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Appendix A  
State Environmental Quality Review  
FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

**Purpose:** The full EAF is designed to help applicants and agencies determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The question of whether an action may be significant is not always easy to answer. Frequently, there are aspects of a project that are subjective or unmeasurable. It is also understood that those who determine significance may have little or no formal knowledge of the environment or may not be aware of the broader concerns affecting the question of significance.

The full EAF is intended to provide a method whereby applicants can be assured that the determination process has been orderly, comprehensive in nature, yet flexible enough to allow introduction of information to fit a project or action.

**Full EAF Components:** The full EAF is comprised of three parts:

- Part 1:** Provides objective data and information about a given project and its site. By identifying basic project data, it assists a reviewer in the analysis that takes place in Parts 2 and 3.
- Part 2:** Focuses on identifying the range of possible impacts that may occur from a project or action. It provides guidance as to whether an impact is likely to be considered small to moderate or whether it is a potentially-large impact. The form also identifies whether an impact can be mitigated or reduced.
- Part 3:** If any impact in Part 2 is identified as potentially-large, then Part 3 is used to evaluate whether or not the impact is actually important.

**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE – Type 1 and Unlisted Actions**

**Identify the Portions of EAF completed for this project:**       Part 1       Part 2       Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF (Parts 1 and 2 and 3 if appropriate), and any other supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each impact, it is reasonably determined by the lead agency that:

- A. The project will not result in any large and important impact (s) and, therefore, is one which **will not** have a significant impact on the environment, therefore **a negative declaration will be prepared**).
- B. Although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect for the Unlisted Action because the mitigation measures described in PART 3 have been required, therefore a **CONDITIONED negative declaration will be prepared.\***
- C. The project may result in one or more large important impacts that may have significant impact on the environment, therefore a positive declaration will be prepared.

\*A Conditioned Negative Declaration is only valid for Unlisted Actions

**Niagara River Greenway Plan**  
Name of Action

**New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation**  
Name of Lead Agency

**Thomas B. Lyons**  
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

**Director, Environmental Management Bureau**  
Title of Responsible Officer

*Thomas B. Lyons*  
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

*Karen B. Fabian*  
Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)

**June 5, 2006**  
Date

## PART 1 – PROJECT INFORMATION

Prepared by Project Sponsor

NOTICE: This document is designed to assist in determining whether the action proposed may have a significant effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form, Parts A through E. Answers to these questions will be considered as part of the application for approval and may be subject to further verification and public review. Provide any additional information you believe will be needed to complete Parts 2 and 3.

It is expected that completion of the full EAF will be dependent on information currently available and will not involve new studies, research or investigation. If information requiring such additional work is unavailable, so indicate and specify each instance.

NAME OF ACTION <b>Niagara River Greenway Plan</b>		
LOCATION OF ACTION (Include Street Address, Municipality and County) <b>Niagara River Corridor</b>		
NAME OF APPLICANT/SPONSOR <b>Niagara River Greenway Commission</b>		BUSINESS TELEPHONE <b>(716) 773-5361</b>
ADDRESS <b>1236 West Oakfield Road</b>		
CITY/PO <b>Grand Island</b>	STATE <b>NY</b>	ZIP CODE <b>14072</b>
NAME OF OWNER (If different) <b>N/A</b>		BUSINESS TELEPHONE <b>( )</b>
ADDRESS		
CITY/PO	STATE	ZIP CODE
DESCRIPTION OF ACTION <p><b>Th Niagara River Greenway Commission proposes to prepare, adopt and implement a Niagara River Greenway Plan (the Plan) that will guide the development of various projects in the Niagara River Corridor, which includes 11 NYS Parks, a National Scenic Byway, and Niagara Falls, a National Historic Landmark. The Niagara River Corridor has been identified by the Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area of international significance. The corridor is in the New York State Coastal Zone Boundary and portions of Local Waterfront Revitalization Areas. While the corridor supports some commercial activities as well as a number of parks, public access facilities, trails and conservation areas, these public resources largely stand alone.</b></p> <p><b>The proposed Plan will establish a vision for a linear system of interconnected parks and conservation areas that will redefine the Niagara River in terms of its history, economic vitality, and ecological significance. The primary components of the Plan include increased public access to the Niagara River, a corridor trail system with complimentary connections to land access points, balanced economic opportunity that compliments the natural and scenic environment and emphasis on the region's industrial heritage.</b></p>		

Please Complete Each Question – Indicate N.A. if not applicable

### A. Site Description

Physical setting of overall project, both developed and undeveloped areas.

