

**WHEATLAND-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE AND
RESOLUTION – ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

At the regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2013, and upon the motion of Board Member _____, seconded by Board Member _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Wheatland-Chili Central School District (the “District”) Scottsville, New York;

WHEREAS, the District owns the TJ Connor Elementary School, Wheatland-Chili Middle High School, and the Bus Garage, each of which are located in the Village of Scottsville, Town of Wheatland, County of Monroe; and the Board on behalf of the District is considering the implementation of alterations, upgrades, repairs and maintenance measures to the Wheatland-Chili Middle/High School, the T.J. Connor Elementary School, and to the Bus Garage, as well as the construction of facility upgrades and enhancements to athletic fields as well as the construction of a replacement artificial athletic field which project may be summarized as including but not limited to the following:

- Replacing and upgrading various exterior windows and doors.
- Upgrades to interior and exterior features of the buildings including walls, doors and other structures to meet various codes.
- Upgrading and replacing flooring, plumbing systems, air handling and ventilating equipment, and HVAC systems.
- Renovating various educational areas within the buildings, including technology rooms, music rooms, auditorium and library facilities and other areas.
- Renovating and upgrading toilet rooms and kitchen areas.
- Replacing and upgrading various lighting fixtures in the gymnasium and auditorium areas.
- Upgrading and replacing facilities and improvements to athletic fields including soccer field upgrades, tennis court reconstruction, and track reconstruction.
- Asphalt paving reconstruction; replacing and upgrading walking paths.
- The addition of event lighting at the existing track and field complex and/or upgrading existing event lighting at the soccer field at the Middle High School and the potential

addition of an artificial turf athletic field at the Middle High School campus which would replace a field which is already in place as a direct action (the "Capital Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, including Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, as well as applicable regulations pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.1 et seq. collectively known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") has reviewed the Capital Project which includes routine maintenance, repair and upgrades of an educational institution that constitute Type 2 actions under SEQRA, as well as other components including the addition of lighting and other features to athletic facilities, as well as constructing a new artificial turf athletic field on the same site where a field is currently located at the Middle High School Campus as an additional alternative component of the Capital Project and based on the Board's review of applicable law and regulations, including those under 6. N.Y.C.R.R. §617.1 et seq., the Board has determined that the Capital Project including each of the components which comprise it, including the proposed additional alternative component of an artificial turf athletic field as referenced all together constitute an Unlisted action under SEQRA;

WHEREAS, while the Board has elicited input from other agencies on the Capital Project, including the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation, it has conducted an uncoordinated environmental review of the Capital Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed all of the information and documentation developed for the Capital Project, including the scope of work for same completed by the District's staff and outside consultants, and it has directed the completion of the short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") for the Project and the Board has reviewed the information contained in the responses provided in the EAF, together with the considering, reviewing and analyzing other information provided to the District concerning various features

and components of the Capital Project, all of such documentation which is on file with in the District offices as identified below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.1 et seq. and any applicable regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board, based on the record before it, has carefully reviewed the completed Short Environmental Assessment Form and other supporting information assembled for the Capital Project, as well as reviewing and considering comments and correspondence received from interested agencies, if any, and considering the input of the District's consultants including its architect-engineer and declares as follows concerning the Capital Project:

Capital Project Summary

**Description and
Name of Action:**

Implementation of renovations, updates, upgrades and repairs to the Wheatland-Chili Middle/High School and T.J. Connor Elementary School and the District Bus Garage as well as the completion of certain updates, renovations expansion and construction associated with various District athletic facilities known as the 2013 Capital Project

Applicant:

Direct Action by the Wheatland-Chili Central School District Board of Education

Type of Action:

Unlisted

Condition

Negative Declaration:

No

Description of Action Associated with the Capital Project:

The Wheatland-Chili School District Board of Education is proposing to undertake certain alterations, updates, maintenance measures and repairs to the Wheatland-Chili Middle and High School campus, as well as to the T.J. Connor Elementary School campus and to the

Wheatland-Chili Bus Garage as well as constructing certain additions and improvements to various athletic fields, as well as the additional alternative of constructing an artificial athletic field at the Middle High School campus to replace an existing field on such campus as briefly summarized below.

