveloped, or unbuilt condition. It is recognized by the city that the principal use of these open areas is and ought to be the development, management, and utilization of the natural resources that exist in these areas. In order that this value be maintained and this use encouraged, a zoning sub-district is established to protect and enhance the natural resources, natural amenities, natural habitats of wildlife, watershed areas, public recreation areas, and the public health, safety and welfare by reducing the hardship and financial burdens imposed upon the city by the wanton destruction of resources, and the improper and wasteful use of open land and wooded areas. It is further the intent of this district to permit compatible uses and structures only at a low density and low impact as an added guarantee of compatibility with surrounding conservation”.

The Proposed action includes the construction of a utility corridor along Ellsworth Road adjacent to the Griffiss International Sculpture Park and paved nature trail). Direct impacts to park include removal of approximately 1,175 linear feet of the paved nature trail to install duct bank/utilities (0.22 acres), removal of automobile parking area pavement to install duct bank/utilities (0.11 acres) as shown on Figure 4.20. Indirect impacts will result from construction activities taking place (includes trenching, backfilling/compaction, grading, reseeding, and construction vehicle access). Impacts will be temporary, and areas will be restored to existing conditions upon completion of construction activities. Measures recommended to mitigate potential impacts include the following:

- Maintain utility corridor as close to Ellsworth Road as possible (within the road right-of-way) to avoid/minimize impacts to the Nature Trail
- If impacts to Nature Trail take place, paved trail will be restored to existing conditions upon completion of construction activities.
- Replacement plantings at a 1:1 ratio for individual trees that may need to be removed during construction activities.
- If utility duct bank/utilities cannot be constructed during winter or off-season months, a temporary nature trail will be provided.

Depending on the location of the proposed underground duct bank/utilities (sewer/water) from Route 825/Mohawk Drive along Perimeter Road to Site 1, there is the potential to impact the Rome Baseball Association (RBA) concession stand, storage facility, and bullpen. The following measures are recommended to minimize impacts:

- Continued coordination with utility providers will occur through design of the Proposed Project.
- Maintain utility corridor as close to Perimeter Road as possible to minimize limits of disturbance
- Impacted facilities will be relocated, or new facilities will be constructed
- Access to the ball fields will be maintained at all times during construction
- Construction during off-season months to avoid interruption of use

With implementation the above recommended mitigation measures, no or small impact.

Site 2: One recreational or open space area exists within the project area:

- Mohawk Glen Golf Course: a privately owned public use golf course

The golf course was acquired by the County in January 2025 and will no longer be operated as a golf course. Since this site is located adjacent to Site 1 (proposed Airport Business Park limits) the

County intends to rezone Site 2 from GB-CV to GB-FI (Griffiss Business-Conservation Recreation to Griffiss Business-Flexible Industrial Development) to be consistent with the rezoning taking place on Site 1. This will result in the permanent loss of a privately owned public use recreational area. The City of Rome contains three and one private golf course and there are also 30 golf courses within 20 miles of Rome¹³. Since there are additional golf courses within the City and adjacent areas, and the City's Comprehensive Plan identifies the primary goals within the Griffiss Business & Technology Park are the attraction of well-paid jobs through new commercial and industrial development, no or small impact.

Site 3: N/A, no designated recreational or open space areas within project area. No impact.

- (c) The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.

Refer to Item 11.(b).

- (d) The proposed action will not result in the loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas:

Based on a review of the DECinfo Locator ¹⁴ there are no Critical Environmental Areas in the City of Rome (Sites 1 and 2) or the Town of Whitestown (Site 3) (refer to Attachment 1). The DECinfo Locator map shows the nearest CEA is Cazenovia Lake in the Town of Cazanovia approximately 29 miles from the project sites. No impact.

13. Impact on Transportation:

The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems.

- (a) Expected projected traffic may exceed [the] capacity of [the] existing road network.

Site 1: A Traffic Assessment (TA) was completed by C&S Engineers, Inc. in April 2023. Based on the results of the TA, there will be an increase in traffic to Site 1 from employees and trucks associated with the proposed large manufacturing facility (1,000,000 SF) as well as smaller facilities. The TA identified new trips for the AM peak period would increase by 629 and the PM peak trips would increase by 648. The TA identified a 1.1% increase in vehicle traffic over existing conditions and a 4.91% increase in truck traffic. Once site development reaches 30% (primarily associated with the manufacturing facility being constructed in the next five years and shift work which would require many trips in a short period of time), improvements at the intersection of Perimeter Road and Route 825 (Mohawk Drive) would be needed.

The TA noted improvements could include a traffic signal and right turn lane at the intersection of Route 825 and Perimeter Road or construction of a traffic roundabout. Based on review of the Traffic Assessment, communications, and a meeting held on March 2, 2023, NYSDOT stated a traffic roundabout is preferred from a safety, efficiency, operational, and environmental perspective. Realignment of Perimeter Road will be required as part of the traffic roundabout improvements. City of Rome, Oneida County, and NYS DOT approval has been received on the preferred

¹³ [35 Golf Courses near Rome, NY - Public & Private | GolfLink](#)

¹⁴ [DECinfo Locator](#)

roundabout/road realignment, and coordination with adjacent affected property owners has taken place.

Temporary construction impacts associated with the road improvements (traffic roundabout, realignment of Perimeter Road) include clearing, grading, grubbing, installing stormwater management areas, removal of existing pavement associated with roadways, curbs, and pedestrian paths; placing new roadway subbase, construction of new paved roads, curbs, and pedestrian paths/crosswalks; landscaping, signs, lighting, , relocation of any utilities in the area of disturbance, trenching for underground conduit, installation of new sewer and water lines along Perimeter Road, extending one private entrance road to connect with realigned Perimeter Road, and traffic pattern changes.

Mitigation measures proposed to address traffic impacts include the following:

- Design plans will be reviewed by NYSDOT.
- A Transportation Management Plan (TMP) would be prepared for the project to avoid or minimize temporary impacts to traffic, and transportation associated with project construction.
- Disruption of traffic in the construction area will be minimized to the greatest extent possible. Although the control of all construction-related inconveniences is not possible, motorist and pedestrian safety will be ensured by signing all construction areas. All lane closures, traffic shifts, short term detours, and changed travel patterns will be clearly marked. Access will be maintained to adjacent properties during construction.
- Coordination with property owners if changes to current plan take place.
- Coordination with property owners throughout construction period to address concerns and keep informed on progress of project.
- Replanting of any individual trees impacted by construction activities at a 1:1 ratio.
- Planting additional trees to provide a screen between one private property and realigned Perimeter Road
- Restore areas where existing pavement is removed to maintained lawn.
- Consideration should be given to construction of the noise barrier prior to construction activities related to the traffic roundabout and realignment of Perimeter Road to reduce construction noise to the four affected properties identified above (requested by one of the adjacent property owners at a meeting held on March 18, 2024)

Based on the proposed improvements to the roadway system, concurrence from the NYSDOT and City of Rome, and recommended mitigation measures, no or small impact.

