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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner  
**CC:**  
**FROM:** Laura DeGaetano  
**DATE:** May 9, 2019  
**RE:** Lead Agency Designation  
**SUBJECT:** Albany County Rail Trail – Bridge over Rte 85

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The Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning commenced a review to determine SEQR Lead Agency status for the Albany County Rail trail bridge over State Route 85 project.

As the agency principally responsible for carrying out and approving the project, it was determined that it is appropriate for the County to seek Lead Agency status and conduct a coordinated review pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6 (b)(2)(3). A letter establishing Albany County's intent to seek Lead Agency Status and a request for concurrence was sent to involved and interested agencies along with Part I of the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form.

Following the required 30-day period for involved and interested agencies to comment on the county's intent to serve as Lead Agency, no comments were received opposing the proposed Lead Agency Status.

After establishing lead agency status, the County must take all necessary steps to conduct a review and determine the significance of the action in accordance with NYCRR Part 6 section 617.7 and must immediately prepare, file, and publish the determination and provide written notice of its determination of significance to the applicant and all identified involved agencies.