

# **APPENDIX C**

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Re: Former Oneida County Airport, Oriskany, Oneida County, New York  
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Environmental Scoping

File: 146.098

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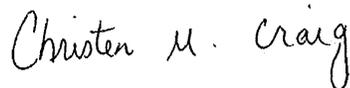
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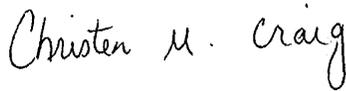
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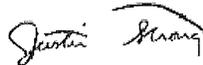
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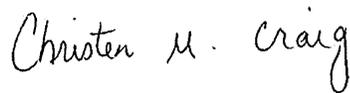
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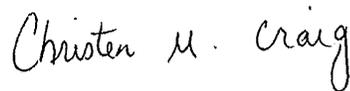
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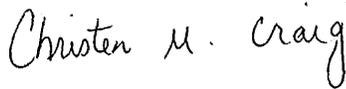
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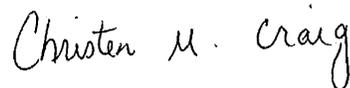
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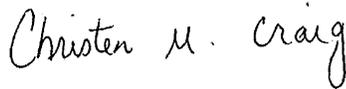
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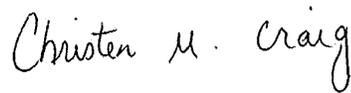
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Ms. Ruth Pierpont, Deputy Commissioner  
NYS OPRHP  
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Peebles Island State Park, PO Box 189  
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Re: Former Oneida County Airport, Oriskany, Oneida County, New York  
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File: 146.098

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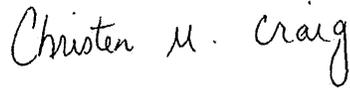
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This letter and its attachments are being submitted to request any information you may have regarding ***potential historic, architectural, archaeological, or cultural resources*** that exist within the area of the proposed project and/or outlying areas. In particular, C&S would like to know if the proposed project has the potential to impact any properties in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places or whether there is reason to believe that significant scientific, prehistoric, historic, archaeological, or paleontological resources would be lost or destroyed as a result of the proposed project. Included with this letter is a NYSOPRHP Project Review Cover Form, as well as the previously described project maps.

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**Project Review Cover Form**

**Rev. 10-04**

*Please complete this form and attach it to the top of any and all information submitted to this office for review.  
 Accurate and complete forms will assist this office in the timely processing and response to your request.*

Project Number \_\_\_\_\_ PR \_\_\_\_\_  
 County \_\_\_\_\_

If you have checked this box and noted the previous Project Review (PR) number assigned by this office you do not need to continue unless any of the require information below has changed.

2. This is a new project.

If you have checked this box you will need to complete ALL of the following information.

Project Name Former Oneida County Airport, NEPA Environmental Assessment for Airport Redevelopment

Location Former Oneida County Airport, 6000 Airport Road  
*You MUST include street number, street name and/or County, State or Interstate route number if applicable*

City/Town/Village Oriskany, New York 13424  
*List the correct municipality in which your project is being undertaken. If in a hamlet, also provide the name of the town.*

County Oneida  
*If your undertaking covers multiple communities/counties please attach a list defining all municipalities/counties included.*

**TYPE OF REVIEW REQUIRED/REQUESTED (Please answer both questions)**

A. Does this action involve a permit approval or funding, now or ultimately from any other governmental agency?

No  Yes

If Yes, list agency name(s) and permit(s)/approval(s)

Agency involved	Type of permit/approval	State	Federal
FAA	FAA/NEPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Depending on the specific scope of ultimate redevelopment, and on the nature of specific entities that might occupy the redeveloped facility, it is expected that additional permits will be required associated with construction, infrastructure (utilities, storm water control, etc.) or regulation of business practices at the site.

B. Have you consulted the NYSHPO web site at <http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo> to determine the preliminary presence, or absence, or previously identified cultural resources within or adjacent to the project area? If yes:

Y  N

Was the project site wholly or partially included within an identified archaeologically sensitive area? (See attached map from NYSHPO website).

Y  N

Does the project site involve, or is it substantially contiguous to, a property listed, or recommended, for listing in the NY State or National Registers of Historic Places?

Y  N

**CONTACT PERSON FOR PROJECT**

Name <u>Christen M. Craig</u>	Title <u>Project Environmental Scientist</u>
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In order to insure that historic preservation is carefully considered in publicly funded or permitted undertakings, there are laws at each level of government that require projects to be reviewed for their potential impact/effect on historic properties. At the federal level, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) directs the review of federally funded, licensed or permitted projects. At the state level, Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law of 1980 performs a comparable function. Local environmental review for municipalities is carried out under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) of 1978.

Project review is conducted in two stages. First, the Field Service's Bureau assesses a property to determine whether or not it is listed in the New York State or National Registers of Historic Places. If not, it is reviewed to determine whether or not it meets the criteria to be included in the registers. If listed or determined eligible for listing, then the second stage of the review is undertaken. This portion of the review determines whether or not the proposed action/project will have an impact on the qualities of the property that make it eligible.

### ALL PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL(S).

#### Project Description

Attach a full description of the nature and extent of the work to be undertaken as a part of this project. Relevant portions of the project applications or environmental statements may be submitted.

#### Maps Locating Project

Include a map locating the project in the community. The map must clearly show street and road names surrounding the project area as well as the location of all portions of the project. Appropriate maps include tax maps, Sanborn Insurance maps, and/or USGS quadrangle maps.

#### Photographs {Aerial Photographs}

Photographs may be black and white prints, color prints, or color laser/photo copies; standard (black and white) photocopies are NOT acceptable.

- *If the project involves rehabilitation*, include photographs of the building(s) involved. Label each exterior view to a site map and label all interior views.
- *If the project involves new construction*, include photographs of the surrounding area looking out from the project site. Include photographs of any buildings (more than 50 years old) that are located on the project property or on adjoining property.



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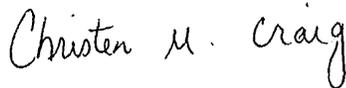
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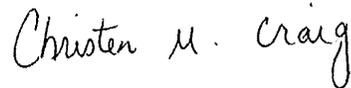
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6000 Airport Road  
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Dear Mr. Laramie:

As you are aware, C&S Engineers, Inc. prepared environmental scoping letters for each of the agencies identified on the attached *Environmental Distribution List* as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Airport Redevelopment at the former Oneida County Airport property. I have enclosed for your files a copy of the letter and maps that were sent to each of the agencies included on the environmental distribution list.