1. Present land use:  Urban     Industrial     Commercial     Residential (suburban)     Rural (non-farm)  
 Forest     Agriculture     Other Parkland

2. Total acreage of project area: **TBD** acres

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE

Meadow or Brushland (Non-agricultural)

Forested

Agricultural (Includes orchards, cropland, pasture, etc.)

Wetland (Freshwater of tidal as per Articles 24, 25 of ECL)

Water Surface Area

PRESENTLY

**TBD** acres

acres

acres

acres

acres

AFTER COMPLETION

**TBD** acres

acres

acres

acres

acres

Unvegetated (Rock, earth or fill)	acres	acres
Roads, buildings and other paved surfaces	acres	acres
Other (Indicate type)	acres	acres

3. What is predominant soil type(s) on project site? **TBD**
- a. Soil drainage:  Well drained      % of site     Moderately well drained      % of site  
 Poorly drained      % of site
- b. If any agricultural land is involved, how many acres of soil are classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System?      acres. (See 1 NYCRR 370)
4. Are there bedrock outcroppings on project site?     Yes       No
- a. What is the depth to bedrock?      (in feet)

5. Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes: 0-10% % 10-15 % %  
15% or greater **TBD**%
6. Is project substantially contiguous to, or contain a building, site, or district, listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places? Yes No **Corridor includes Niagara Reservation and Old Ft. Niagara which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.**
7. Is project substantially contiguous to a site listed on the Register of National Natural Landmarks?  
Yes No
8. What is the depth of the water table? **TBD** (in feet)
9. Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer? Yes No
10. Do hunting, fishing or shell fishing opportunities presently exist in the project area? Yes No **Corridor offers hunting, fishing and other passive/active recreational opportunities.**
11. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identified as threatened or endangered?  
Yes No According to **The corridor contains some species that are threatened or endangered according to the NY Natural Heritage Program.**  
Identify each species **TBD**
12. Are there any unique or unusual land forms on the project site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, other geological formations)  
Yes No Describe **The Niagara Gorge contains calcareous cliffs and talus slope areas.**
13. Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?  
Yes No If yes, explain **11 NYS Parks and local parks**
14. Does the present site include scenic views known to be important to the community? Yes No **Corridor is a National Scenic Byway, includes Niagara Falls, and includes 11 NYS Parks.**
15. Streams within or contiguous to project area: **Numerous**  
a. Name of Stream and name of River to which it is tributary **Niagara River and Buffalo River Drainages**
16. Lakes, ponds, wetland areas within or contiguous to project area:  
a. Name **Lake Erie and Lake Ontario** b. Size (in acres)
17. Is the site served by existing public utilities? Yes No  
a) If Yes, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection? Yes No **TBD**  
b) If Yes, will improvements be necessary to allow connection? Yes No **TBD**
18. Is the site located in an agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? Yes No **TBD**
19. Is the site located in or substantially contiguous to a Critical Environmental Area designated pursuant to Article 8 of the ECL, and 6 NYCRR 617? Yes No **TBD**
20. Has the site ever been used for the disposal of solid or hazardous wastes? Yes No **TBD. There are known brownfields and contaminated sites within the study area.**

## B. Project Description

1. Physical dimensions and scale of project (fill in dimensions as appropriate)
- Total contiguous acreage owned or controlled by project sponsor **TBD** acres.
  - Project acreage to be developed **TBD** acres initially; **TBD** acres ultimately.
  - Project acreage to remain undeveloped **TBD** acres.
  - Length of project, in miles **TBD** (If appropriate)
  - If the project is an expansion, indicate percentage of expansion proposed **TBD**%
  - Number of off-street parking spaces existing **TBD**; proposed **TBD**
  - Maximum vehicular trips generated per hour **TBD** (upon completion of project)?
  - If residential: Number and type of housing units: **N/A**
- |            |            |            |                 |             |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
|            | One Family | Two Family | Multiple Family | Condominium |
| Initially  |            |            |                 |             |
| Ultimately |            |            |                 |             |
- Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure **TBD** height; width, **TBD** length
  - Linear feet of frontage along a public thoroughfare project will occupy is? **TBD** ft.