Site2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impacts.

Site 3: N/A, no additional traffic associated with this site, involves converting forested areas to grasslands and preserving area to create Upland Sandpiper habitat. No impact.

- (b) The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.

Site 1: No parking spaces currently exist on the 286-acre site. Proposed development related to the aeronautical hangar storage, UAS R&D campus, and R&D/tech manufacturing facilities will create approximately 1,528 parking spaces at maximum buildout (includes employee vehicle parking and truck loading/parking areas). Thus, the total number of parking spaces exceeds the FEAF 500-parking space threshold. Construction of off-street parking and loading areas will be designed and

constructed in compliance with the City of Rome zoning codes (Article XIV-Off-Street Parking and Loading, Sec. 80-14). No or small impact.

Site2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: N/A, involves converting forested areas to grasslands and preserving area to create Upland Sandpiper habitat. No paved parking areas will be constructed. No impact.

- (c) The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.

Site 1: The proposed action is not within ½ mile of public/private transportation service(s) or facilities, and the project itself does not include access to public transportation. The closest transit route to the project is the City of Rome Transit/Bus "6" line with the nearest designated stop located at the intersection of March St./Brooks Rd. (0.9 miles away) There are no private transportation services that regularly serve the project site. Given the distance from the "6" line, it is unlikely that this development will have any noticeable impact on transit - positive or negative. No or small impact.

Site2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: N/A, no transit access currently exists to this site, and none is required for the proposed action since development of this site involves converting forested areas to grasslands and preserving the area to create Upland Sandpiper habitat. No impact.

- (d) The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.

Site 1:

Route 825 / Mohawk Drive: A 10-foot-wide paved walking trail runs adjacent to NYS Route 825 / Mohawk Drive and one pedestrian crosswalk is located with the Site 1 project limits. Construction of the traffic roundabout along Route 825 will require the relocation of the paved walking trail a pedestrian crosswalk, and paved sidewalks (refer to Attachment 1). There will be temporary impacts to the walking trail and paved sidewalks, these areas will be restored post construction, no or small impact.

Griffiss International Sculpture Garden: Refer to Item 11.(b).

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no impact.

Site 3: There are no existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations within the site. No impact.

- (e) The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.

Refer to 13.(a).

14. Impact on Energy:

The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy.

- (a) Is a new or upgraded substation will be required.

Site 1: The proposed action would generate a need for additional electrical power for new building facilities (1.9 million SF overall). Electrical power is needed for cooling and power for indoor lighting, outdoor parking and security lighting, etc.). Coordination with GUSC indicated the following elements are required for connection to existing GUSC infrastructure:

- A 15 way 5" conduit electrical duct bank is proposed to service the proposed action.
- The proposed electrical duct bank will be routed north from the Existing Ellsworth Substation to the proposed action along March Street and Hangar Road within a 50ft wide proposed utility corridor.
- A new 15 kV switchgear will be required at the proposed action site ("Triangle Area").
- Individual branch/service lines will be provided for each proposed building at the time of development for each site/building per State, County, and local standards/codes.
- The existing Ellsworth Substation will need to be upgraded (new station transformer) in order to provide the required power for the proposed action.
- 20 MW of power is currently available, to accommodate the estimated 50 MW of power at full build out, an additional station transformer will be installed at the substation.

Based on coordination with GUSC, this amount of power will be provided by making upgrades to the existing electric distribution system (Ellsworth Substation) as proposed, and by purchasing additional power from National Grid as necessary. Upgrades to GUSC's existing electrical system are proposed in two phases. Design considerations from GUSC are ongoing and will continue to be coordinated throughout the duration of the proposed action. With implementation of the above measures no to small impacts as a result of the proposed action.

Natural Gas: The proposed action would generate a need for additional natural gas for the proposed buildings (i.e., heating, and hot water). Coordination with National Grid indicated the following elements are required for connection to existing National Grid infrastructure:

- An 8" diameter natural gas main is proposed to service the proposed action.
- The proposed 8" diameter natural gas main will tie into the existing 4" natural gas main at the intersection of Hangar Road and March Street.
- The proposed 8" diameter natural gas main will be routed north to the proposed action within the proposed 50ft wide utility corridor.
- Individual branch/service lines will be provided for each proposed building at the time of development for each site/building per State, County, and local standards/codes.

Based on coordination with National Grid, a preliminary analysis of the existing site utilities, and estimated demand for the Proposed Project, natural gas will be provided to the proposed action with no to small impacts as a result of the proposed action..

Site 2: N/A, zoning change, no development. No impact.

Site 3: N/A, involves tree removal, grading, grubbing, and reseeded. No impact.

- (b) The creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.

Refer to 14.(a).

- (c) Not more than 2,500 megawatt hours (MWhrs) (a term used to describe electrical power consumption and production) are estimated to be used by the project.

Refer to 14.(a).

- (d) The proposed action will involve heating and cooling more than 100,000 square feet of building area when complete.

Refer to 14.(a).

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light:

The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting.

- (a) The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.

Site 1:

Traffic Noise: As noted in Item 13.(a), the AM peak period would increase by 629 and the PM peak trips would increase by 648. These volumes distributed throughout the project site were used to analyze potential noise impacts related to development of Site 1 in a Noise Technical Report prepared by HMMH in February 2024. The Noise Report identified one residential home located on Tompkins Avenue adjacent to the proposed traffic roundabout on Route 825 that would be impacted by the increase in traffic noise. A noise barrier was recommended to mitigate this impact and also benefit the remaining three residential homes located on Tompkins Avenue. Based on meetings and coordination with the four property owners, the property owners are in favor of the noise wall and have participated in selection of a preferred barrier type. Construction of the noise barrier will offset traffic noise impacts (refer to Attachment 1). No or small impact

Temporary Construction Noise: The proposed action would cause a temporary increase in noise during construction activities related to the operation of commercial power tools, trucks, and heavy equipment. Noise levels would vary dependent on the type of equipment, the duration of operation, and the time of operation. As part of the HMMH Noise Technical Report, construction noise impact evaluations were conducted for residences south of Mohawk Drive (Route 825) between Bell Road and Broadway, residences within the 143 Air City Lofts Community, residences west of Perimeter Road along Bell Road North and Bel Air Drive, scattered residences north and east of RME along Butternut Road, Wright Settlement Road, and Old Floyd Road, as well as recreational uses at the baseball fields at Perimeter Road and Mohawk Drive (Route 825) and Mohawk Glen Golf Course.

