

**RESOLUTION**  
**SEQRA NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT LEAD AGENCY STATUS**  
**AND ADOPT A POSITIVE DECLARATION**  
**FOR THE SCHODACK I-90 CORRIDOR PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, with the assistance of its planning and engineering consultant, Bohler, the Rensselaer County IDA (the "IDA") is proposing to undertake a study to evaluate the long-term development potential of approximately 6,000 acres within the Route 9 corridor in the Town of Schodack: and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution adopted August 12, 2021, the IDA determined that the Proposed Action is subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act under the N.Y.S. Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8 ("SEQRA"), preliminarily classified the Proposed Action as a Type 1 action under SEQRA, and declared its intention to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of reviewing the environmental impacts of the Proposed Action under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDA notified all Involved Agencies of its intention to act as Lead Agency and none of the Involved Agencies have objected to the IDA acting as Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDA has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form, Parts 1, 2 and 3 prepared for the Proposed Action as prepared by Bohler; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDA has concluded that the Proposed Action may have a significant impact on the environment if it is approved and built; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDA has reviewed the attached draft Positive Declaration prepared for the Proposed Action by Bohler.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the IDA hereby establishes itself as Lead Agency to coordinate the environmental review of the proposed actions, as described above, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the IDA adopts the contents of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, Parts 2 & 3; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director is authorized to complete and sign the Determination of Significance on the Full Environmental Assessment Form declaring as set forth therein that the Proposed Action "may result in one or more large impacts that may have a significant impact on the environment, therefore a positive declaration will be prepared"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the IDA adopts the contents and conclusions set forth in the attached draft Positive Declaration regarding the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bohler is authorized to file the Positive Declaration as adopted with the agencies named in the Positive Declaration and otherwise in accordance with applicable law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Public Scoping for the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement shall be conducted in accordance with N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation Rule 617.8 (6 NYCRR §617.8); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Public Scoping will include a 30-day Public Scoping Period and one (1) Public Scoping Session.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**December 9, 2021**

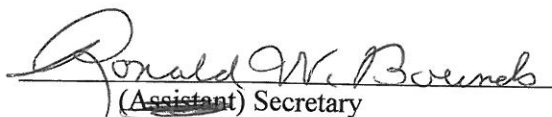
STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
                                                  ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER            )

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on December 9, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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 hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 9th day of December, 2021.

  
(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

**Full Environmental Assessment Form**  
**Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts**

| Agency Use Only [If applicable] |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Project :                       | Schodack I-90 Corridor |
| Date :                          | 11/1/21                |

**Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency.** Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

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

**Tips for completing Part 2:**

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

| <b>1. Impact on Land</b><br>Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1)<br><i>If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.</i> |                             | <input type="checkbox"/> NO         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur       | Moderate to large impact may occur      |
| a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.                                                                                                                                 | E2d                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.                                                                                                                                                            | E2f                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.                                                                                                | E2a                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.                                                                                                                              | D2a                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.                                                                                                                            | D1e                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).                                                                               | D2e, D2q                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.                                                                                                                                                     | B1i                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| h. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>                |

**2. Impact on Geological Features**

The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g)

☒ NO☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.

|                                                                                                                                                       | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur | Moderate to large impact may occur |
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| a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached: _____                                                                                                 | E2g                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark.<br>Specific feature: _____ | E3c                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| c. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                               |                             | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |

**3. Impacts on Surface Water**

The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h)

☐ NO☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.

|                                                                                                                                                                                | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur       | Moderate to large impact may occur |
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| a. The proposed action may create a new water body.                                                                                                                            | D2b, D1h                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.                 | D2b                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.                                                                | D2a                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.                             | E2h                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.                                              | D2a, D2h                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.                                                           | D2c                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).                                                     | D2d                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies. | D2e                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.                                               | E2h                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.                                                                    | D2q, E2h                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.                                                         | D1a, D2d                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |

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| 1. Other impacts: _____<br>_____ |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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#### 4. Impact on groundwater

The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer.

