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RE: Erie County Department of Environment & Planning (“**DEP**”) on behalf of the Erie County Legislature (the “**Legislature**”) Update Regarding Coordinated Review pursuant to and in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, being 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, as amended (collectively, “**SEQRA**”).


Dear Potentially Interested and Involved Agencies:

As you know, Erie County is currently evaluating: (1) the conveyance of certain portions of land located in the Town of Orchard Park (SBLs: 161.00-5-3.1; 161.00-5-1; 161.00-5-16.1; 161.17-6-1; 161.17-1-3; 161.17-1-4.2; and 161.17-6-10) to the Erie County Stadium Corporation (“**ECSC**”) and the subsequent lease of the sold parcels by ECSC to Buffalo Bills, LLC, Western New York’s National Football League franchise team (together, with its stadium affiliate, the “**Team**”); (2) the construction of a new stadium to replace the existing Highmark Stadium; (3) the demolition of Highmark Stadium; and (4) the continued operation of the Team’s complex (collectively, the “**Project**”). We write to provide updates as to available Project documentation.

On July 1, 2022, the Legislature provided to your agency, board or department a copy of its Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency for the Project. On October 14, following an exhaustive review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, DEP, in conjuncting with other experts and on behalf of the Legislature, prepared a report summarizing the potential environmental impacts of the Project, as well as the extensive environmental analysis conducted, including numerous expert reports (“**Technical Addendum**”). The Technical Addendum, along with the draft Environmental Assessment Form (“**EAF**”) Parts II and III, were made publicly available on the Project website (<https://buffalobillsseqr.com>). Further, a letter was sent to all interested and involved agencies notifying them that the documentation was available. On October 27, 2022 a public hearing was held at the Orchard Park Community Activity Center to garner public input on the Technical Addendum and draft EAF Parts II and III. Following the public hearing, public comments were collected until November 2, 2022.

The Technical Addendum has been revised since it was last circulated on October 14, 2022 based on additional information received since October 14th and the public comments. In addition, the TA now includes all public comments received as well as responses to same. The Revised Technical Addendum is available on the following website: <https://buffalobillsseqr.com> as of the date of this letter. In addition, a copy of a draft SEQRA Determination of Significance is also available on the website.

Sincerely,



Daniel Castle, AICP
Commissioner of Environment & Planning

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Cc: Mark Rountree, Chief Planner

