

Appendix C
State Environmental Quality Review
SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
For UNLISTED ACTIONS Only

PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION (To be completed by Applicant or Project Sponsor)

1. APPLICANT/SPONSOR SENECA COUNTY	2. PROJECT NAME Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan
3. PROJECT LOCATION: Municipality Seneca County County Seneca County	
4. PRECISE LOCATION (Street address and road intersections, prominent landmarks, etc., or provide map) This Plan is for all Agricultural and Rural Areas of Seneca County	
5. PROPOSED ACTION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification/alteration	
6. DESCRIBE PROJECT BRIEFLY: This is an Update/Modification of the Seneca County Agricultural Enhancement Plan. The Plan establishes goals of: Enhance Economic Climate for Agriculture, Awareness of Importance of Agriculture, Community Education, Enhance Environmental Stewardship, and Preserve Prime Farmland.	
7. AMOUNT OF LAND AFFECTED: Initially <u>140,000</u> acres Ultimately <u>140,000</u> acres	
8. WILL PROPOSED ACTION COMPLY WITH EXISTING ZONING OR OTHER EXISTING LAND USE RESTRICTIONS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No, describe briefly	
9. WHAT IS PRESENT LAND USE IN VICINITY OF PROJECT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park/Forest/Open Space <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Describe: As this is a countywide plan - it has impacts in the vicinity of all Land Uses in the County.	
10. DOES ACTION INVOLVE A PERMIT APPROVAL, OR FUNDING, NOW OR ULTIMATELY FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals: County Agriculture Enhancement Board served as steering committee and recommends adoption. Plan will be sent to NYS Commission of Agriculture and Markets for review.	
11. DOES ANY ASPECT OF THE ACTION HAVE A CURRENTLY VALID PERMIT OR APPROVAL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals: Many of the goals and strategies are in current Plan.	
12. AS A RESULT OF PROPOSED ACTION WILL EXISTING PERMIT/APPROVAL REQUIRE MODIFICATION? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Seneca County - Harriet A. Haynes - Planner</u> Date: <u>12-20-11</u> Signature: <u>Harriet A. Haynes</u>	

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

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PART II - IMPACT ASSESSMENT (To be completed by Lead Agency)

A. DOES ACTION EXCEED ANY TYPE I THRESHOLD IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.4? If yes, coordinate the review process and use the FULL EAF.
 Yes No

B. WILL ACTION RECEIVE COORDINATED REVIEW AS PROVIDED FOR UNLISTED ACTIONS IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.6? If No, a negative declaration may be superseded by another involved agency.
 Yes No

C. COULD ACTION RESULT IN ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING: (Answers may be handwritten, if legible)

C1. Existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic pattern, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems? Explain briefly:
 No - Plan is designed to support sound management practices that protect Environmental Quality

C2. Aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic, or other natural or cultural resources; or community or neighborhood character? Explain briefly:
 No - Plan will help preserve agricultural & aesthetic resources, and neighborhood character.

C3. Vegetation or fauna, fish, shellfish or wildlife species, significant habitats, or threatened or endangered species? Explain briefly:
 No - Continued use of lands currently in agriculture will help maintain current habitats.

C4. A community's existing plans or goals as officially adopted, or a change in use or intensity of use of land or other natural resources? Explain briefly:
 No - this is an update of current plans and policies - with the core policies staying the same.

C5. Growth, subsequent development, or related activities likely to be induced by the proposed action? Explain briefly:
 No - This plan will support the maintenance of current development levels.

C6. Long term, short term, cumulative, or other effects not identified in C1-C5? Explain briefly:
 No

C7. Other impacts (including changes in use of either quantity or type of energy)? Explain briefly:
 Plan supports development of "On Farm Alternative Energy Sources" to cover increased agricultural use of energy.

D. WILL THE PROJECT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT CAUSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA (CEA)?
 Yes No If Yes, explain briefly:

E. IS THERE, OR IS THERE LIKELY TO BE, CONTROVERSY RELATED TO POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS?
 Yes No If Yes, explain briefly:

PART III - DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (To be completed by Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS: For each adverse effect identified above, determine whether it is substantial, large, important or otherwise significant. Each effect should be assessed in connection with its (a) setting (i.e. urban or rural); (b) probability of occurring; (c) duration; (d) irreversibility; (e) geographic scope; and (f) magnitude. If necessary, add attachments or reference supporting materials. Ensure that explanations contain sufficient detail to show that all relevant adverse impacts have been identified and adequately addressed. If question D of Part II was checked yes, the determination of significance must evaluate the potential impact of the proposed action on the environmental characteristics of the CEA.

Check this box if you have identified one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts which **MAY** occur. Then proceed directly to the FULL EAF and/or prepare a positive declaration.

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 **AND** provide, on attachments as necessary, the reasons supporting this determination.

Seneca County Board of Supervisors 12-27-11

Name of Lead Agency Date

Laverne C. Lafler, Jr. Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)

Hannelore J. Reynolds