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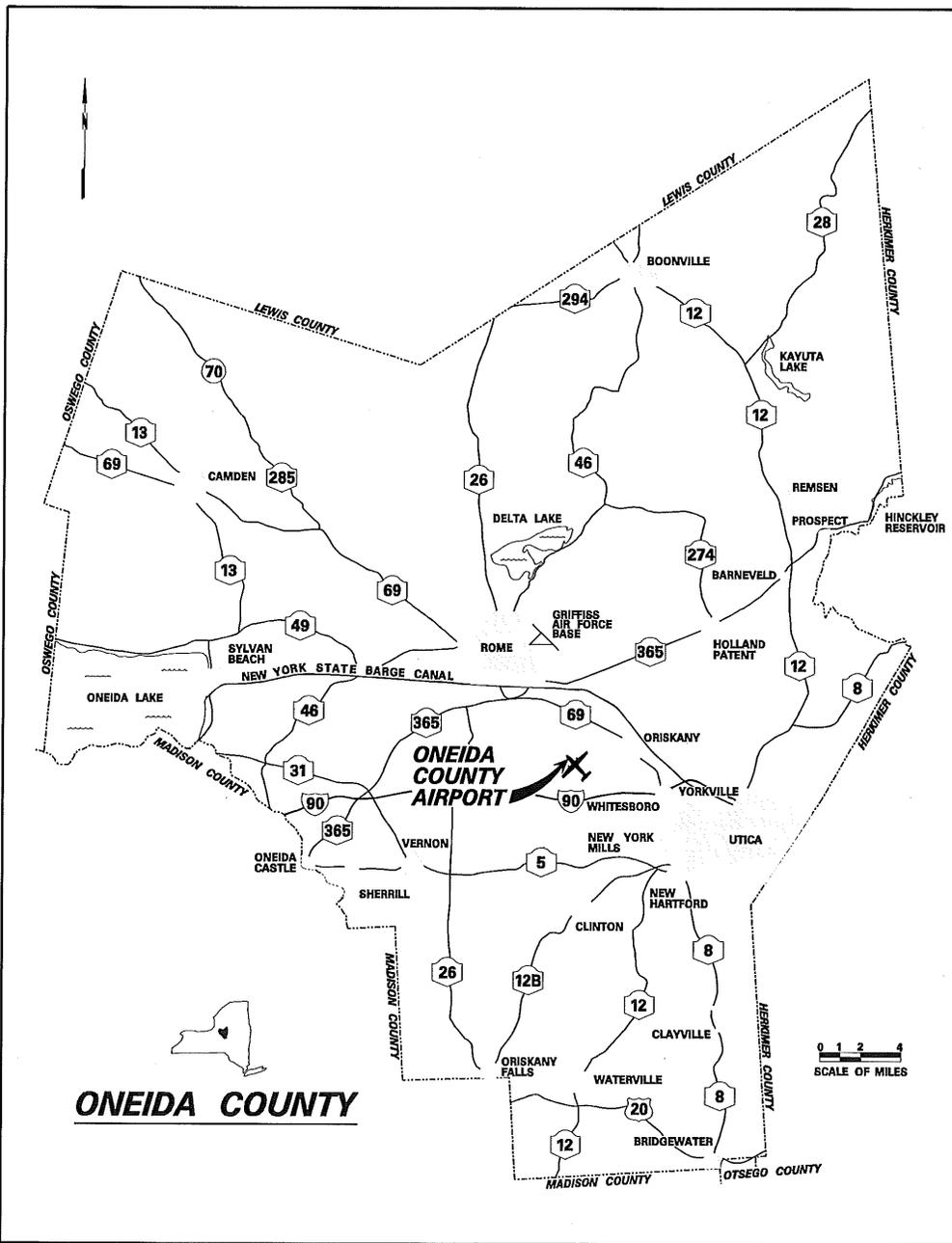
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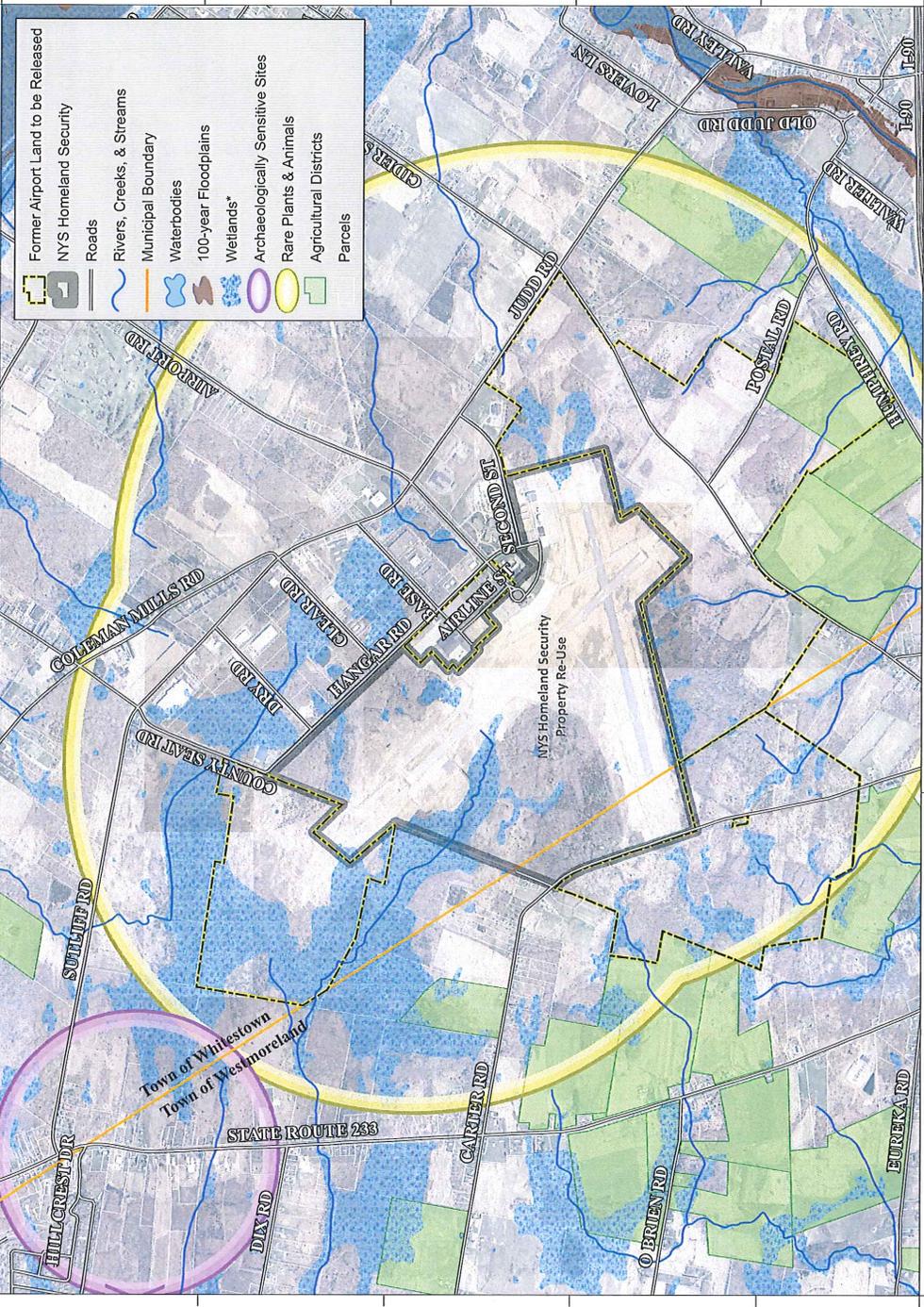
**VICINITY MAP**



ONEIDA COUNTY AIRPORT

**FIGURE 1-1**





Information on this map was derived from the following sources:  
 1. Aerial Photography  
 2. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
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 4. NYS Department of State  
 5. NYS Department of Transportation  
 6. NYS Department of Health  
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**From:** Justin Strong  
**Sent:** Friday, October 25, 2013 3:49 PM  
**To:** 'nathert@gw.dec.state.ny.us'  
**Cc:** Gayle McKee; Christen Craig  
**Subject:** Info Request  
**Attachments:** OC EA Figure 7 - Sensitive Environmental Features.pdf

I am requesting information on a NEPA Environmental Assessment for Airport Redevelopment project in Oneida County, NY.

- Why you need the information – The Natural Heritage information is needed for NEPA and SEQR review and a environmental assessment. The lead agency is the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Brief description of the proposed project or activity – The project is a NEPA Environmental Assessment for Airport Redevelopment.
- Brief description of the current land use and habitats at the project site – The current land use at the project is wooded, wetlands, streams, roads, farmland and urban.
- Name of counties and towns where the proposed project is located, and address or nearest roads – The Airport Redevelopment Area is located in the Towns of Westmoreland and Whitestown at the former Oneida County Airport.
- Map that includes labeled roads and other features, with the boundary of the proposed project clearly labeled, marked or highlighted – A project location map is attached.

Thank you,

Justin Strong



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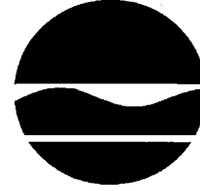
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**Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources**  
**New York Natural Heritage Program**  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

November 01, 2013

Justin Strong  
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Syracuse, NY 13212

Re: Airport Redevelopment at the former Oneida County Airport  
Town/City: Westmoreland, Whitestown. County: Oneida.

Dear Justin Strong :

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities, which our databases indicate occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental impact assessment.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, as listed at [www.dec.ny.gov/about/39381.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/39381.html).

Sincerely,

Andrea Chaloux  
Environmental Review Specialist  
New York Natural Heritage Program

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**The following state-listed animals have been documented  
at your project site.**

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed or are candidates for federal listing. The list may also include significant natural communities that can serve as habitat for Endangered or Threatened animals, and/or other rare animals and rare plants found at these habitats.

**For information about potential impacts of your project on these populations, how to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any impacts, and any permit considerations, contact the Wildlife Manager or the Fisheries Manager at the NYSDEC Regional Office for the region where the project is located. A listing of Regional Offices is at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html>.**

**The following species and habitats have been documented at your project site. Potential onsite and offsite impacts from the project may need to be addressed.**

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>
<b>Birds</b>			
<b>Northern Harrier</b> <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Threatened	1358
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Information about many of the listed animals in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at [www.guides.nynhp.org](http://www.guides.nynhp.org), and from NYSDEC at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html>.

Information about many of the rare plants and animals, and natural community types, in New York are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at [www.guides.nynhp.org](http://www.guides.nynhp.org), and from NatureServe Explorer at <http://www.natureserve.org/explorer>.



**The following rare plants and rare animals have  
historical records  
at your project site, or in its vicinity.**

The following rare plants and animals were documented in the vicinity of the project site at one time, but have not been documented there since 1979 or earlier, and/or there is uncertainty regarding their continued presence. There is no recent information on these plants and animals in the vicinity of the project site and their current status there is unknown. In most cases the precise location of the plant or animal in this vicinity at the time it was last documented is also unknown.

If suitable habitat for these plants or animals is present in the vicinity of the project site, it is possible that they may still occur there. We recommend that any field surveys to the site include a search for these species, particularly at sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NYS LISTING</i>	<i>HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS</i>
<b>Vascular Plants</b>			
<b>Schweinitz's Sedge</b>	<i>Carex schweinitzii</i>	Threatened	Imperiled in NYS
1881: Oriskany.			6132

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Dear Ms. Craig:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 24, 2013 requesting information regarding the Environmental Impact Categories listed in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 5050.4B, as may be relevant to the FAA's environmental assessment of the redevelopment of the former Oneida County Airport, Oriskany, Oneida County, New York for non-aeronautical uses. The environmental analysis is required before FAA can release the remaining 1,210 acres from deed provisions that currently require aeronautical use. We have the following information and comments:

- EPA's online mapping tool, NEPAassist, located on the web at <http://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/entry.aspx>, can facilitate the environmental review process and project planning in relation to environmental considerations. The web-based application draws environmental data dynamically from EPA Geographic Information System databases and web services and provides immediate screening of environmental assessment indicators for a user-defined area of interest.
- The EA must include a comprehensive evaluation of cumulative, indirect, and secondary impacts. The cumulative impacts analysis should consider the environmental impacts of the project as a whole, and, if any, as one of a number of the other proposed and/or approved actions in the area that would have the potential to impact the same resources. The analysis should include any impacts to natural resources, such as wetlands, and provide clear tables describing the acreage of impacts, and the cumulative impacts of this habitat loss with other existing or reasonably foreseeable projects in the area.
- The EA should include an invasive plant species management plan as part of the redevelopment, and a revegetation plan/guide that only uses native plant species.
- EPA encourages federal, state and local agencies to include the concepts of pollution prevention in planning, construction, mitigation measure development, and decision-making processes. Attached to this letter is EPA Region 2's "Green Recommendations" some of which may be included as environmental performance commitments for future development of the airport property into an industrial park.
- EPA encourages Oneida County to work with any of the Indian Nations that have an interest in the former Oneida County Airport area to prepare an "unexpected archeological find" strategy for inclusion in future plans for the airport property.

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## EPA Region 2 Green Recommendations: GREEN YOUR REBUILD

- **Multi-media green building and land design practices**

Utilize green building practices which have multi-media benefits, including energy efficiency, water conservation (see WaterSense below), and healthy indoor air quality.

Making your home more energy efficient with ENERGY STAR can help to reduce high energy bills, improve comfort and help to protect the environment. Improving energy efficiency is also an important first step for homeowners interested in green remodeling. ENERGY STAR can guide you in making your home more efficient - whether you do-it-yourself or hire a qualified professional.