Construction activities would be carried out in compliance with all applicable local noise regulations. To minimize and reduce construction noise, mitigation strategies should be implemented where practicable. These strategies may include, but are not limited to:

- Providing appropriate manufacturer's noise reduction devices, including, but not limited to a manufacturer's muffler (or equivalently rated material) that is free of rust, holes, and exhaust leaks on construction equipment operating on site.
- Portable noise from construction devices with internal combustion engines shall be mitigated by ensuring that the engine's housing doors are kept closed on construction devices with internal combustion engines.
- Covering equipment, such as compressors, generators, pumps and other such devices with noise-insulating fabric as well as operating the device at lower engine speeds during work to the maximum extent possible.
- Operational controls such as limiting vehicle engine idling onsite and time-of-day restrictions for certain activities, such as a restriction on nighttime pile driving.

- Using quieter or ambient-sensitive back-up alarms on construction equipment whenever practical.
- Strategically positioning construction vehicles as to minimize operation near receptors and directing construction haul vehicles away from receptors when traveling to and from the work site.
- Use of noise pathway controls, including noise barriers and enclosures free from gaps and holes should be placed as close as possible to construction areas.
- Develop and submit a Noise Control Plan on a regular basis (e.g. every six months) that includes prediction of construction noise at sensitive locations based on the equipment and activities that will be used over the period of interest. If construction activities are expected to exceed applicable limits, the plan will identify the mitigation measures that will be incorporated into the activities and the amount of noise reduction achieved.
- Public information procedures to keep the public informed about construction activities and efforts to minimize noise in the community.
- Complaint response procedures for prompt response and corrective action to noise complaints during construction.
- Consideration should be given to construction of the noise barrier prior to construction activities related to the traffic roundabout and realignment of Perimeter Road to reduce construction noise to the four affected properties identified above (requested by one of the adjacent property owners at a meeting held on March 18, 2024)

With implementation of the recommended noise mitigation strategies (where practicable) and noise construction will be temporary in nature, no or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change, no development. No impact.

Site 3: During construction noise generated by construction vehicles and machinery would occur related to tree removal, grading, grubbing, and reseedling. Noise impacts would be restricted to the immediate vicinity of the site. Noise levels would vary dependent on the nature of construction activities and the type and model of equipment used. There are scattered residential homes located on Postal Road and Cider Street that may be impacted by temporary construction noise. These impacts will be minimized by incorporating the following measures:

- Limit construction activities to daytime hours (7 AM to 7 PM weekdays) for any construction within 500 feet of a residence.
- Ensure that all engines have proper mufflers.
- Minimize or avoid operation of noisy equipment during weekends.

With implementation of the recommended mitigation measures and noise impacts are temporary, no or small impact.

- (b) The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.

No blasting will take place as part of the proposed action. No impact

- (c) The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.

Site 1: The proposed action is not expected to generate any detectable odors although the trucks and automobiles accessing the site will have exhaust emissions. As identified in Item 6.(a) BMPs are recommended to reduce emissions and any required federal or state permits will be obtained. No to small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change, not development. No impact.

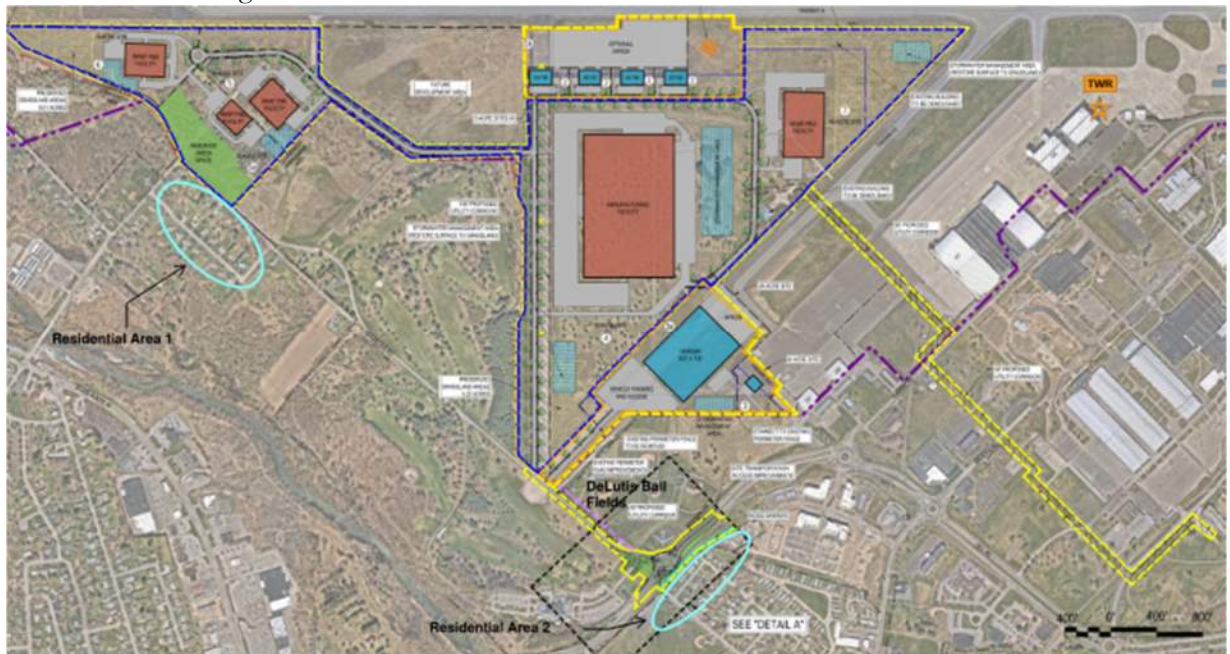
Site 3: May result in temporary odors for more than one hour per day during construction activities. Temporary in nature and would return to existing conditions upon completion of construction. No to small impact.

- (d) The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.

Site 1:

The proposed action would include landside facilities (i.e., manufacturing/R&D, UAS/R&D, or aircraft storage buildings, loading docks, truck staging, access roads, and employee parking), and airside facilities for aircraft (i.e., aircraft parking apron and taxiways). The proposed action will introduce lighting in an area where none has previously existed. Anticipated lighting consists of exterior wall-mounted flood lights for loading dock areas, 30-foot pole-mounted area lighting with one to four fixtures in employee parking lots, and pole-mounted lighting along access roads. The proposed action takes place in a built environment with existing lighting in place. Two residential areas and the DeLutis Ball Fields are located adjacent to the site limits.

Sensitive Sites for Light Emissions



Source: C&S Engineers, Inc.

Residential Area 1 is located approximately 1,380 feet from proposed access road lighting, 1,432 feet from employee parking lot lighting, and 2,572 feet from exterior wall mounted flood lights for proposed loading docks. Approximately 11 residential homes are located along North Bell Road or Perimeter Road. There are existing tree screens, reserved green space, and proposed tree plantings along access roads that will shield residences from proposed action lighting (refer to Attachment 1). Therefore, no lighting impacts are expected for residences located in Residential Area 1.