☐ NO

☒ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t)

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.

|                                                                                                                                                                | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur       | Moderate to large impact may occur |
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| a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.                           | D2c                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer.<br>Cite Source: _____ | D2c                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.                                                      | D1a, D2c                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.                                                                            | D2d, E2l                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.            | D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.                                         | D2p, E2l                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.                   | E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| h. Other impacts: _____<br>_____                                                                                                                               |                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |

#### 5. Impact on Flooding

The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding.

☐ NO

☒ YES

(See Part 1. E.2)

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.

|                                                                                                            | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur       | Moderate to large impact may occur  |
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| a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.                                 | E2i                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.                             | E2j                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.                             | E2k                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.              | D2b, D2e                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.                           | D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade? | E1e                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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| g. Other impacts: _____ |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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## 6. Impacts on Air

The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source.  
(See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g)

☐ NO

☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Relevant Part I Question(s)            | No, or small impact may occur                                                                                                                                        | Moderate to large impact may occur                                                                                                                                   |
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| a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels:<br>i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )<br>ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O)<br>iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs)<br>iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> )<br>v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions<br>vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane | D2g<br>D2g<br>D2g<br>D2g<br>D2g<br>D2h | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D2g                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             |
| c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | D2f, D2g                               | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             |
| d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | D2g                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             |
| e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | D2s                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             |
| f. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                             |

## 7. Impact on Plants and Animals

The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.)

☐ NO

☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur | Moderate to large impact may occur  |
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| a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.                  | E2o                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.                                                                    | E2o                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site. | E2p                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.                                                          | E2p                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.                               | E3c | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community.<br>Source: _____                                  | E2n | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.              | E2m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat.<br>Habitat type & information source: _____ | E1b | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.                                                                        | D2q | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| j. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                                                                     |     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

| <b>8. Impact on Agricultural Resources</b><br>The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. and b.) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES<br><i>If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.</i> |                             |                                     |                                     |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur       | Moderate to large impact may occur  |
| a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.                                                                                                                                                          | E2c, E3b                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).                                                                                                                         | E1a, E1b                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.                                                                                                                                                              | E3b                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.                                                    | E1b, E3a                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.                                                                                                                                                                           | E1 a, E1b                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.                                                                                                                                                          | C2c, C3, D2c, D2d           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                  | C2c                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| h. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources**

The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.)

☐ NO☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur                                              | Moderate to large impact may occur                   |
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| a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.                                                                                              | E3h                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.                                                                        | E3h, C2b                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points:<br>i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons)<br>ii. Year round                               | E3h                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is:<br>i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work<br>ii. Recreational or tourism based activities | E3h<br>E2q,<br>E1c          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.                                                                                       | E3h                         | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project:<br>0-1/2 mile<br>1/2 -3 mile<br>3-5 mile<br>5+ mile                                                                     | D1a, E1a,<br>D1f, D1g       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |
| g. Other impacts: _____<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |

**10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources**

The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.)

☐ NO☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.

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| a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places. | E3e                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.                                                                                                                                                                  | E3f                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory.<br>Source: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | E3g                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| d. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                                    |                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:  |                            |                                     |                          |
| i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.                                                 | E3e, E3g, E3f              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.                                                               | E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting. | E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <b>11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation</b><br>The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan.<br>(See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.)<br>If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12. |                                    |                                      |                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> NO          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Relevant Part I Question(s)</b> | <b>No, or small impact may occur</b> | <b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b> |
| a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.                                                                                                          | D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p   | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | C2a, C2c E1c, E2q                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | C2c, E1c                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| e. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |

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| <b>12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas</b><br>The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d)<br>If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13. |                                    |                                        |                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> YES              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Relevant Part I Question(s)</b> | <b>No, or small impact may occur</b>   | <b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b> |
| a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.                                                                                     | E3d                                | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.                                                                                      | E3d                                | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| c. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                  |

**13. Impact on Transportation**

The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems.