The ENERGY STAR websites (see below) include information on new single-family homes. The website also provides an ENERGY STAR "Training Center" free of charge.

Additional Information:

- U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED for Homes: <http://www.usgbc.org/leed/rating-systems/homes>
- ENERGY STAR energy efficient new homes: [www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement](http://www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement)  
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- Indoor Air Quality in homes: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/homes/index.html>

- **Water conservation and efficiency**

For new construction and restoration projects, we recommend considering the use of products with the WaterSense label where appropriate. Replacing an old toilet with a WaterSense label toilet can use as little as 0.8 gallons per flush or less while still providing equal or superior performance. This can result in significant water savings and costs over the lifetime of the toilet. Devices receiving the EPA WaterSense label must be at least 20% more water efficient than (and must meet or exceed the performance standards of) non-labeled devices of the same type.

Additionally, when possible, consider the use of WaterSense Certified Professional Irrigation Partners and WaterSense Builder Partners. These professionals use WaterSense labeled devices where appropriate, are trained in the latest water conservation practices, and use the latest water efficiency tools and technologies, including irrigation equipment and xeriscaping for landscaping and best management practices for construction in the WaterSense New Home Specifications. Visit the WaterSense website for tips on water efficiency, a WaterSense labeled product search tool, a list of WaterSense Partners, access to the Water Budget Tool at: <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>

In addition to using WaterSense labeled products and certified professionals, there are many water conservation strategies and best management practices that can be used in new construction and/or restoration.

Additional Information:

- Green Building Encyclopedia: [http://www.whyygreenbuildings.com/water\\_conservation.php](http://www.whyygreenbuildings.com/water_conservation.php)
- Whole Building Design Guide: [http://www.wbdg.org/resources/water\\_conservation.php](http://www.wbdg.org/resources/water_conservation.php)



➤ 100 Ways to Conserve: <http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to- conserve/index.php>

- **Alternative and Renewable Energy**

The Department of Energy's "Green Power Network" (GPN) provides information and markets that can be used to supply alternative generated electricity. The following link identifies several suppliers of renewable energy:

Additional information: [http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/buying/buying\\_power.shtml?](http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/buying/buying_power.shtml?)

- **Utilizing recycled materials in construction projects**

Many industrial and construction byproducts are available for use in road, building or infrastructure construction. Use of these materials can save money and reduce environmental impacts. The Recycled Materials Resource Center has developed user guidelines for many recycled materials and compiled existing national specifications.

Additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/ conserve/imr/index.htm>

- **Purchase 'green' electronics, and measure their benefits**

Require the purchase of desktop computers, monitors, and laptops that are registered as Silver or Gold products with EPEAT, the Electronics Product Environmental Assessment Tool at [www.epeat.net](http://www.epeat.net). Products registered with EPEAT use less energy, are easier to recycle, and can be more easily upgraded than non-registered products. Energy savings, CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions, and other environmental benefits achieved by the purchase, use and recycling of EPEAT-registered products can be quantified using the Electronics Environmental Benefits Calculator.

Additional Information:

<http://eerc.ra.utk.edu/ccpct/eebc/eebc.html>

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr\\_find\\_es\\_products](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_find_es_products)

- **Encourage cost-efficient, environmentally friendly landscaping**

EPA's GreenScapes program provides cost-efficient and environmentally friendly solutions for landscaping. Designed to help preserve natural resources and prevent waste and pollution, GreenScapes encourages entities including homeowners to make more holistic decisions regarding waste generation and disposal and the associated impacts on land, water, air, and energy use.

Additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/wastes/ conserve/tools/greenscapes/index.htm>

- **Consider Low Impact Development to help manage storm water**

Low Impact Development (LID) is an approach to land development (or re-development) that works with nature to manage storm water as close to its source as possible. LID employs principles such as preserving and recreating natural landscape features, minimizing effective imperviousness to create functional and appealing site drainage that treat storm water as a resource rather than a waste product. Implement site planning, design, construction, and maintenance strategies to maintain or restore, to the maximum extent technically feasible, the predevelopment hydrology of the building site with regard to the temperature, rate, volume, and duration of flow.

Additional information:

<http://www.epa.gov/nps/lid>

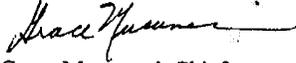
<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/>



- EPA concurs with the use of the October 2009 Oneida County Business Park Redevelopment Plan & Design Guidelines (EDGE) Phase IIA as a guideline for the future development in the area.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please call Lingard Knutson of my staff at (212) 637-3747.

Sincerely,



Grace Musumeci, Chief  
Environmental Review Section  
Sustainability and Multimedia Programs Branch

Enclosure



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November 25, 2013

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Re: **Project No. S4946**  
Development SEQR Environmental Assessment  
State Preparedness Training Center  
5900 Airport Road  
Oriskany, NY 13424

Ref: Former Oneida County Airport, Oriskany, Oneida County, New York  
NEPA Environmental Assessment for Airport Redevelopment  
Environmental Scoping

Dear Christen Craig:

On behalf of NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), NYS Office of General Services (NYSOGS) is responding to your information request dated October 24, 2013, regarding the above referenced project.

As discussed with Gayle McKee of your office during the week of November 4<sup>th</sup>, NYSOGS provides DHSES with SEQR and environmental permitting services within the lease boundary of the State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) located at the former airport.

No information pertaining to your request is available at this time. If you should feel that information gathered for the SPTC may be of use to your investigation, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 474-5100 or [carolyn.dunderdale@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:carolyn.dunderdale@ogs.ny.gov).

Please continue to keep DHSES on the information distribution list for this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Dunderdale, L.A.  
Associate Landscape Architect  
Environmental Permit Unit

CD:dh

cc: J. Clark, Deputy Counsel (DHSES)  
D. Dostie





Joe Martens  
Commissioner

February 24, 2014

Christen M Craig  
C & S Companies  
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Syracuse NY 13212

**RE: 239 Review Project Name: Former Oneida County Airport  
Towns of Whitestown and Westmoreland, Oneida County**

Dear Ms. Craig:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received the above-referenced submittal dated 10/24/2013. The DEC has no objections to Oneida County being Lead Agency for this project. The DEC offers the following checklist of items to be considered before any future development:

**NY Natural Heritage Program:**

- The NY Natural Heritage Program element occurrence database indicates there are two Listed Species on or in close proximity to the project site (a "Hit"). Both species have been identified inside the footprint of the former airport. An Article 11 Incidental Take permit may be required by the DEC for any proposed action that could result in a "take", which includes, but is not limited to, direct mortality, adverse modification, degradation or destruction of occupied habitat of any Listed Species. It is recommended that a professional familiar with the identification of the species – **see below** – undertake a survey and determine if the proposed project contains habitats with would favor these species. In some circumstances, DEC staff may want to make a site visit for additional evaluation. A field survey would be needed to determine if the species is actually present. If populations of the endangered or threatened species are found to be in the project area, project modifications should be considered to avoid or minimize impact. The NYS Natural Heritage Program databases do not include Federally-listed or proposed endangered or threatened species. For this information, we suggest that you contact the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service by calling (607) 753-9334.

Comments: Upland sandpiper and Northern Harrier

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**Freshwater Wetlands and Classified Water Courses:**

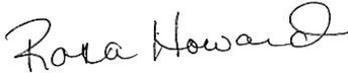
- Both State and Federal regulated wetlands are present in the project area and must be identified and delineated as part of any project proposal. Any impact, either temporary or permanent, to DEC regulated freshwater wetlands, the 100-foot adjacent area of that wetland or regulated stream will require submitting a Joint Application for Permit for an Article 15 Protection of Waters or Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Permit. A Short or Long Environmental Assessment Form (depending on scope of impact), location map and construction detail drawings depicting impact must be included in the application package. Application fee will apply.

**Other:**

- The parcel of land west of East Carter Road was included as part of a small game hunting cooperative between DEC and Oneida County and was opened to the public for pheasant hunting. The cooperative existed in the 1980's thru the 1990's. The cooperative no longer exists, although it is our understanding the public still utilizes that property for recreational hunting. While the cooperative agreement has expired, the above information is offered to reflect the interest for public access to this and other Oneida County lands identified in this review by the Oneida County Sportsman's Federation.

If you wish further assistance in this matter, please call me at (315) 793-2740 or Steve Heerkens at (315) 793-2557

Sincerely,



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Environmental Analyst  
Region 6 - Utica

Cc: Steve Heerkens  
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March 18, 2014

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*(via email only)*

**Re: FAA**  
Former Oneida County Airport Redevelopment  
1,210 Acres  
Towns of Whitestown and Westmoreland  
Oneida County  
14PR00925

Dear Ms. McKee:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

Based upon this review, it is the SHPO's opinion that your project is sensitive for archaeological sites given the presence of wetlands and drainages. Therefore, we recommend a Phase IA Literature Search & Sensitivity Assessment that includes an archaeological sensitivity model. This model will help define where archaeological sites are likely to occur and where Phase IB archaeological testing is appropriate. Sensitivity models are generally based upon an understanding of previous ground disturbance, environmental settings favored by Native Americans, the location of historic structures, as well as other factors. The SHPO has no building or structure concerns.

If federal permits or funds are involved, Native American consultation with Mr. Jesse Bergevin of the Oneida Nation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800.

The SHPO appreciates the opportunity to comment on this information. I can be reached at ext. 3280 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Nancy Herter  
Historic Preservation Program Analyst

cc. Jesse Bergevin, Oneida Indian Nation *(via email only)*

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**From:** Marie.Jenet@faa.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 4:06 PM  
**To:** Gayle McKee  
**Cc:** Ralph Napolitano  
**Subject:** RE: Oneida County Airport EA

Yes. The EA needs to capture, to the extent it can, all the potential impacts that could result because of the federal action of releasing the property. We understand a specific plan does not yet exist for the entire area, however, a qualitative analysis can be performed based on the new zoning. Keep in mind that while we can move the project forward, we cannot make a finding based on the new zoning until the zoning is approved.