Residential Area 2 is located approximately 1,360 feet from proposed access road lighting, 1,872 feet from employee parking lot lighting, and 2,990 feet from exterior wall mounted flood lights for proposed loading docks. In addition, Residential Area 2 is located adjacent to proposed road improvements to Mohawk Drive (i.e., traffic roundabout). This area contains four residential properties. One home has existing trees and a screened six-foot fence that shields views of the proposed action. The three remaining homes have six-foot screened fencing that shield views of the proposed action at ground level (refer to Attachment 1). One home has a second-floor porch that would make components of the proposed action and associated lighting visible. However, current lighting existing along Mohawk Drive, and DeLutis Ball Fields contain flood lighting for night-time games. Ground level views from all residential homes are shielded and the proposed action includes construction of a 10-foot noise barrier wall between these residences and the road improvements on Mohawk Drive (i.e., traffic roundabout). Additionally, the property owner with a second-floor balcony indicated they wouldn't want anything to block their views of the airport from their residence and did not indicate any concerns related to the proposed lighting. Therefore, no lighting impacts are expected for residences located in Residential Area 2.

DeLutis Ball Field is located approximately 166 feet from proposed access road lighting, 386 feet from employee parking lot lighting, and 1,560 feet from exterior wall mounted flood lights for proposed loading docks. In addition, DeLutis Ball Fields are located adjacent to proposed road improvements with associated street lighting along Perimeter Road (refer to Attachment 1). The Rome Baseball Association leases property from Oneida County and is responsible for all ball field amenities, operations, maintenance, and upkeep. A meeting was held with the RBA director to discuss the Proposed Project and identify potential concerns. The RBA director expressed concerns related to proposed action lighting along roads and flood lighting that could affect visibility for ball players during night-time games (i.e., light glare). The use of hooded lights was discussed as a measure to prevent glare associated with street lighting and flood lights for building loading docks.

With implementation of the recommended mitigation measures and the fact that existing tree screens exist between the proposed action and residential areas, no or small impact.

16. Impact on Human Health:

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants.

- (a) The proposed action is located within 1,500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.

Site 1: The Clough Pre-K Center is located approximately 1,440 feet from the project site (south of the Route 825/Perimeter Road intersection). No hospitals, schools, nursing homes, or retirement communities are located within 1,500 feet of the site. The Clough Pre-K Center is separated from the project site by major roadways, open space and buildings. The Pre-K Center is not exposed to existing sources of contaminants, nor will it be exposed to new sources as a result of the proposed action. No or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: No contaminants have been identified on or near the site, project includes the removal of trees, grading, grubbing, and reseeded to create new Upland Sandpiper habitat and will not generate new sources of contaminants. No impact.

- (b) Based on a review of the NYS DEC DECinfo Locator¹⁵ the site of the proposed action is not currently undergoing remediation.
- (c) Is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.

Site 1: Yes, completed site remediation is located adjacent to Site 1 on other portions of the Airport property.

Based on a review of the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation Database, the Griffiss Air Force Base is part of the State Superfund Program.¹⁶ The entire Former Griffiss Air Force Base encompasses approximately 3,550 acres. As a result of the various national defense missions carried out at the former Griffiss AFB since 1942, hazardous and toxic substances were used, and hazardous wastes were generated, stored, or disposed of at various sites on the installation. An Inter-Agency Agreement (IAG) has been negotiated to address these areas through Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Studies (RI/FSs). The parties involved in the agreement are the US Department of Defense (DOD), the USEPA and the NYSDEC. The majority of the Base, 2,900 acres in total, has been deleted from the NPL. The remaining active sites (approximately 650 acres) remain on the NPL. The Air Force began PFAS investigation work at Griffiss in 2014. The Site Inspection at the Fire Training area in 2016 found considerable PFOS contamination in all media (refer to Attachment 1). A base-wide Site Inspection has been completed for perfluorinated compounds which covers the rest of the base. A supplemental creek sampling report has been completed.

Impacts on Base are documented for all media: soil, sediment, groundwater, surface water, biota. Impacts on both Three and Six Mile Creeks have been documented and have been largely addressed. There are also impacts to the groundwater on site as evidenced by volatile organics that had been found in monitoring wells. Several groundwater plumes are being remediated on Base either through monitored natural attenuation or active treatment systems. Many areas of concern have been remediated through soil and sediment excavation. The Site Inspection at the Fire Training area in 2016 found considerable PFOS contamination in all media. Significant PFOS contamination was later found at additional AOCs, with the highest levels found at current and former fire stations.

Solvents and glycols were detected in private water supplies at levels above the drinking water standards in a small area southeast of the base. Public water was extended to the impacted area. An eighteen-month private well monitoring program was conducted in areas not served by public water and no evidence of area wide glycol contamination was identified. A fish consumption advisory is in place for white suckers in Three Mile Creek. Access to areas of concern on the site are controlled.

As identified in 16.(e), to minimize potential impacts to human health mitigation measures and best management practices (BMPs) are recommended if hazardous substances, contaminated soils, or

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¹⁶ <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3>

other regulated materials are encountered during any phase of construction. With the implementation of these measures, no or small impact.

Sites 2: N/A, zoning change, no development. No impact.

Site 3: No, there are no emergency spill remediation, or completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to the site (refer to Attachment 1). No impact.

- (d) Is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).

Site 1: The site is subject to institutional controls limiting use of the property. As part of the former Griffiss Air Force Base, the Airport site is part of the Installation Restoration Program (IRP), which is “a comprehensive program designed to address contamination from past activities and restore Army lands to useable conditions”. The purpose of the program is to “identify, investigate and clean up hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants that pose environmental health and safety risks at active military installations and formerly used defense sites (FUDS)”. The IRP response actions are conducted in accordance with the provisions of CERCLA and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. In 1990, an Interagency Agreement among the EPA, NYSDEC, and Griffiss Air Force base was signed to remediate the site. As part of the program, the following land restrictions were placed on the sites to prevent the public from encountering the contaminants:

- Development and use of the property is restricted to industrial, commercial, and non-residential land uses.
- Soil / groundwater intrusive work, groundwater consumption, and groundwater well installation are prohibited without prior approval from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

Sites 2 & 3 are not the subject of institutional controls. No impact.

- (e) The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.

Site 1: Since the former Griffiss Air Force Base (which includes the Airport) is on the NPL and is part of the IRP, Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) were completed by C&S Engineers, Inc. for various portions of Site 1 in October 2022 and March of 2024. A Phase II ESA was conducted in an area where five underground storage tanks were previously located (completed by C&S Engineers, Inc. in January 2023). The Phase II ESA determined there was a potential to encounter hazardous materials within the Project area. Based on the September 2022 investigation, *“if site development requires excavation in the areas of the former USTs, special measures may be needed...since previous reports indicated that contaminated soil may remain under Building 222. The building also has a floor drain system and trenches associated with jet powered aircraft exhaust. It is expected that fuel or petroleum contaminated materials are present in these structures”*.

