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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Highway Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 2, 2021  
**RE:** 2021 DPW Highway Projects  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for Albany County Highway Pavement Recycling Projects

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced projects as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). According to that information, DPW is proposing placement of recycled asphalt pavement on 7.9 miles of County highways, as follows:

- CR12 (Rapp Rd.) from CR10 to CR10 (Towns of Berne & Rensselaerville) ≈ 2.4 miles
- CR9 (Bradt Hollow Rd./Canaday Hill Rd.) from NY443 to Dutch Settlement Rd. (Town of Berne) ≈ 3.8 miles
- CR256 (Ketcham Rd.) from NY157 to NY157 (Town of Knox) ≈ 1.7 miles

A cold-in-place pavement recycling method will be used for this project where the existing roadway surface will be milled to a depth of 4"±, mixed with stone and screened in a closed on-site unit to remove excess fines and/or deleterious material. The recycled pavement is then blended with liquid asphalt and placed back down on the roadway as a new base layer. The layer is compacted with a roller to restore and strengthen the base, prolonging the life of the pavement without the cost and area of disturbance of full depth replacement. Roads are paved with 2" of top course asphalt. The projects do not require a GP-0-10-001 permit. All activity occurs on exiting pavement with 6"± of subbase to remain intact and will not add any additional impervious area.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(5). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance beyond this determination is required at this time.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 14, 2020  
**RE:** CR157 (New Karner Rd.) Highway Improvement Project  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2021

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project and consulted with Albany County Department of Public Works as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This highway improvement project includes repaving, refurbishing of water quality practices, drainage work and installation of sidewalks in certain portions of County Route 157.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type I actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4(c)(10). The project is partially contiguous to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve, which is listed on the Register of National Natural Landmarks and is expected to include "physical alteration", as defined in section 617.2, of more than 2.5 acres. Accordingly, all forms and procedures consistent with review of a Type I action under SEQRA must be completed prior to commencement of this project. It is recommended that this review is undertaken as early as possible in the planning process so as not to delay the project.

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**TO:** Lisa Rramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 2, 2020  
**RE:** Vehicle/Equipment Replacement  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for 2021 projects

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). According to that information, Public Works is proposing to replace heavy duty trucks and equipment in accordance with the DPW vehicle and replacement plan.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(31). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance beyond this determination is required at this time.

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**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 2, 2020  
**RE:** Culvert Rehabilitation CR 55  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2021

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project proposes to reline 3 (three) deteriorated corrugated metal pipes on the Vloman Kill built in 1976. The pipes are 145' long x 35' wide. The culverts have deteriorated to the point that rehabilitation is necessary. The cost to rehabilitate will be 3-4 times less expensive than full replacement.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time. It is important to note however, that notwithstanding the SEQR Type II status established above, the proposed culvert rehabilitation may incur some degree of stream bed and stream bank disturbance. Albany County DPW will apply for additional permits as needed.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 31, 2018  
**RE:** Culvert Replacement CR 404  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Project 2019

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project will replace an existing concrete box culvert approximately 30.5' x 12.5' located in the Town of Westerlo with a new wider concrete box culvert, including minor approach work on both sides and new bridge rail.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time. It is important to note however, that notwithstanding the SEQR Type II status established above, the proposed culvert replacement may incur some degree of stream bed and stream bank disturbance. Albany County DPW will apply for additional permits as needed.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** September 23, 2019  
**RE:** CR 402 Town of Westerlo  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2020

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project replaces a 30 foot by 28 foot deteriorated concrete box culvert along CR 402 over 8 Mile Creek in the Town of Westerlo.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time. It is important to note however, that notwithstanding the SEQR Type II status established above, the proposed culvert replacement may incur some degree of stream bed and stream bank disturbance. Albany County DPW will apply for additional permits as needed.

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**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** September 23, 2019  
**RE:** Culvert Replacement CR 412 - Hannacrois Creek  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2020

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project replaces two sets of deteriorated culverts along CR 412 over the Hannacrois Creek in the Town of Westerlo. The first is a 50 foot long, 4 foot diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert with a parallel 2 foot diameter concrete pipe culvert located just below the Berne Town line. The second are two 62 foot long 6 foot diameter reinforced concrete pipe culverts with corrugated metal extensions located near Slade Hill Road. Both culverts will be replaced with Pre-cast concrete Box Culverts.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time. It is important to note however, that notwithstanding the SEQR Type II status established above, the proposed culvert replacement may incur some degree of stream bed and stream bank disturbance. Albany County DPW will apply for additional permits as needed.

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**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** September 23, 2019  
**RE:** Culvert Replacement Gifford Hollow Rd, Town of Berne  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2020

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project replaces the existing 27 foot by 18 foot concrete box culvert with a new concrete box culvert. The project is located on Gifford Hollow Rd in the Town of Berne on a tributary to the Switzkill.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time. It is important to note however, that notwithstanding the SEQR Type II status established above, the proposed culvert replacement may incur some degree of stream bed and stream bank disturbance. Albany County DPW will apply for additional permits as needed.