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 3:54 PM  
**To:** Jenet, Marie (FAA)  
**Cc:** Ralph Napolitano  
**Subject:** Oneida County Airport EA

Hi Marie!

I just wanted to confirm based on discussions we have had recently, the EA for Redevelopment of the Oneida County Airport needs to assess impacts associated with maximum build out potential of each proposed land use area (i.e., max build out of proposed residential areas, light industrial areas, and the roads, utilities, etc. that are associated with it). I want to make sure I have understood correctly the direction to take. Let me know. Thank you!



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ONEIDA COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ANTHONY J. PICENTE, JR.  
County Executive  
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August 17, 2015

To: Ms. Marie Jenet  
Environmental Specialist  
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159-30 Rockaway Blvd, NYADO  
Jamaica, New York 11434

Re: Former Oneida County Airport  
Environmental Assessment for Land Release

File: 146.098.002

Dear Ms. Jenet,

This letter documents Oneida County's support of the Redevelopment Plan for the former Oneida County Airport (as shown in Figure 1) and the assumptions used to identify a maximum build out of the site (as shown in Attachment 1). The County will be using this plan as a general guide for redevelopment.

The Redevelopment Plan fulfills the County's objectives of becoming more financially independent and promoting orderly growth of areas under its ownership for the benefit of the Mohawk Valley region by:

- providing a source of revenue to the County where none currently exists
- providing employment opportunities
- providing for orderly land use planning so development is compatible with surrounding land uses
- meeting the demand for economic development in the region

The Redevelopment Plan expands on the current Oneida County Business Park with a mixture of industrial, research and development, commercial, and conservation uses, while allowing some limited residential uses on the outskirts of the former airport property so zoning changes are not required within the Town of Westmoreland. The Business Park would include infrastructure such as streets, parking lots, utilities, and stormwater systems. Under this alternative, the County would lease property to entities that construct buildings to their needs within the development guidelines established in the EDGE Plan. The properties would be developed in response to market conditions as tenants commit to long-term leases for the properties.

In support of this redevelopment plan, the County completed a zoning change application for the Town of Whitestown requesting that the Airport District be changed to a Planned Development District. The Town of Whitestown Town Board, on June 17, 2015, passed Resolution No. 239-

15-071, to institute an amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map via establishment of a Planned Development District ("PDD").

A maximum build out of the site was prepared using Schedule A of the Town of Whitestown's zoning ordinance, the Town of Westmoreland's zoning ordinance, and the Oneida County Business Park (OCBP) Redevelopment Plan and Design Guidelines Report completed in 2009 for the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation (EDGE). These guidelines provide the framework for the County to assess the acceptability of specific development projects based on compliance with local zoning ordinances and identify potential environmental impacts associated with development proposals.

Sincerely,



Anthony J. Picente Jr.  
Oneida County Executive

cc: Mark Laramie, Deputy Commissioner  
Chad Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner  
Ralph Napolitano, C&S Engineers, Inc.



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By [Micaela Parker](#)

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## State spending \$10M to buy land at former airport

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The state will spend the money to purchase not only the original 723 acres it has been leasing for the last nine years to house the New York State Preparedness Training Center, but an additional 407 acres of land as well, said Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente.

"They've been investing literally millions because of the work they've done in terms of the New York State Preparedness Training Center, the classrooms, the streetscapes and other amenities," Picente said. "In terms of enhancements, they've put in the neighborhood of \$40 million into the facility over the last few years. It only makes sense that they own it. It's better for us; it takes us out of the way for further development without coming back for approvals."

The training center is a multidiscipline complex operated by the state Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services at 5900 Airport Road in Oriskany, which provides training venues and classrooms for a variety of law enforcement agencies.

Kristin Devoe, a spokeswoman for the state's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, said she couldn't comment on the department's plans for the site.

"We're working out the details," Devoe said. "It's not 100 percent complete yet."

A release from Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office said the land would be used to expand operations at the Emergency Operations Center and New York State Police training facility. Representatives from his office did not return a request for comment.

A representative from the state Office of General Services said the sale would be completed in the fall.

There will be some changes at the former airport grounds as a part of the purchase, said Director of Emergency Services Kevin Revere.

The Oneida County STOP-DWI Office will have to be moved from its current location at 200 Base Road to 120 Airline St. to join the state Office of Mental Health and state Office for the Aging.

The 200 Base Road property, which formerly was used by US Air and Orion Bus Industries, also will be sold to the state. A neighboring property at 198 Base Road also is included.

When asked about the state's plans for the property, Revere pointed out previously announced plans for a College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity to be located at the University at Albany with a satellite campus at the state Preparedness Training Center in Albany.

Additionally, he said he hoped to see the state build an additional state Fire Training Academy on the grounds. The state's only training academy is located in Montour Falls, near the Pennsylvania border.

"This is a massive property," Revere said. "You've got the opportunity to do search exercises — we've got swamps, very thick vegetation and forest. There are just hundreds of acres here. It's a blank pallet. They could do whatever they wanted and make it a national standard."

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### THE DEAL

In a transaction that is believed to be completed in the fall, the state will pay \$10 million for land it currently is leasing at the former Oneida County Airport. \* The purchase will include all 723 acres currently being leased by the state since 2006 for operations at the New York State Preparedness Training Center, as well as more than 400 additional acres. \* A release from Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Office said the land would be used to expand operations at the Emergency Operations Center and New York State Police training facility.

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**From:** Rayman, Noelle <noelle\_rayman@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2015 2:08 PM  
**To:** Gayle McKee  
**Cc:** Robyn\_Niver@fws.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Oneida County Airport Land Release EA

Hi Gayle - I checked GIS and you will need to consider both species for impacts. Yes, doing a habitat assessment is the first step to take. Then we can regroup after to discuss next steps.

On Mon, Sep 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM, Gayle McKee <[gmckee@cscos.com](mailto:gmckee@cscos.com)> wrote:

Hi Noelle!

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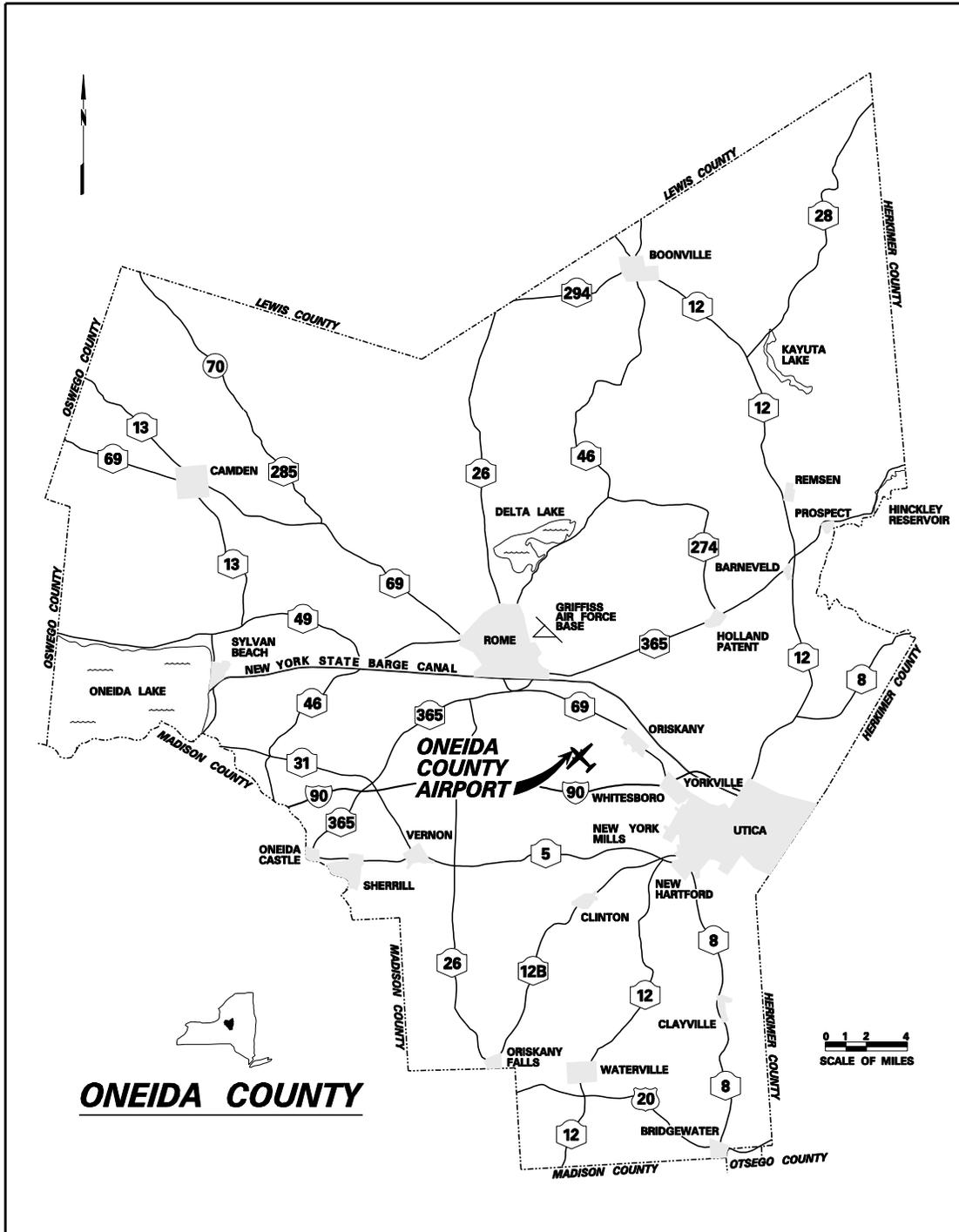
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**VICINITY MAP**