The Phase II ESA noted *“if site development requires excavation in the areas of the former USTs adjacent to Building 222 (former Building 5771), special measures may be needed...since previous reports indicated that contaminated soil may remain under Building 222. The building also has a floor drain system and trenches associated with jet powered aircraft exhaust. It is expected that fuel or petroleum contaminated materials are present in these structures”*

According to USAF documents, PFC (polyfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)) impacted soil, and groundwater is present at the former Fire Protection Training Area (FPTA) which is located adjacent to the Project area. A base wide evaluation to identify potential non- Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) sources of PFAS that may have been used at the base is currently ongoing, but results are not available at this time. Due to the Proposed Project's location, there is a potential to encounter PFAS contaminated soil, sediment, surface water, or groundwater during construction. Coordination with the USEPA Region 2, NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and USAF will be required prior to construction activities taking place.

In addition, based on a review of USAF documents, PCB impacted soil is present within the far southern extent of the project site (electrical substation). Groundwater use is prohibited. Contaminated soil cannot leave the site limits. The USAF must be notified before excavation work. The site can only be used for industrial, commercial, and non-residential use.

To minimize potential impacts to human health the following mitigation measures and best management practices (BMPs) are recommended if hazardous substances, contaminated soils, or other regulated materials are encountered during any phase of construction:

- Hazardous Material Assessments – Building demolition will be performed consistent with state and local regulations. Prior to demolition, hazardous building materials (e.g. asbestos, lead-paint, fluorescent lighting, drums, etc.) will be inventoried, tested, and disposed properly. Uncontaminated building materials (e.g. wood, concrete, sheetrock, etc.) will be disposed of at a NYSDEC permitted construction and demolition (C&D) debris facility.
- Dust Abatement Program – Project contract specifications would include a dust abatement program to minimize potential public health impacts associated with exposure to contaminants in soil dust.
- Potential to Encounter Physically Contaminated Soils or Groundwater during Construction –Contract specifications would require that a contingency plan be prepared if evidence of potential soil or groundwater contamination (e.g. discoloration, sheen, and odors), debris, or buried storage containers are encountered during design or construction of project components. The plan would contain procedures for sampling and analysis of potentially hazardous substances, including use of a photoionization detector. The required handling, storage, and disposal methods would depend on the types and concentrations of chemicals identified in the soil. However, soil shall be handled and disposed of consistent with local, state, and federal regulations. Any needed site investigations or remediation would comply with applicable laws and be coordinated with the appropriate regulatory agencies. In addition, the NYSDEC 24-hour Spill Hotline will be notified if contaminated materials are encountered.
- Potential to Encounter PFC Contaminated Soil, Sediment, Surface Water, or Groundwater during Construction – There are no existing reports indicating PFC contamination from the former FPTA has migrated to the Project area, which is located hydraulically cross-gradient. A Remedial Investigation (RI) is planned for the former FPTA to determine the nature and extent of PFC impacts, although the timing is not known. Well in advance of the construction work in this area, the owner and engineer must coordinate with the USAF, USEPA, NYSDOH, and NYSDEC to determine the status and coordinate items such as:
 - ◆ Results of additional studies and investigations.
 - ◆ Responsibilities of the parties involved.
 - ◆ Protocols for sampling and analysis of media.

- ◆ Handling, storage, and disposal methods for suspected or documented contaminated media.
- ◆ The need and scope of mitigation or management plans.
- Health and Safety Plan – A project-specific Health and Safety Plan, applicable to all excavation activities in the areas around current Building 222 (former Building 5771), former Buildings 5773 and 5774, and the electrical substation would be prepared to establish policies and procedures to protect workers and the public from potential hazards posed by hazardous materials. The plan would be prepared according to Federal and State OSHA regulations and submitted to the USAF as well as other agencies having jurisdiction before site activities could precede.
- Removal of USTs – If unknown USTs are discovered during construction, work in the area would stop to allow the UST, associated piping, and impacted soil to be removed by a licensed and experienced UST removal contractor. The UST and contaminated soil would be removed in compliance with applicable county and state requirements governing UST removal.
- Groundwater Monitoring Wells – An existing groundwater monitoring well on the east side of former Building 5773 and a temporary groundwater monitoring well on the southwest corner of Building 222 were identified during Phase I ESA activities. If the well is no longer needed, it shall be decommissioned by a qualified environmental drilling firm consistent with NYSDEC or USEPA requirements. If the USAF indicates the well must remain, the contractor will be required to protect the well.
- Hazardous Materials Handling – Consistent with requirements of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, (SWPPP) the construction contractor would be required to implement BMPs for handling hazardous materials onsite. The use of construction BMPs would minimize negative effects on groundwater and soils, and would include the following:
 - All hazardous materials would be stored, labeled, and disposed of in accordance with state and local regulations. The contractors would also be held responsible for reporting any discharges of hazardous materials or other similar substances during construction.
 - Spill control and countermeasures, including employee spill prevention/response training would be implemented.
 - Overtopping of construction equipment fuel gas tanks would be prohibited.
 - During routine maintenance of construction equipment, grease and oils would be properly contained and removed.
 - Discarded containers of fuels and other chemicals would be properly disposed of.
- Recycling and Disposal of Oil and Other Solvents – Oil and other solvents used during maintenance of construction equipment would be recycled or disposed of in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements. All hazardous materials would be transported, handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.
- Potential Accidental Release of Hazardous Materials – In the event of an accidental release of hazardous materials during construction, containment and clean up would occur in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.
- Contract specifications would require that a contingency plan be prepared in the event that evidence of potential soil or groundwater contamination (e.g., discoloration, sheen, and odors), debris, or buried storage containers are encountered during design or construction of the Proposed Project.

- USAF, NYSDEC, and NYSDOH will be notified and coordinated with regarding work adjacent to and within the electrical substation. Earthwork in this area will be performed by a qualified environmental contractor.

With the implementation of the above mitigation measures, no or small impact.

Sites 2 & 3 are not the subject of institutional controls. No impact.

- (f) The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment, and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.

The proposed action will not involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste. No impact.

- (g) The proposed action does not involve the construction or modification of a solid waste management facility. No Impact.

- (h) The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.

Site 1: Based on the information contained in 16.(c), (d), and (e) above, the proposed action is not expected to result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste. With the mitigation measures and BMPs identified in 16.(e), no or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

Site 3: The NYSDEC EAF Mapper Summary Report contained in Part 1 of the FEAF, identified digital mapping data is not available or incomplete and NYS DEC DECinfo Locator did not identify any contaminated sites. The EPA Cleanups in My Community site was reviewed and did not identify any brownfield, superfund, or RCRA corrective actions within the project limits.¹⁷ No impact.

- (i) The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, or solid waste.