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**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 31, 2018  
**RE:** 2019 DPW Projects  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for CR252 (Knox Cave Rd.) Highway Rehabilitation Project

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I have reviewed the project information provided by William Anslow for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This Highway Rehabilitation Project will improve 2.4 miles of the existing roadway on CR252 between CR254 and NY157A located in the Town of Knox. Top course and binder course asphalt will be milled out to a depth of approximately 4 inches. Then the existing base course asphalt  $\approx$  (3") and (2-3") of subbase will be ground and injected with liquid asphalt. Stone will be added as needed then the recycled material will be graded and compacted. Finally 2 1/2" of binder course asphalt and 1 1/2" of top course asphalt will be placed and the roadway will be striped. This project also includes the rehabilitation of an existing large culvert.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR unlisted actions. Accordingly, a short environmental assessment form (see attached) has been completed. This action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment and as such, no procedural compliance beyond this determination is required at this time.

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**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 31, 2018  
**RE:** 2019 DPW Projects  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for CR311 and CR303 Highway Rehabilitation Project

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I have reviewed the project information provided by William Anslow for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project will rehabilitate 1.5 miles of CR311 from CR303 to NY157 and 2.0 miles of CR303 from CR303 to NY157A located in the Towns of Berne and New Scotland. The existing asphalt will be full depth recycled (FDR) to a depth of 6-8", the existing subbase will be graded and compacted. Stone will be added as needed prior to grading. Base (3"), binder (2 ½") and top course asphalt (1 ½") will be placed over recycled roadway. Minor drainage improvements will be completed. The roadway will also be striped.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR unlisted actions. Accordingly, a short environmental assessment form (see attached) has been completed. This action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment and as such, no procedural compliance beyond this determination is required at this time.

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**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Highway Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 2, 2020  
**RE:** County Route 357 Superstructure Replacement  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for 2021 DPW Project

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project proposes to replace a deteriorated prestressed concrete beam superstructure over Ten Mile Creek with new galvanized steel beams and a concrete deck. Minor work will be done to the abutments. Some approach work will be required. New bridge rail will also be installed.

As described above, the design and construction activities associated with this project meet the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner DPW  
**CC:** William Anslow  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 4, 2019  
**RE:** SEQR Compliance  
**SUBJECT:** Design and Construction for replacement of Albany County Rail Trail bridge over New Scotland Rd. (NYS Route 85) - updated

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The existing structure carrying the Albany County Rail Trail is an old railroad bridge (BIN 7032650), constructed in 1912. The bridge has experienced numerous impacts, causing damage and providing an insufficient vertical clearance over New Scotland Road (NYS Route 85). Additionally, the column supports are in an advanced state of deterioration.

This project includes demolition of the existing railroad bridge and design and construction of a replacement pedestrian bridge carrying the Albany County Rail Trail over New Scotland Road (NYS Route 85) in the Town of Bethlehem in Albany County. The proposed bridge replacement project includes a demolition plan for removal of the existing structure, design of a replacement 2-girder 12-ft wide pedestrian bridge, resurfacing or replacing the existing abutments, sidewalk rehabilitation to ADA standards, and landscaping.

As described above, replacement of the bridge was determined to be a Type I Action under SEQRA 617.4 (b)(9). Accordingly, Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form was completed and the county took steps to establish lead agency, coordinate a review with involved agencies, and conduct a series of public outreach meetings to get feedback on design alternatives. Following the choice of the preferred design alternative, Part II and III of the Environmental Assessment Form will be completed and a determination of significance will be prepared for adoption by the County Legislature.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 2, 2020  
**RE:** Culvert Replacement on CR 256 (Ketcham Rd.)  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2021

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project proposes to remove the existing 30' long, 5.33'x 7.67' wide corrugated metal pipe connected to a 20' long, 5.25'x 8' concrete box culvert on a tributary to Black Creek and replace with a pre-cast concrete box culvert. Minor approach work, paving and new railing are also included:

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time. It is important to note however, that notwithstanding the SEQR Type II status established above, the proposed culvert replacement may incur some degree of stream bed and stream bank disturbance. Albany County DPW will apply for additional permits as needed.

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**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Highway Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 4, 2019  
**RE:** County Route 352 (Fox Creek Rd.) Bridge Replacement  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for 2020 DPW Project

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project includes replacement of the CR 352 bridge over Fox Creek in the Town of Rensselaerville.

As described above, the design and construction activities associated with this project meet the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time.

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**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** October 2, 2020  
**RE:** Culvert Replacement on CR 405  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Projects 2021

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I have reviewed the documentation provided for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). This project proposes replacing the existing triple 60' long, 5' diameter corrugated metal pipes on Eight Mile Creek with a single pre-cast concrete box culvert. Minor approach work, paving and new railing are also included.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance with SEQR beyond this determination is required at this time. It is important to note however, that notwithstanding the SEQR Type II status established above, the proposed culvert replacement may incur some degree of stream bed and stream bank disturbance. Albany County DPW will apply for additional permits as needed.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Darrell Duncan, Commissioner of Public Works  
**CC:** William Anslow, Engineering  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano, Sr. Natural Resource Planner  
**DATE:** September 15, 2014  
**RE:** 2015 DPW Projects  
**SUBJECT:** SEQR compliance for DPW Facilities Assessment

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I have reviewed the documentation provided by William Anslow for the referenced project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). According to that information, DPW is proposing hire a consultant to perform an inspection on all county-owned DPW facilities and provide a written report on each that includes recommendations and cost estimates for repairs and replacements.

As described above, this project meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(18). Accordingly, this action has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment, and as such, no procedural compliance beyond this determination is required at this time.

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