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**FIGURE 1-1**



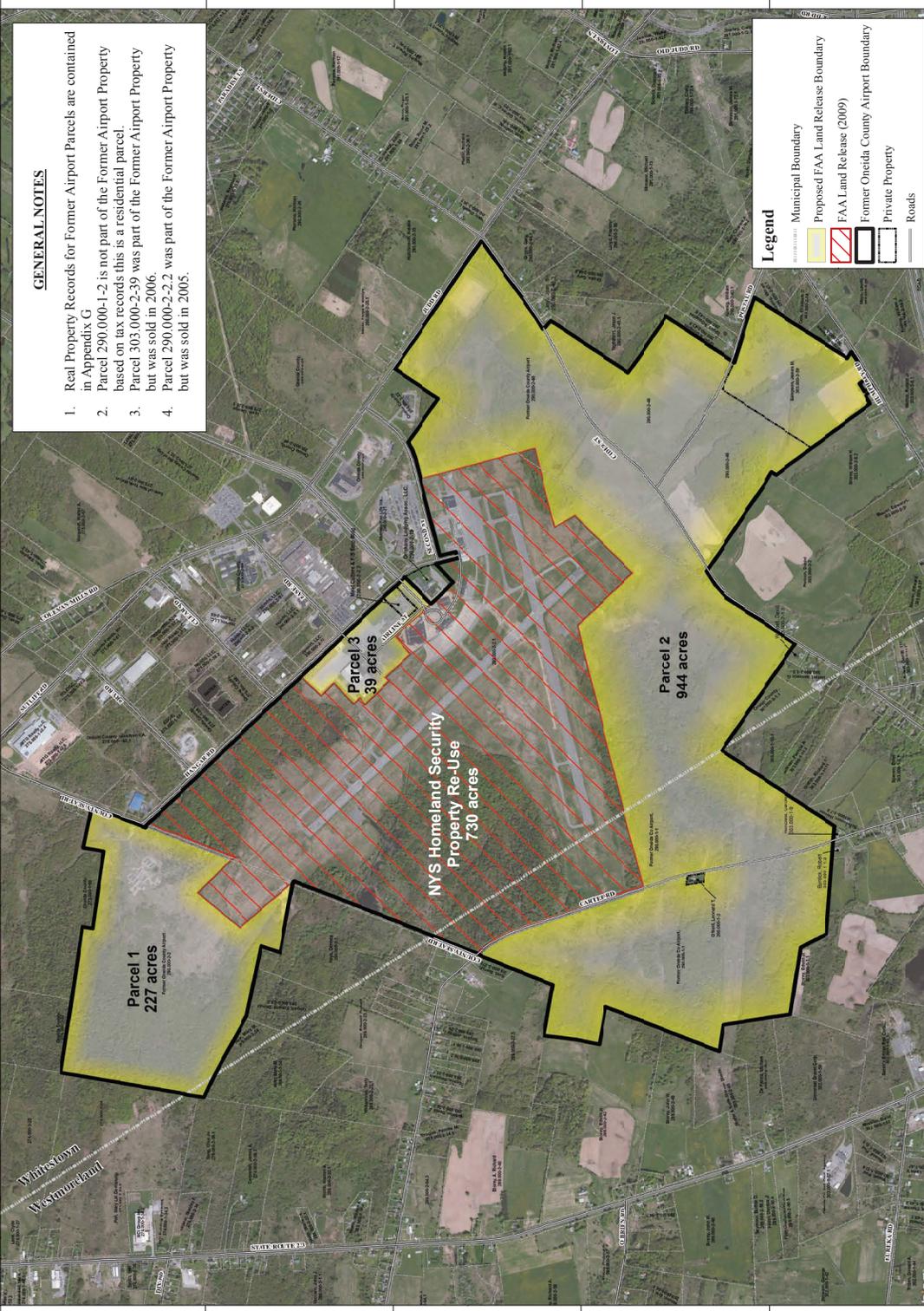
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# Former Onondaga County Airport PROPOSED FAA LAND RELEASE BOUNDARY

**FIGURE 2**

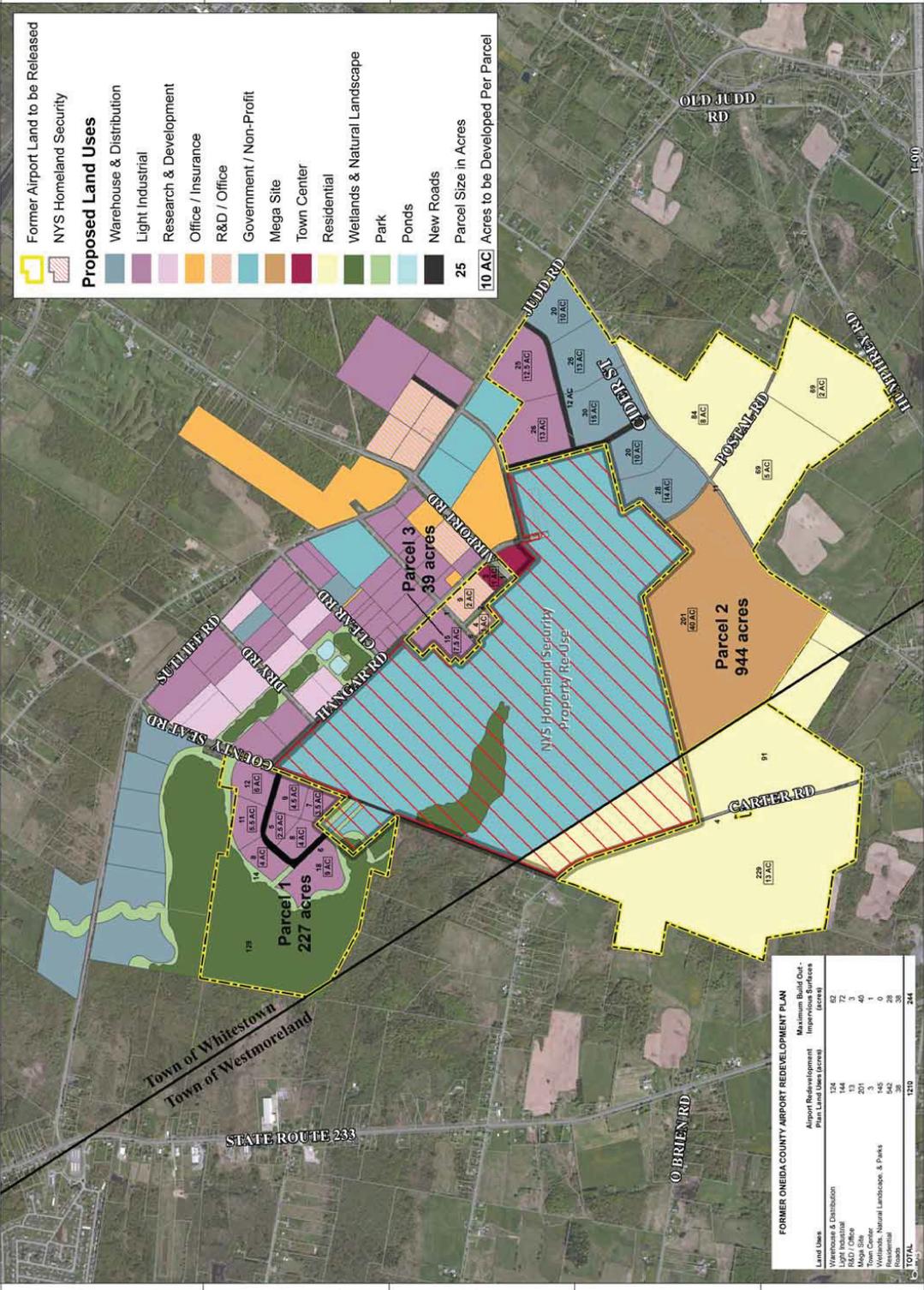




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Former Onieda County Airport  
 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

**FIGURE 3**



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**From:** Kent, John <jkent@ocgov.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 1:40 PM  
**To:** Gayle McKee  
**Subject:** RE: Oneida County Airport Zoning Change

Gayle'

You are correct. The State of New York is not required to conform to the zoning regulations of a municipality when performing a governmental function. The operation of the State Preparedness Training Center at the former airport is clearly a governmental function.

John

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**From:** Gayle McKee [mailto:gmckee@cscos.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 12:41 PM  
**To:** Kent, John  
**Subject:** Oneida County Airport Zoning Change

Hi John!

Per our telephone call today, I just wanted to confirm that the 400 additional acres of land NYS Homeland Security will be purchasing from the County will not require any zoning updates from the Town of Whitestown regarding our proposed redevelopment plan at for the former Oneida County Airport and the recent zoning change to planned development district. You stated since it is being acquired and used by the State, they are not subject to local zoning ordinances. Is my understanding correct? I know the FAA is going to ask us this question so I want to make answer correctly. Thanks!



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**From:** Ralph Napolitano  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 8:38 AM  
**To:** Gayle McKee  
**Subject:** FW: FAA Release

Here is the planned use of the 400 acre site by Homeland security.



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**From:** McClain, Cory (DHSES) [mailto:Cory.McClain@dhses.ny.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 8:36 AM  
**To:** Ralph Napolitano <rnapolitano@cscos.com>  
**Subject:** FAA Release

Ralph,

When the state finalizes the purchase of the former Oneida County Airport property, the deal will include approximately 350 additional acres and the former Orion Bus facility (Bldg 13). These two components/parcels are not part of the current lease. The new acreage will be completely within the legacy airport fence line, adding a buffer for adjacent properties, and improving security.

Regarding the Orion building, the state has no intended or planned future use that differs from its current use as a storage facility. No capital development is currently planned on that parcel, and no additional parking or impervious surfaces are planned.

For the additional acreage, the state has no intended or planned future use that differs from its current use. No capital development is currently planned on that parcel, and no additional parking or impervious surfaces are planned. This additional acreage is so far from utility connections, it is unlikely that development could ever (cost effectively) occur.

**Cory McClain**

Deputy Commissioner, Logistics

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**From:** Gayle McKee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 7:44 AM  
**To:** 'Herter, Nancy (PARKS)'  
**Subject:** Oneida County Airport EA  
**Attachments:** SHPOLetter18April2014.pdf; Figure 3 - Redevelopment Plan small.pdf

Good Morning Nancy!

