

SEQRA RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on April 16, 2019 at 8:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 233 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Steven Thompson, Kathleen Murphy, Rickey T. Brown, Kenneth Kinsey, Michael Frame (via teleconference at second location at NanoFab East, 257 Fuller Road, Albany, New York 12203)

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Staff Present: Honora Spillane, Susan R. Katzoff, Esq., Judith DeLaney, John Vavonese, Debra Ramsey-Burns; Others Present: Aggie Lane, Anthony Dipeso, Lauryn LaBourde, Rich Puchalski, Bob Wilmott, Stephanie Pasquale

The following resolution was offered by Kathleen Murphy and seconded by Rickey T. Brown:

RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PROJECT AS AN UNLISTED ACTION PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT, DECLARING THE AGENCY LEAD AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF AN UNCOORDINATED REVIEW THEREUNDER AND DETERMINING THAT THE ACTION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the "**Agency**") is authorized and empowered by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "**State**"), as amended, together with Chapter 641 of the Laws of 1979 of the State of New York, as amended from time to time (collectively, the "**Act**"), to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, for the purpose of promoting economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Armory Associates, LLC, or an entity to be formed (the "**Company**"), by application dated March 8, 2019 (the "**Application**"), requested the Agency undertake a project (the "**Project**") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 13,640 sq. ft. of real property located at 239-245 West Fayette Street, in the City of Syracuse, New York (the "**Land**") and improved with an approximately 28,868 sq. ft. mixed-use building consisting of approximately 7,369 sq. ft. of retail space on the ground floor, approximately 14,124 sq. ft. of

vacant office space on the second and third floors and approximately 7,375 sq. ft. of common area, storage and mechanical areas; (ii) the reconstruction and renovation of the existing improvements to convert the second and third floors to approximately 20 apartment units and restore the exterior façade, all located on the Land (the "**Facility**"); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and at the Land and Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the "**Equipment**" and together with the Land and the Facility, the "**Project Facility**"); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from State and local sales and use tax and mortgage recording tax (in accordance with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law) (collectively the "**Financial Assistance**"); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease of the Land and Facility by the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "**SEQRA**"), the Agency is required to make a determination with respect to the environmental impact of any "action" (as defined by SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency and the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the action described above may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment, an Environmental Assessment Form (the "**EAF**") was prepared, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has examined and reviewed the EAF in order to classify the action and make a determination as to the potential significance of the action pursuant to SEQRA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the members of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, as follows:

(1) Based upon an examination of the materials provided by the Company in furtherance of the Project, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §§617.6 and 617.7(c), and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the action and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations pursuant to SEQRA:

(a) The Facility is located in the Armory Square historic district designated on the National Register of Historic Places. The Project involves interior renovations and restoration of the exterior façade and is designed for preservation of the Facility and to ensure its continued viability;

(b) The action constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as said quoted term is defined

in SEQRA);

(b) The Agency declares itself "Lead Agency" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) with respect to an uncoordinated review pursuant to SEQRA;

(c) The Agency hereby determines that the action will not have a significant effect on the environment and hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, which shall be filed in the office of the Agency in a file that is readily accessible to the public.

(2) A copy of this Resolution, together with the attachments hereto, shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

(3) This Resolution shall take effect immediately. The Secretary and/or Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized to distribute copies of this Resolution and do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

(4) The Agency hereby authorizes Agency staff to take all further actions deemed necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Agency's responsibilities under SEQRA.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Michael Frame	X	
Steven Thompson	X	
Kathleen Murphy	X	
Rickey T. Brown	X	
Kenneth Kinsey	X	

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA)

I, the undersigned Secretary of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) held on April 16, 2019, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same (including all exhibits) is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of the whole of such original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters referred to therein.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of such meeting, (ii) pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), such meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of such meeting was duly given in accordance with such Section 104, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 19 day of April, 2019.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency


Rickey T. Brown, Secretary

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EXHIBIT "A"

Appendix B

Short Form Environmental Assessment Form

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or Project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1 Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information. The NYS DEC provides an interactive EAF form at its website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/eafmapper/>, which may substitute for this form.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information		Seneca Building Armory Square	
Name of Action or Project:		Seneca Building Residential Conversion	
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):		239-245 W. Fayette Street, Syracuse, Onondaga	
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Redevelopment of vacant office space into mixed use commercial and multifamily apartments in downtown Armory Square.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone: 3154404921	
Seneca Armory Associates, LLC		E-Mail: tjdipeso@gmail.com	
Address: 5067 Bergenfield Way			
City/PO: Fayetteville		State: NY	Zip: 13066
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.		NO	YES
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		NO	YES
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		0.21	acres
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0	acres
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		0.31	acres
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

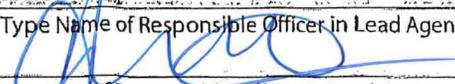
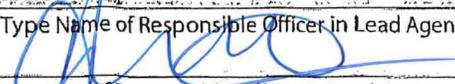
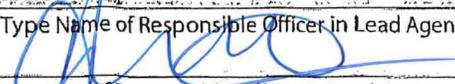
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: Yes pursuant to DEC EAF Mapper _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: Seneca Armory Associates, LLC	Date: 3/8/19	
Signature: 		

Part 2 - Impact Assessment. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 2 Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies? b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3 - Determination of significance. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 3 For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.				
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