Site 1: Increases in solid waste generation and disposal are anticipated for new facility operations (manufacturing, UAS/R&D, manufacturing/R&D, aeronautical use for manufacturing related to UAS/advanced air mobility (AAM) technologies, associated office space), and construction activities. Typical waste generated from industrial/manufacturing facilities include plastic, scrap metal, industrial foam, old corrugated cardboard. Typical waste generated from office spaces and employees include trash, mixed paper products, food scraps, plastics, and general waste (coffee cups, Styrofoam plates).

In addition to facility operations, solid waste will be generated from construction activities. Typical waste generated from construction activities include asphalt, concrete slabs, buildings, and land clearing debris (soil, rocks, timber, vegetation).

All solid waste generated from the proposed action will be disposed of at the Oneida-Herkimer Regional Landfill. This landfill is a permitted facility that can accept non-hazardous residential, commercial, and industrial waste and construction and demolition debris. According to the Solid

¹⁷ [Cleanups in My Community | US EPA](#)

Waste Management Permit, the approved design capacity of solid waste is 1,000 tons per day. No or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development taking place. No impact.

Site 3: Disposal for solid waste generated on-site during construction (i.e., trees, vegetation) will be taken off-site to the Oneida-Herkimer Regional Landfill. No or small impact.

- (j) The proposed action will not result in the excavation or other disturbance within 2,000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.
- (k) The proposed action will not result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.
- (l) The proposed action is not expected to result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project sites.
- (m) Other impacts: None

17. Consistency with Community Plans:

The proposed action is consistent with adopted land use plans.

- (a) The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).

Site 1:

Land Use: On Airport construction activities will convert vacant land to a mix of aeronautical and non-aeronautical development. Aeronautical uses include UAS/R&D buildings/hangers, UAS/AAM manufacturing hangars, aircraft parking apron, access roads and automobile parking areas. Non-aeronautical uses include manufacturing/R&D facilities, access roads, and automobile parking areas). Off-airport construction activities will not alter existing land uses. Specifically, current roadways will be improved with the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Perimeter Road and Mohawk Drive. Utility corridors will be restored to existing conditions upon completion of construction (paved entrance roads, automobile parking areas, mowed lawn, or paved nature trails).

The proposed action aligns with the long-term land use objectives and plans developed for the City of Rome, Oneida County, and the Mohawk Valley region by providing development opportunities, encouraging new investment, and growing the local tax base.

Zoning: Currently part of Griffiss Business Redevelopment District based on City of Rome zoning codes (ARTICLE VIII). Per the zoning code, *the GB Griffiss Park redevelopment district is intended to address the Griffiss Business and Technology Park within the city. The purpose of the district is to support the high quality, state-of-the-art business and technology center, within a work environment that blends operational efficiency with a pleasing atmosphere. In order to address the different functional and aesthetic character areas within the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, the GB district is divided into a series of sub-districts with tailored dimensional standards, permitted uses, and design and development standards.*

The majority of the proposed action will take place within the Airfield/UAS sub-district. Development of a roundabout will occur within the Rome Lab/R&D/Office Campus (GB-RL) and

Conservation Recreation (GB-CV) sub-districts. Additionally, utility corridors will also be developed within these three sub-districts.

The City of Rome's Zoning Code does not explicitly state permissible or impermissible uses within the Airfield/UAS sub-district. However, uses in this area, on airport property are subject to FAA rules and regulations. Additionally, "uses that may interfere with airfield operations must be specifically approved by the FAA."

Per the City of Rome's Zoning Code, utilities are permitted within all sub-districts of the GB zoning district. However, they are a special use and require special use approval. All new and rebuilt exterior on-site utilities such as drainage systems, sewers, gas lines, water lines, and electrical, telephone, and communications wires and equipment must be installed and maintained underground.

Regarding development of the roundabout, the City of Rome's Zoning Code does not identify whether roundabouts are a permissible or impermissible use within the GB district. However, it is anticipated that development of the roundabout will occur within existing right-of-way property and in property that will be acquired and transitioned to right-of-way for its development. Per Section 80-1.5.-Exemptions, "the provision of this code does not apply to land located within rights of way." Article XXII.-Right-Of-Way and Access Standards, discusses the purpose of right-of-way "to provide safe, convenient, and functional pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic flow." Right-of-way and sidewalk design standards and dimensions of the proposed roundabout must be consistent and in alignment with those set forth by the city engineer.

Although the proposed development on Site 1 is compatible with the City of Rome Zoning Code, the County is working with the City of Rome to rezone the on-Airport development area to GB-FI flex industrial development. The GB-FI sub-district is reserved for high tech and light industrial uses. Including industrial design; industrial, artisan; industrial, general; office; research and development; specialized food production; solar energy systems, Tier 1; and warehouse.

Since development will be consistent with the dimensional standards, set back requirements, height standards, etc. outlined in the Zoning Code, no or small impact.

Site 2: As discussed previously in Item 11, Site 2 is an officially designated recreational/open space area (Mohawk Glen Golf Course). A zoning change is included as part of the proposed action (from GB-CV to GB-FI) and the site will no longer be operated as a golf course. The loss of the recreational resource is not considered significant since other public and private golf course existing within the City of Rome (3 public, 1 private) and another 30 golf courses within 20 miles of Rome¹⁸. No other impacts to public resources would occur. No or small impact.

Site 3: Existing land uses consist of vacant land, and farmland. The proposed tree removal results in a conversion of forested areas to grassland habitat for Upland Sandpiper habitat, however existing land uses will not change. No impact.

- (c) The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town, or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.

Site 1: The population of the City of Rome is approximately 31,576, and a 5% growth would be an increase of 1,579 people. A memo was prepared during coordination with the Rome City School District to determine the school district's ability to accommodate the projected increase in population / students. At site build out, the number of employees that would be new to the region (within a 45-

¹⁸ [35 Golf Courses near Rome, NY - Public & Private | GolfLink](#)

minute drive radius) was 1,412 and 494 new to the City of Rome. This falls below the FEAF threshold, no or small impact.

Sites 2 & 3 will not result in increases in population. No impact.

- (d) The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.

Refer to 17.(a).

- (e) The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.

Site 1: The proposed action is consistent with the currently approved Airport Layout Plan dated 2016, the Griffiss Land Development Corporation and County of Oneida Proposed Plan for the Development of an Airport Business & Industrial Park, as well as the Griffiss International Airport Business Plan identify Airport land property and how it will be recognized in the long-term as a basis for recruitment and attraction efforts by the Airport and surrounding areas.

The Griffiss International Airport Business Plan recommends “a plan of action to improve the Airport’s financial performance and long-term viability as a provider of jobs and general aviation services to Oneida County and the broader Utica-Rome metropolitan area.” Furthermore, this plan presents an overall strategic direction and 5-year plan for the Airport to further the Airport’s vision as a nexus of economic activity for the region. No regional land use plans are in place for the project area. No impact.