I received your voicemail. Thank you for getting back to me. Back on September 4<sup>th</sup> we had a telephone conversation regarding the Oneida County Airport EA for the release of land (14PR00925). I had called to determine what type of additional studies OPRHP would require for the project based on the response letter we received from your office (see attached). I explained that the project involves the release of 1,200 acres of former airport lands for redevelopment, and that at this time we only have a conceptual plan in place no actual development plans (see attached redevelopment plan). Based on our conversation, you stated that a Phase 1A Cultural Resource Survey should be conducted. This survey would assist in identifying archeologically sensitive areas within the project limits and that OPRHP would then issue a conditional sign off stating that additional consultation with OPRHP will be required when work is to be undertaken. Could you please confirm whether my understanding of our discussion is correct. We are currently working on hiring a sub consultant to conduct the Phase 1A Cultural Resource Survey and I want to make sure we scope it correctly to address what we discussed. Thank you!



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(via email only)

**Re: FAA**  
Former Oneida County Airport Redevelopment  
1,210 Acres  
Towns of Whitestown and Westmoreland  
Oneida County  
14PR00925

Dear Ms. McKee:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

Based upon this review, it is the SHPO's opinion that your project is sensitive for archaeological sites given the presence of wetlands and drainages. Therefore, we recommend a Phase IA Literature Search & Sensitivity Assessment that includes an archaeological sensitivity model. This model will help define where archaeological sites are likely to occur and where Phase IB archaeological testing is appropriate. Sensitivity models are generally based upon an understanding of previous ground disturbance, environmental settings favored by Native Americans, the location of historic structures, as well as other factors. The SHPO has no building or structure concerns.

If federal permits or funds are involved, Native American consultation with Mr. Jesse Bergevin of the Oneida Nation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800.

The SHPO appreciates the opportunity to comment on this information. I can be reached at ext. 3280 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Nancy Herter  
Historic Preservation Program Analyst

cc. Jesse Bergevin, Oneida Indian Nation (via email only)



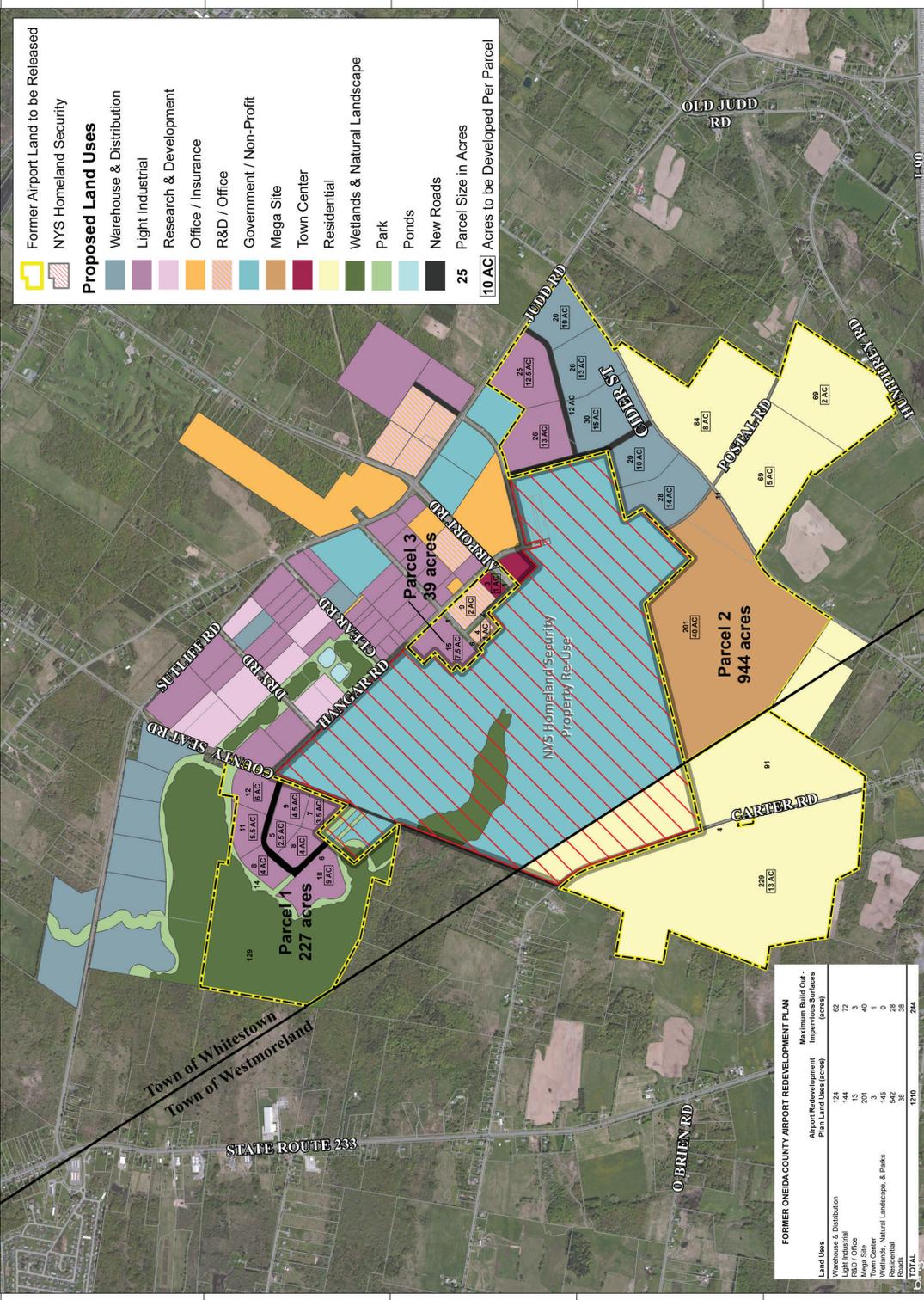
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**FIGURE 3**



**Former Airport Land to be Released**

- Former Airport Land to be Released
- NYS Homelands Security

**Proposed Land Uses**

- Warehouse & Distribution
- Light Industrial
- Research & Development
- Office / Insurance
- R&D / Office
- Government / Non-Profit
- Mega Site
- Town Center
- Residential
- Wetlands & Natural Landscape
- Park
- Ponds
- New Roads
- 25 Parcel Size in Acres
- 10 AC Acres to be Developed Per Parcel

**FORMER ONEIDA COUNTY AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Land Uses	Maximum Build Out -	
	Airport Redevelopment Plan (Land Uses (Acres))	Impervious Surfaces (Acres)
Warehouse & Distribution	144	52
Light Industrial	13	3
R&D / Office	201	40
Mega Site	145	0
Town Center	145	0
Wetlands, Natural Landscape, & Parks	542	28
Residential	1210	244
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1210</b>	<b>244</b>

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**From:** Herter, Nancy (PARKS) <Nancy.Herter@parks.ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 11:38 AM  
**To:** Gayle McKee  
**Subject:** RE: Oneida County Airport EA

Hi Gayle,

Your understanding is correct. The Phase IA Report is a planning document that will help us determine where we have cultural resource concerns and where we do not. Our response letter regarding the Phase IA Report will note the areas for which the OPRHP would recommend additional 14.09/Section 106 consultation and where we would not recommend any additional consultation.

Nancy

**Nancy Herter**  
Archaeology Unit Program Coordinator

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 7:44 AM  
**To:** Herter, Nancy (PARKS)  
**Subject:** Oneida County Airport EA

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10-9-15 spoke with Steven Heerkens, NYSDEC, regarding emails sent 9-28 and 10-9, he stated that he concurs with proceeding with a habitat assessment for the Oneida County Airport Land Release EA.

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**From:** Gayle McKee  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 12:05 PM  
**To:** 'steven.heerkens@dec.ny.gov'  
**Subject:** Oneida County Airport  
**Attachments:** NYSDEC env permits response ltr 2-24-14.pdf; Figure 3 - Redevelopment Plan small.pdf

Good Morning Mr. Heerkens!

We had spoken awhile back in regards to what type of further follow up the NYSDEC would require to address the attached response letter we received from your office for the Environmental Assessment we are conducting for the former Oneida County Airport to release the land from airport use. We discussed that we currently only have a conceptual plan in place based on land uses but do not have any actual development plans at this time (I have attached the redevelopment plan for your review). Based on our conversation you said a habitat assessment would be appropriate in order to identify areas that may support habitat for the upland sandpiper and northern harrier and that due to the size (1200 acres), the habitat could be assessed using vegetation transects to spot check areas. You also said that specific surveys would not be required until actual development plans are in place then further coordination would need to take place. Could you please confirm whether my understanding of our discussion is correct. We are currently working on hiring a sub consultant to conduct the habitat assessment and I want to make sure we scope it correctly to address what we discussed.

Also, thank you for the USDA contact I was able to obtain a copy of the Wildlife Hazard Assessment they conducted at the airport. If you have any questions please call me. Thank you for your help!



