

Project :

Date :

**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.

The only impact that seemed to generate opposition that this Board could consider within the scope of site plan review and environmentally as Lead Agency had to do with community impacts arising from and in relation to visual and sight impacts, particularly given nearby park areas and the rural nature of the community and, in particular, that specific area where the project site is located. However, the Lead Agency, after witnessing how the tower law and site planning worked, found that the placement hierarchy for this facility, and the several iterations and mapping updates, for this project, along with the buffering, sight impact studies, and reductions in size of the project, and requiring demonstration with communications tower requirements, has mitigate this project to the extent practicable, and to a point where the Lead Agency finds that there are and will be no anticipated negative environmental impacts that are of a moderate or significant nature, duly considering location, the absence of being within any inventoried sight index or in or near a demarked culturally significant asset, and given that the color and reduced size of the tower show no significant alteration of any significant or historically important landscape. As well, it is noted that there are significant environmental benefits from such tower, including increased cell and data coverage, completion of a solid network signal along the major state highway in this area of the County, as well as completing needed infill in an area of demonstrated need for the FirstNet network.

For all of these reasons, among others, the Lead Agency has issued a negative declaration under SEQRA.

**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

EAF Mapping, CRIS Mapping, FWS Mapping, ERM Mapping, Ag. District Mapping, Tompkins Soils studies, endangered and related species lists/maps, ENY Mapping, TC resource indexing, TC Scenic inventory mapping and vector mapping, local and regional watershed mapping, TC UNA reporting, propagation mapping, visual impact survey and mapping, Visual EAF Addendum, and numerous other documents, including the entire application and materials and mapping, therein, as updated.

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the  
Review Board of the Town of Caroline 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:

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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:

Name of Lead Agency:

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Title of Responsible Officer:

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

**For Further Information:**

Contact Person:

Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

**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>