☐ NO☒ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.j)

*If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.*

|                                                                                                       | Relevant<br>Part I<br>Question(s) | No, or<br>small<br>impact<br>may occur | Moderate<br>to large<br>impact may<br>occur |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.                           | D2j                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |
| b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles. | D2j                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |
| c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.                                          | D2j                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.                    | D2j                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.                  | D2j                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |
| f. Other impacts: _____<br>_____                                                                      |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |

**14. Impact on Energy**

The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy.

☐ NO☒ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.k)

*If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Relevant<br>Part I<br>Question(s) | No, or<br>small<br>impact<br>may occur | Moderate<br>to large<br>impact may<br>occur |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.                                                                                                                       | D2k                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |
| b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use. | D1f,<br>D1q, D2k                  | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.                                                                                                                          | D2k                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.                                                                                | D1g                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| e. Other Impacts: _____<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |

**15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light**

The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting.

☐ NO☒ YES

(See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)

*If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.*

|                                                                                                                                                | Relevant<br>Part I<br>Question(s) | No, or<br>small<br>impact<br>may occur | Moderate<br>to large<br>impact may<br>occur |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.                                                   | D2m                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home. | D2m, E1d                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.                                                             | D2o                               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |

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| d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.                           | D2n      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions. | D2n, E1a | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Other impacts: _____<br>_____                                                                        |          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

#### 16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.)

☒ NO

☐ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Relevant Part I Question(s) | No, or small impact may occur | Moderate to large impact may occur |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.                                                 | E1d                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.                                                                                                                               | E1g, E1h                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.                                               | E1g, E1h                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).                                                               | E1g, E1h                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.                               | E1g, E1h                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health. | D2t                         | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.                                                                                                    | D2q, E1f                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.                                                                                                                      | D2q, E1f                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.                                                                                              | D2r, D2s                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.                                                    | E1f, E1g<br>E1h             | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.                                                                           | E1f, E1g                    | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.                                                                                                      | D2s, E1f,<br>D2r            | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| m. Other impacts: _____<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                      |                             |                               |                                    |

**17. Consistency with Community Plans**

The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.  
(See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)

☐ NO

☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.

|                                                                                                                                                                      | Relevant Part I Question(s)       | No, or small impact may occur       | Moderate to large impact may occur |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).                                | C2, C3, D1a<br>E1a, E1b           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.                     | C2                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.                                                                              | C2, C2, C3                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.                                                                      | C2, C2                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure. | C3, D1c,<br>D1d, D1f,<br>D1d, E1b | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.                       | C4, D2c, D2d<br>D2j               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)                    | C2a                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| h. Other: _____                                                                                                                                                      |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |

**18. Consistency with Community Character**

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.  
(See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)

☐ NO

☒ YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

|                                                                                                                                    | Relevant Part I Question(s)    | No, or small impact may occur       | Moderate to large impact may occur |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community. | E3e, E3f, E3g                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)                       | C4                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.         | C2, C3, D1f<br>D1g, E1a        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.            | C2, E3                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.                                     | C2, C3                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.                                           | C2, C3<br>E1a, E1b<br>E2g, E2h | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| g. Other impacts: _____                                                                                                            |                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>           |

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**Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts**  
**and**  
**Determination of Significance**

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

Schodack I-90 GEIS is expected to have potential significant environmental impacts on:

Surface Waters  
 Groundwater  
 Plants and Animals  
 Agricultural Resources  
 Historic and Archaeological Resources  
 Transportation  
 Consistency with Community Plans

**Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions**

SEQR Status: ☒ Type 1 ☐ Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: ☒ Part 1 ☒ Part 2 ☒ Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the  
Rensselaer County IDA \_\_\_\_\_ as lead agency that:

☐ A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

☐ B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

☒ C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: Schodack I-90 Economic Development Plan

Name of Lead Agency: Rensselaer County IDA

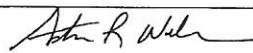
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Robert Pasinella

Title of Responsible Officer:

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)



Date:

11/4/21

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**For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:**

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)  
Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

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