2. How much natural material (i.e., rock, earth, etc.) will be removed from the site? **TBD** tons/cubic yards
3. Will disturbed areas be reclaimed? Yes No N/A
  - a. If yes, for what intended purpose is the site being reclaimed?
  - b. Will topsoil be stockpiled for reclamation? Yes No
  - c. Will upper subsoil be stockpiled for reclamation? Yes No
4. How many acres of vegetation (trees, shrubs, ground covers) will be removed from site? **TBD** acres.
5. Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally-important vegetation be removed by this project? Yes No **TBD**
6. If single phase project: Anticipated period of construction **TBD** months, (including demolition).
7. If multi-phased: **TBD**
  - a. Total number of phases anticipated (number),
  - b. Anticipated date of commencement phase 1 month \_year, (including demolition).
  - c. Approximate complete date of final phase month year.
  - d. Is phase 1 functionally dependent on subsequent phases? Yes No
8. Will blasting occur during construction? Yes No **TBD**
9. Number of jobs generated during construction **NA**; after project is complete .
10. Number of jobs eliminated by this project **None**.
11. Will project require relocation of any projects or facilities? Yes No If yes, explain **TBD**
12. Is surface liquid waste disposal involved? Yes No **TBD**
  - a. If yes, indicate type of waste (sewage, industrial, etc.) and amount **N/A**
  - b. Name of water body into which effluent will be discharged **N/A**
13. Is subsurface liquid waste disposal involved? Yes No Type **TBD**
14. Will surface area of an existing water body increase or decrease by proposal? Yes No  
Explain **TBD**
15. Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain? Yes No
16. Will the project generate solid waste? Yes No **TBD**
  - a. If yes, what is the amount per month tons
  - b. If yes, will an existing waste facility be used? Yes No
  - c. If yes, give name
  - d. Will any wastes not go into a sewage disposal system or into a sanitary landfill? Yes No
  - e. If yes, explain
17. Will the project involve the disposal of solid waste? Yes No
  - a. If yes, what is the anticipated rate of disposal? tons/month.
  - b. If yes, what is the anticipated site life: years.
18. Will project use herbicides or pesticides: Yes No
19. Will project routinely produce odors (more than one hour per day)? Yes No
20. Will project produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels? Yes No
21. Will project result in an increase in energy use? Yes No  
If yes, indicate type(s)
22. If water supply is from wells, indicate pumping capacity **TBD** gallons/minute.
23. Total anticipated water usage per day **TBD** gallons/minute.
24. Does project involve Local, State or Federal funding? Yes No  
If yes, explain **Implementation of plan will involve public funding from NYPA, OPRHP, and other potential sources.**

**25. Approvals Required:**

			Type	Submittal Date
City, Town, Village Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
City, Town, Village Planning Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
City, Town Zoning Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	TBD	
City, County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	TBD	
Other Local Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Niagara and Erie Counties	
Other Regional Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	TBD	
State Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	NYSOPRHP	
Federal Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	TBD	

**C. Zoning and Planning Information**

1. Does proposed action involve a planning or zoning decision?  Yes  No  
 If yes, indicate decision required:  
 zoning amendment    zoning variance    special use permit    subdivision    site plan  
 new/revision of master plan    resource management plan    other **Nia River Grnwy Plan**
2. What is the zoning classification(s) of the site? **TBD**
3. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the present zoning? **TBD**
4. What is the proposed zoning of the site? **Same as above**
5. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the proposed zoning? **TBD**
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the recommended uses in adopted local land use plans?  Yes  No  
**Plan considers the recommended uses in adopted local land use plans.**
7. What are the predominant land use(s) and zoning classifications within a ¼ mile radius of proposed action? **Proposed Action is the adoption of the Niagara River Greenway Plan. Various actions identified in plan are proposed in the Niagara River Corridor, which consists of parcels classified as Public Service, Parks/Open Space, Residential, Commercial, and Industrial.**
8. Is the proposed action compatible with adjoining/surrounding land uses within a ¼ mile:  Yes  No  
**See items 6 and 7.**
9. If the proposed action is the subdivision of land, how many lots are proposed? **N/A**  
 a. What is the minimum lot size proposed? **N/A**
10. Will proposed action require and authorization(s) for the formation of sewer or water districts?  Yes  No
11. Will the proposed action create a demand for any community provided services (recreation, education, police, fire protection)?  Yes  No  
 a. If yes, is existing capacity sufficient to handle projected demand?  Yes  No
12. Will the proposed action result in the generation of traffic significantly above present levels?  Yes  No  
 a. If yes, is the existing road network adequate to handle the additional traffic?  Yes  No

**D. Informational Details**

Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify your project. If there are or may be any adverse impacts associated with your proposal, please discuss such impacts and the measures which you propose to mitigate or avoid them.

**E. Verification**

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.