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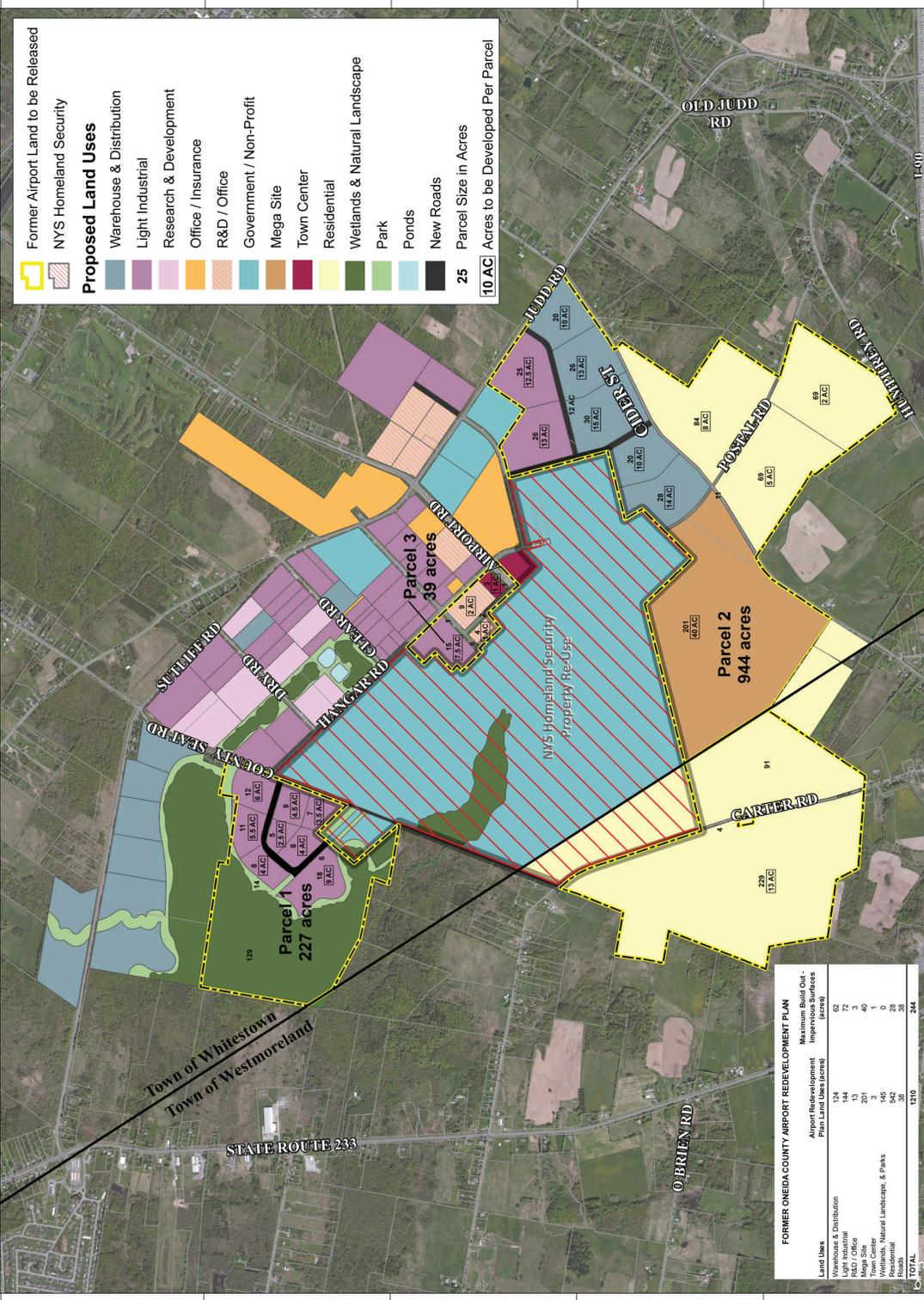
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**Division of Environmental Permits, Region 6**  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

February 24, 2014

Christen M Craig  
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**RE: 239 Review Project Name: Former Oneida County Airport  
Towns of Whitestown and Westmoreland, Oneida County**

Dear Ms. Craig:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received the above-referenced submittal dated 10/24/2013. The DEC has no objections to Oneida County being Lead Agency for this project. The DEC offers the following checklist of items to be considered before any future development:

**NY Natural Heritage Program:**

- The NY Natural Heritage Program element occurrence database indicates there are two Listed Species on or in close proximity to the project site (a "Hit"). Both species have been identified inside the footprint of the former airport. An Article 11 Incidental Take permit may be required by the DEC for any proposed action that could result in a "take", which includes, but is not limited to, direct mortality, adverse modification, degradation or destruction of occupied habitat of any Listed Species. It is recommended that a professional familiar with the identification of the species – *see below* – undertake a survey and determine if the proposed project contains habitats with would favor these species. In some circumstances, DEC staff may want to make a site visit for additional evaluation. A field survey would be needed to determine if the species is actually present. If populations of the endangered or threatened species are found to be in the project area, project modifications should be considered to avoid or minimize impact. The NYS Natural Heritage Program databases do not include Federally-listed or proposed endangered or threatened species. For this information, we suggest that you contact the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service by calling (607) 753-9334.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ Upland sandpiper and Northern Harrier

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**Freshwater Wetlands and Classified Water Courses:**

- Both State and Federal regulated wetlands are present in the project area and must be identified and delineated as part of any project proposal. Any impact, either temporary or permanent, to DEC regulated freshwater wetlands, the 100-foot adjacent area of that wetland or regulated stream will require submitting a Joint Application for Permit for an Article 15 Protection of Waters or Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Permit. A Short or Long Environmental Assessment Form (depending on scope of impact), location map and construction detail drawings depicting impact must be included in the application package. Application fee will apply.

**Other:**

- The parcel of land west of East Carter Road was included as part of a small game hunting cooperative between DEC and Oneida County and was opened to the public for pheasant hunting. The cooperative existed in the 1980's thru the 1990's. The cooperative no longer exists, although it is our understanding the public still utilizes that property for recreational hunting. While the cooperative agreement has expired, the above information is offered to reflect the interest for public access to this and other Oneida County lands identified in this review by the Oneida County Sportsman's Federation.

If you wish further assistance in this matter, please call me at (315) 793-2740 or Steve Heerkens at (315) 793-2557

Sincerely,



Rosa Howard  
Environmental Analyst  
Region 6 - Utica

Cc: Steve Heerkens  
Jim Farquhar

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**From:** Gayle McKee  
**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** 'steven.heerkens@dec.ny.gov'  
**Subject:** Former Oneida County Airport Environmental Assessment  
**Attachments:** Oneida County Airport

Hello Mr. Heerkens!

I had sent out the attached email on September 28<sup>th</sup> to verify that a habitat assessment should be conducted at the former Oneida County Airport for the ongoing Environmental Assessment to release the land from Federal jurisdiction. The habitat assessment is scheduled to take place next week. Could you please let me know if my understanding of our discussion is correct so our sub consultant addresses the NYSDEC concerns regarding the conceptual development plan for the Airport site. If you have any questions, please call. Thank you for your assistance!



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Consultation Code: 05E1NY00-2016-SLI-0386

December 03, 2015

Event Code: 05E1NY00-2016-E-00942

Project Name: Oneida County Airport EA for Airport Redevelopment

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

## To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This list can also be used to determine whether listed species may be present for projects without federal agency involvement. New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list.

Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the ESA, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC site at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list. If listed, proposed, or candidate species were identified as potentially occurring in the project area, coordination with our office is encouraged. Information on the steps involved with assessing potential impacts from projects can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (

[http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle\\_guidance.html](http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html)). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the Services wind energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the ESA. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment



United States Department of Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service

Project name: Oneida County Airport EA for Airport Redevelopment

## Official Species List

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**Event Code:** 05E1NY00-2016-E-00942

**Project Type:** LAND - DISPOSAL / TRANSFER

**Project Name:** Oneida County Airport EA for Airport Redevelopment

**Project Description:** In January 2007, the airport was closed and all aeronautical operations were transferred to Griffiss International Airport in Rome, New York. The Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the impacts associated with the release and redevelopment of the remaining 1,210 acres of former airport land

**Please Note:** The FWS office may have modified the Project Name and/or Project Description, so it may be different from what was submitted in your previous request. If the Consultation Code matches, the FWS considers this to be the same project. Contact the office in the 'Provided by' section of your previous Official Species list if you have any questions or concerns.

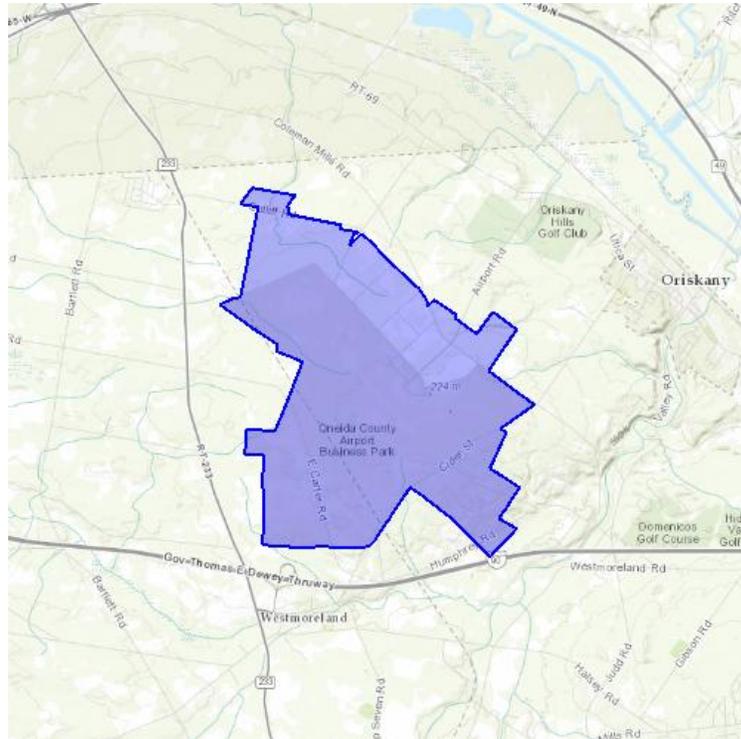
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Fish and Wildlife Service

Project name: Oneida County Airport EA for Airport Redevelopment

### Project Location Map:



**Project Coordinates:** The coordinates are too numerous to display here.

**Project Counties:** Oneida, NY

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## Endangered Species Act Species List

There are a total of 2 threatened or endangered species on your species list. Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Critical habitats listed under the **Has Critical Habitat** column may or may not lie within your project area. See the **Critical habitats within your project area** section further below for critical habitat that lies within your project. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

Mammals	Status	Has Critical Habitat	Condition(s)
Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) Population: Entire	Endangered		
Northern long-eared Bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> )	Threatened		



United States Department of Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service

Project name: Oneida County Airport EA for Airport Redevelopment

## **Critical habitats that lie within your project area**

There are no critical habitats within your project area.

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# Oneida County Airport EA for Airport Redevelopment

## *IPaC Trust Resource Report*

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This report is for informational purposes only and should not be used for planning or analyzing project-level impacts. For projects that require FWS review, please return to this project on the IPaC website and request an official species list from the Regulatory Documents page.