Site 2: This site is classified as a public golf course. No county or regional land use plans are in place for the project area. Site 2 is a zoning change that also includes discontinuing operation of the golf course (County has acquired). The zoning change will change the land use from public golf course to GB-FI (Griffiss Business-Flexible Industrial development use). The loss of the golf course is not considered significant since there are four additional golf courses located within the City of Rome (3 public, 1 private) and another 30 golf courses within 20 miles of Rome. No or small impact.

Site 3: A portion of what is known as the former Oneida County Airport property is located within Site 3. Mohawk Valley EDGE completed the Oneida County Business Park Redevelopment Plan and Design Guidelines Report in October 2009. This plan “*set forth a vision and an action plan for the redevelopment of the former Oneida County Airport and Oneida County Business Park into a thriving commercial and industrial center for Oneida County and Mohawk Valley*”. Recommended development included a Mega Site west of Cider Street and Opportunity Sites located east of Cider Street adjacent to Postal Road. No interest has been shown by developers in these sites compared with Site 1 where there has been a number of interested developers the County has been working with. Site 1 is the largest remaining developable site in Oneida County and is considered a prime development location. As part of an ongoing NEPA Environmental Assessment for Site 1, breeding habitat for the state threatened Upland Sandpiper would be impacted (approximately 62.41 acres). As a result, NYSDEC required a 3:1 mitigation ratio and creation of approximately 187.23 acres of new habitat. Based on discussions with the DEC and numerous criteria that needed to be met, the site of the former Oneida County Airport was identified as a feasible site for creation of new Upland Sandpiper habitat. This will result in the loss of land that was recommended for future commercial and industrial development. The loss of land / conversion to new Upland Sandpiper habitat is not considered significant when weighing the benefits that can be obtained by focusing development activities on Site 1 (286-acre site). No or small impact.

- (f) The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential, or commercial development not included in the proposed action).

Site 1: Although infrastructure, such as electric, natural gas, public water, sewer and telecommunications will be extended to the this is not expected to act as a catalyst to induce secondary development since all infrastructure proposed as part of this project will only serve the proposed project elements.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact

Site 3: N/A, creation of Upland Sandpiper habitat only includes tree removal, grading, grubbing, and reseeded no site development is taking place. No impact.

18. Consistency with Community Character:

The proposed project is consistent with the existing community character

- (a) The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.

Refer to Item 10. No impact.

- (b) The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g., schools, police, fire).

Site 1: The Proposed Project will employ approximately 2,981 employees at full build out. This will result in an increase in population to the surrounding area which may affect demand on public services such as fire, police, ambulances, health care facilities, and schools. Additionally, operation of the facilities (1.9 million SF) will increase the demand for utilities (water, sewer, electric, gas) and telecommunications. To determine whether the public services could accommodate consultation/coordination took place with service providers. Based on consultation services are adequate and no improvements are needed for the following public services:

- City of Rome Fire Department
- City of Rome Police Department
- AmCare Ambulance
- Rome Health
- Rome City School District

Improvements will be required for the following public services:

- City of Rome Department of Public Works (Water, Sanitary Sewer)
- Griffiss Utility Services Corporation (Electric)
- National Grid (Natural Gas)
- Northland Communications (Telecommunications)

For public services that require improvements, further coordination took place during the planning and design process with all substantive comments addressed during preliminary design. Preliminary design identified specific improvements needed to accommodate the increased electric, water, sewer, and natural gas needs of the proposed Site 1 development. Refer to Item 14.(a). Sanitary sewer and water are discussed below.

Sanitary Sewerage: Operation of the new building facilities totaling 1.9 million SF (includes one 1,000,000 SF manufacturing building, four small manufacturing/R&D buildings ranging from 48,000 SF to 200,000 SF, four small UAS/R&D buildings totaling 100,000 SF, one 13,000 SF small aviation

use hangar, and one 348,500 SF large aviation use hangar) will result in an increase in the discharge of wastewater into the sewer collection system because of employees. Coordination with the City of Rome DPW indicated the following elements are required for connection to the existing sanitary sewer system:

- An 8" diameter sanitary sewer main is proposed to service the proposed action.
- The proposed 8" diameter sanitary sewer main will tie into the existing sanitary sewer manhole in the intersection of Mohawk Drive and Perimeter Road.
- The proposed 8" diameter sanitary sewer main will be routed north to the proposed action within a proposed 50ft wide utility corridor on the west side of Perimeter Road.
- Sanitary sewer manholes will be spaced every 400 ft along the 8" diameter sanitary sewer main.
- Individual branch/service lines will be provided for each proposed building at the time of development for each site/building per State, County, and local standards/codes.

Based on coordination with the City of Rome DPW, a preliminary analysis of the existing site utilities, and estimated demand for the proposed action, wastewater service will be provided with no negative impact to the system

Water: Operation of the new building facilities totaling 1.9 million SF will result in an increase in the use of potable water as a result of employees. Coordination with the City of Rome DPW indicate the following elements are required for connection to the existing water system:

- A 12" diameter water main loop is proposed to service the proposed action.
- The proposed 12" diameter water main will tie into the existing 8" diameter water main that extends north to the proposed action.
- Fire Hydrants will be spaced every 500 ft along the 12" diameter water main loop.
- Individual branch/service lines and hydrants will be provided for each proposed building at the time of development for each site/building per City of Rome Fire Department and Department of Public Works requirements.

Based on coordination with the City of Rome DPW, a preliminary analysis of the existing site utilities, and estimated demand for the proposed action, water service will be provided with no negative impact to the system

With the recommended improvements, there will be adequate capacity to accommodate the proposed action needs, no or small impacts.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change, no development. No impact.

Site 3: N/A, involves tree removal, grading, grubbing, and reseeded. No impact.

- (c) The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.

Site 1: As has been discussed previously, Site 1 does contain officially designated public resources (see Item 11.(b) and Item 13). The proposed action results in temporary construction impacts to recreational/open space resources (Rome Baseball Association and Griffiss International Sculpture Park facilities) that will be restored to existing conditions post construction. Transportation infrastructure will be altered to construct a traffic roundabout that includes realignment of Perimeter

Road. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in Items 11.(b) and Item 13, no or small impact.

Site 2: As discussed previously in Item 11.(b), Site 2 contains an officially designated recreational/open space area (Mohawk Glen Golf Course). A zoning change is included as part of the proposed action (from GB-CV to GB-FI) and the site will no longer be operated as a golf course. The loss of the recreational resource is not considered significant since other public and private golf course existing within the City of Rome (3 public, 1 private) and another 30 golf courses within 20 miles of Rome. No other impacts to public resources would occur. No or small impact.

Site 3: As has been discussed previously, Site 3 does not include an officially designated public resource. This item has been as part of the discussion on the Impact on Open Space Resources and Impact on Transportation and noted the proposed action does not create the loss of a recreational resource, impact an informal community open space resource, or impact active transportation infrastructure. Nor does the Town have an adopted Open Space Plan. No impact.

