



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Request to Adopt a Negative SEQR Declaration for the Albany County Solar Project

Date: May 17, 2022
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Purpose of Request:

- ☐ Adopting of Local Law
- ☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
- ☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- ☐ Bond Approval
- ☐ Budget Amendment
- ☐ Contract Authorization
- ☐ Countywide Services
- ☒ Environmental Impact/SEQR
- ☐ Home Rule Request
- ☐ Property Conveyance
- ☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Contractual
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Fringe
- ☐ Personnel
- ☐ Personnel Non-Individual

☐ Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment

☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)

☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)

☐ Requirements

☐ Professional Services

☐ Education/Training

☐ Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

☐ Settlement of a Claim

☐ Release of Liability

☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒

If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☐ No ☐

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: Click or tap here to enter text.
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.
Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes ☐ No ☒
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Office of the Albany County Executive is requesting the Legislature adopt the determination under SEQR that the proposed Albany County Solar Array project will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project consists of a lease of approximately 5 acres of County-owned property at 897 Watervliet Shaker Road to Siemens Industries LLC for the installation of a 1.87MW solar farm that will produce power for Albany County through a power purchase agreement.

The project was determined to be a Type I Action under SEQRA due to the location of the site within the Watervliet Shaker Historic District and the County took steps to establish lead agency, coordinate a review with involved agencies, and complete all necessary site studies. As part of its review process the County has reviewed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and comments from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The County also completed a viewshed analysis, Phase 1 Archaeological Investigation, landscape plan, tree inventory, carbon sequestration analysis and a draft site plan.

In consultation with SHPO, an historic preservation mitigation plan was developed to offset the potential visual impacts of this project. The measures were incorporated into the project and included in a Letter of Resolution (LOR). These measures include: (1) Document the site in its current condition; (2) Fund the replacement of the roof of the Meeting House on the Church Family site at a cost of up to \$35,000 to be paid by Siemens Industry Inc.; (3) Use pollinator plants and native grasses in and around the perimeter fence of the solar array. These plants will help screen the array from drivers on Watervliet Shaker Rd. and multi-use path users. Based on these and other factors, we are requesting the Legislature adopt the determination under SEQR that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