## Endangered Species

Proposed, candidate, threatened, and endangered species that are managed by the [Endangered Species Program](#) and should be considered as part of an effect analysis for this project.

This unofficial species list is for informational purposes only and does not fulfill the requirements under [Section 7](#) of the Endangered Species Act, which states that Federal agencies are required to "request of the Secretary of Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action." This requirement applies to projects which are conducted, permitted or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can be obtained by returning to this project on the IPaC website and requesting an official species list on the Regulatory Documents page.

## Mammals

**Indiana Bat** *Myotis sodalis* Endangered  
 CRITICAL HABITAT  
**No critical habitat** has been designated for this species.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?scode=A000>

**Northern Long-eared Bat** *Myotis septentrionalis* Threatened  
 CRITICAL HABITAT  
**No critical habitat** has been designated for this species.  
<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?scode=A0JE>

## Critical Habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) within the project area must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

**There is no critical habitat within this project area**

## Migratory Birds

Birds are protected by the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) and the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#).

Any activity which results in the take of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1). There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

You are responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations for the protection of birds as part of this project. This involves analyzing potential impacts and implementing appropriate conservation measures for all project activities.

<p><b>American Bittern</b> <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>            Season: Breeding  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0F3">https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0F3</a></p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Bald Eagle</b> <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>            Year-round  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B008">https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B008</a></p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b> <i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>            Season: Breeding  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HI">https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HI</a></p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Blue-winged Warbler</b> <i>Vermivora pinus</i>            Season: Breeding</p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Canada Warbler</b> <i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>            Season: Breeding</p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Golden-winged Warbler</b> <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>            Season: Breeding  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G4">https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G4</a></p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b> <i>Contopus cooperi</i>            Season: Breeding  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0AN">https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0AN</a></p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Peregrine Falcon</b> <i>Falco peregrinus</i>            Season: Breeding  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0FU">https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0FU</a></p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Pied-billed Grebe</b> <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>            Season: Breeding</p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Prairie Warbler</b> <i>Dendroica discolor</i>            Season: Breeding</p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Red-headed Woodpecker</b> <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>            Season: Breeding</p>	Bird of conservation concern
<p><b>Short-eared Owl</b> <i>Asio flammeus</i>            Season: Wintering  <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HD">https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HD</a></p>	Bird of conservation concern

**Upland Sandpiper** *Bartramia longicauda*

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B0HC>

**Willow Flycatcher** *Empidonax traillii*

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

<https://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?sPCODE=B0F6>

**Wood Thrush** *Hylocichla mustelina*

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

## Refuges

Any activity proposed on [National Wildlife Refuge](#) lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. If your project overlaps or otherwise impacts a Refuge, please contact that Refuge to discuss the authorization process.

**There are no refuges within this project area**

## Wetlands

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats from your project may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal Statutes.

Project proponents should discuss the relationship of these requirements to their project with the Regulatory Program of the appropriate [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

### DATA LIMITATIONS

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

### DATA EXCLUSIONS

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

### DATA PRECAUTIONS

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

Wetland data is unavailable at this time.

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February 2, 2016

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Verona, New York 13421

Mr. Jesse Bergevin, Historian  
Oneida Indian Nation  
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Re: Oneida County Airport Land Release Environmental Assessment  
Government-to-Government Consultation Initiation

Dear Mr. Halbritter and Mr. Bergevin:

Until 2007, the former Oneida County Airport operated as a general aviation facility serving the Cities of Utica and Rome, New York and surrounding communities. At that time, the airport was closed and all operations were transferred to Griffiss International Airport, which is located approximately five miles to the north, and is also owned and operated by Oneida County. **Figure 1** shows the location of the former Oneida County Airport and Griffiss International Airport. Oneida County (project sponsor) and the FAA, have established via the Airport Master Plan for Griffiss International Airport that the Oneida County Airport has no aeronautical use and, to maximize the public benefit from the facility, the land will be leased or sold. To allow for non-aeronautical development of the former airport, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) needs to release the airport property from deed provisions that require aeronautical use. A NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) is required prior to the release of the property. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the NEPA lead agency for the project.

**Purpose of Government-to-Government Consultation**

The primary purpose of government-to-government consultation as described in Federal Executive Order 13175 “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” and FAA’s Order 1210.20 “American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Consultation Policy and Procedures” is to ensure that Federally Recognized Tribes are given the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input regarding proposed FAA actions that uniquely or significantly affect Tribes.

**Consultation Initiation**

With this letter, the FAA is seeking input on concerns that uniquely or significantly affect your Tribe related to planned and proposed airport improvements. Early identification of Tribal concerns will allow the FAA and the airport owner and operator to consider ways to avoid and minimize potential impacts to Tribal resources and practices as project planning and alternatives are developed and refined. We would be pleased to discuss details of the proposed project with you.

### **Project Information**

This Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the impacts associated with the release and redevelopment of 1,210 acres of former airport land. As shown on **Figure 2** the 1,210 acre area is broken down into the following three parcels:

- *Parcel I* consists of approximately 227 acres of vacant undeveloped land. Parcel I has frontage on County Seat Road and is identified as tax map number 290.000-2-2 by the Town of Whitestown. A small portion of this parcel also falls in the Town of Westmoreland.
- *Parcel II* consists of approximately 944 acres of vacant undeveloped land. The majority of this land lies to the south of the NYS OHS lease area and is contiguous, but divided by local roads. Parcel II has frontage on Carter Road, Cider Street, Postal Road, Judd Road and Second Street and is identified as tax map numbers 290.000-2-46 and 303.000-2-39 by the Town of Whitestown and tax map number 290.000-1-1 by the Town of Westmoreland.
- *Parcel III* consists of approximately 39 acres of mostly developed land. This parcel includes three buildings, asphalt paved parking and drive areas, and maintained lawn/turf areas. The three buildings contain a total of 210,340 square feet and consist of an office/warehouse building (formerly a hangar building) that is approximately 162,649 square feet, a small warehouse building that is approximately 7,691 square feet, and an office building that is approximately 40,000 square feet. Parcel III is located in the Town of Whitestown and is identified as a portion of tax map number 290.000-2.2.1 and tax map number 290.000-2-2.2. Parcel III has frontage on Hangar Road, Airline Street, Base Road, and Airport Road.

Two reasonable alternatives were developed to provide analysis of a range of potential reuses of the former Airport property. Each reuse plan is conceptual in nature and represents generalized designations of potential future land uses. One alternative includes a maximum build out plan that expands on the existing Oneida County Business Park (OCBP) and includes a mixture of light industrial, commercial, warehouse and distribution, mega site, research and development, and residential uses, along with associated infrastructure (see **Figure 3**). The second alternative includes 403 acres that would be acquired by New York State as part of the NYS Office of Homeland Security (OHS) State Preparedness Training Center (NYS is currently leasing 723 acres of former Airport land that was released in 2009 and now would like to purchase the 723 acres of land and an additional 403 acres of land). The 403 acres of land associated with NYS OHS would remain undeveloped and the remaining 807 acres of land would expand on the existing OCBP and include a mixture of light industrial, commercial, warehouse and distribution, research and development, and residential uses, along with associated infrastructure (see **Figure 4**). The properties would be developed in response to market conditions as tenants commit to long-term leases for the properties.

The purpose of the Business Park is to expand local business opportunity by developing the former airport property. This redevelopment fulfills the County's objectives of becoming more financially independent and promoting orderly growth of areas under its ownership for the benefit of the Mohawk Valley region. The need for the project is to

- provide a source of revenue to the County where none currently exists
- provide employment opportunities
- provide for orderly land use planning so development is compatible with surrounding land uses
- meet the demand for economic development in the region

**Confidentiality**

We understand that you may have concerns regarding the confidentiality of information on areas or resources of religious, traditional and cultural importance to the Tribe. We would be happy to discuss these concerns and develop procedures to ensure the confidentiality of such information is maintained.

**FAA Contact Information**

If you wish to provide comments related to this proposed project, please contact Marie Jenet, Environmental Specialist, at the address above, at 718-995-5777, or by e-mail at [marie.jenet@fa.gov](mailto:marie.jenet@fa.gov)

**Airport Owner and Operator Contact Information**

In addition, you may wish to include the Airport owner and operator (**Oneida County**) in your response so that they may be aware of your comments. The Airport owner and operator's point of contact for this project is:

Mark Laramie  
Oneida County Dept. of Public Works  
6000 Airport Road  
Oriskany, New York 13424  
Phone: 315-793-6236  
email contact information: [mlaramie@ocgov.net](mailto:mlaramie@ocgov.net)

**Project Consultation Options Form**

Your timely response will greatly assist us in incorporating your concerns into project planning. For that purpose, we respectfully request that you complete the enclosed Project Consultation Options form and forward it to the FAA within thirty days of your receipt of this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Marie C. Jenet  
Environmental Specialist

Enclosures: Tribal Consultation Options form  
Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4

cc: Mark Laramie, Oneida County  
Gayle McKee, C&S Engineers, Inc.

**Tribal Consultation Options**

Oneida Nation of New York  
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Verona, New York 13421

Project Name: Oneida County Airport Land Release Environmental Assessment

**Please check the appropriate response:**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Oneida Nation of New York will continue coordination for this proposed project directly with Owner / Operator of the airport. *Please note that if the Tribe initially chooses to consult / coordinate with the airport owner/operator, the Tribe may later decide to consult directly with the FAA.*

\_\_\_\_\_ The Oneida Nation of New York, a federally recognized tribe, would like to consult directly with the Federal Aviation Administration in a government-to-government relationship for this proposed project.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Oneida Nation of New York has no interest associated with this proposed project and further consultation is not required.

Use the back of this form or additional sheets if you would like to make additional comments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Leader (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Leader (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail:

Phone:

Fax:

e-mail:

Other: (please describe)

If you have chosen to proceed with consultation, please identify a Tribal Representative for the consultation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Formal Tribal Representative (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

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Name of Formal Tribal Representative (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please mail to: Marie C. Jenet, Environmental Specialist  
FAA, NYADO  
159-30 Rockaway Blvd.  
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