- (d) The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.

Site 1: Includes the demolition of two buildings, Building 222 (former Hush House Building) and the Tactical Air Navigation System (TACAN) electrical building. The conceptual plan developed for the site includes construction of new building structures for aeronautical and non-aeronautical uses. These buildings would be consistent with the surrounding airport buildings in regard to architectural scale and character. No or small impact.

Sites 2 & 3 do not involve the removal or construction of buildings or structures. No impact.

- (e) The proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.

Site 1: The site landscape is predominantly mowed lawn or mowed lawn with trees. There are some areas of successional northern hardwoods, paved roads/paths (i.e., primarily old taxiway pavement), and urban structures (i.e., hush house). The natural landscape will change to a built environment upon full build out of the site with the construction of buildings, roads, and vehicle/truck parking areas. Although natural landscape will change, it is taking place within and adjacent to currently built areas (i.e., airport runways/taxiways, aircraft parking apron, terminal building, and hangar storage). Impacts to 62.41 acres of the state threatened Upland Sandpiper breeding habitat (grassland areas) have been addressed through the creation of new habitat on Site 3 (Refer to Item 7.(a)) and 30 acres within the site will be preserved as grasslands. No or small impact.

Site 2: N/A, zoning change only, no development. No impact.

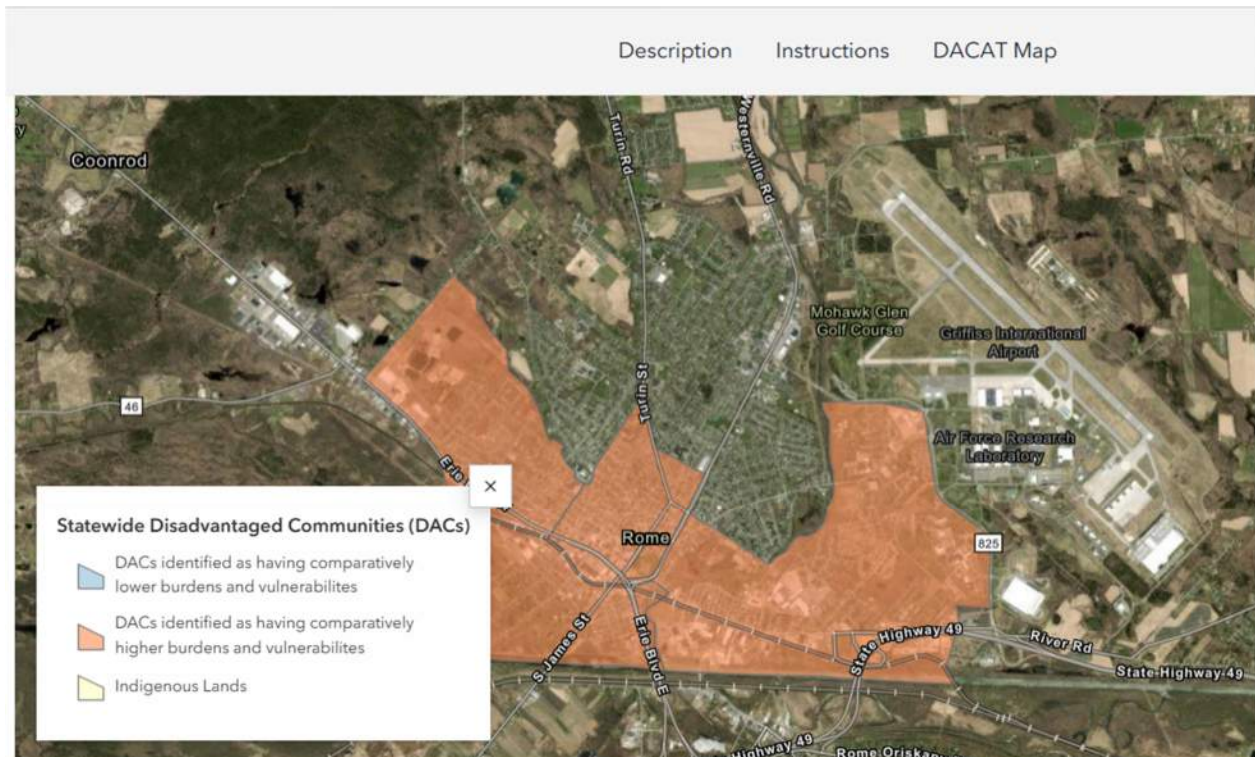
Site 3: The landscape is predominantly low growing vegetation, forested areas, farmland, or mowed lawn. Removal of trees will alter the landscape, however, areas where trees are removed will be graded, grubbed, and reseeded with NYSDEC approved grassland mixes to support creation of new habitat for the Upland Sandpiper. No changes to mowed lawn areas or farmland will take place. No to small impact.

19. Impact on Disadvantaged Communities

The proposed project may impact a disadvantaged community (DAC) for Site 1. No DACs would be impacted for Sites 2 and 3. All discussion below is for Site 1 only.

- (a) Site is located within ½ mile of a disadvantaged community that has been identified as having a comparatively higher burden or vulnerabilities by the Disadvantaged Community Assessment Tool (DACAT).

Site 1: Based on a review of Statewide DACs within 0.5 Miles of Project Area



Source: NYSDEC Disadvantaged Community Assessment Tool

- (b) The proposed action may create new air emissions or increase air emissions within a DAC.
Refer to 6.(a) and 6.(c).
- (c) The proposed action will not create new wastewater treatment or discharges, or expand existing wastewater treatment or discharges, within a DAC.
Refer to 3.(k), and 18.(b).
- (d) The proposed action creates or expands a solid or hazardous waste management facility, or involves the generation of solid or hazardous waste, within or near a disadvantaged community.
Refer to 16.(h), 16.(i), and 16.(j).
- (e) The proposed action may increase traffic within a DAC.

Refer to 13.(a).

- (f) The proposed action affects or involves industrial and or manufacturing land uses.

Refer to 17.(a).

Additional potential impacts include

- The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases. Refer to 1.(e).
- Increased soil erosion. Refer to 1.(f).
- Increased stormwater runoff. Refer to 3.(b).
- Increase in energy demand, sanitary sewer, and water. Refer to 14.(a) and 18.(b).
- Noise, odor, and light. Refer to 15.(a), 15.(c), and 15.(d).
- Human health associated with environmental site remediation taking place on Griffiss International. Refer to 16.(c), 16.(d), and 16.(e).

Determination

Based on the information currently available to the Oneida County Board of Legislature and the above analysis and evaluation of all relevant and probable environmental impacts related to the activities and actions herein proposed, and after reviewing the Full EAF Part 1 and Part 2 together with the documentation provided, the Oneida County Board of Legislature hereby concludes and determines, that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required for the proposed Project because this Action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and a negative declaration is appropriate.