The Wheatland-Chili High School and Middle School:

Renovations, updates, repairs, and upgrades including painting, sealing and replacing various facilities and equipment associated with the Auditorium and pool, as well as replacing certain exterior doors, installing translucent panels in the auditorium, replacing and upgrading various equipment including the pool water heater, and replacing and upgrading various interior doors, and lighting fixtures and replacing and upgrading various other features including flooring (as well as removal of the old flooring and abatement where necessary), ADA Renovations, adding fire prevention measures, egress door improvements, installing heat detectors and fire extinguishers as identified, as well as other routine maintenance, repairs and upgrades including HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical improvements. In addition, constructing certain paving, athletic field upgrades, renovations, and additions and associated site work and event lighting including soccer field upgrades (bleachers etc.), as well as installation of field irrigation, portable bleachers, tennis court reconstruction. In addition, to the extent other measures are approved by District voters under the Capital Project, constructing a new artificial turf athletic field on the same site where a field is currently located and other repairs, updates and upgrades of a similar nature as more specifically identified in plans for the Capital Project on file in the District's administrative office.

T.J. Connor Elementary School:

Renovations, updates, repairs, and upgrades including replacing identified exterior doors, and windows, interior repairs and upgrades to various equipment and facilities, including providing fire prevention updates, replacing interior doors, replacing and upgrading various other features including flooring (as well as removal of the old flooring and abatement where necessary), ADA Renovations, emergency lighting upgrades to the cafeteria, smoke detection system upgrades, plumbing system upgrades, replacing hot water heaters, and installation of ventilation improvement upgrades, HVAC control system updates and other repairs, updates and upgrades of a similar nature as more specifically identified in plans for the Capital Project on file in the District's administrative office.

Bus Garage:

Renovations, upgrades, and updates including painting exterior doors, and painting of the hard flooring, upgrades and replacement of equipment for various communications systems, including the purchase of cameras, a DVR and other upgrades as more specifically identified in the plans available in the District's administrative office.

Location of Action:

The school building campuses that are the subject of the actions are located at:

T J Connor	Wheatland – Chili Middle/High School	Bus Garage
13 Beckwith Ave.	940 North Rd.	940 North Rd.
Scottsville, NY 14546	Scottsville, NY 14546	Scottsville, NY 14546

Reasons Supporting this Determination:

The Wheatland-Chili Central School Board of Education has carefully reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form and the responses contained in it which it directed its consultant to complete and the Board has considered all comments received, if any from other

agencies and the public, as well as considering information provided by its consultants. Based upon this information, the Board finds that the implementation of the Capital Project as described above will not result in any significant adverse impact to the environment as detailed below:

1. The Capital Project will not result in any significant adverse impact on land, to groundwater or to air quality, as most of the alterations and updates will occur inside of the District buildings identified. Further, any updates and additions occurring to structures located outside of enclosed areas will be undertaken on property already used for the same purpose (educational use) that it will be used for after the proposed construction is completed. For example, to the extent upgrades to athletic fields will be improved with lighting, and bleachers, those improvements will be constructed on areas already being used by the District for the athletic activities. Further, as documented in the EAF, any potential for impacts from the addition of lighting, including from potential light splash to areas away from the campus facilities at issue, such light splash will be controlled with the use of appropriate equipment to insure light remains on the facility at issue. Similarly, any potential noise issues will be addressed by insuring use of such systems is limited to athletic events during usual hours for such events.
2. Construction activities will be largely relegated to inside existing structures and will be of a relatively short time duration, and any construction work slated for outside of existing buildings is also proposed to be of a relatively short time duration, and will not involve extensive equipment or the use of large numbers of construction vehicles, and therefore significant adverse impacts from noise due to

same or such impacts to air quality are not anticipated. Further, any construction work to be completed will be undertaken in accordance with applicable regulations, including implementing measures required to prevent undue or significant adverse impact from stormwater run-off, as the District will obtain a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (“SPDES”) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and as part of the SPDES permit requirements, it will implement stormwater controls as required pursuant to a stormwater pollution protection plan or SWPPP.

3. There are believed to be no significant impacts to any recognized threatened or endangered species anticipated from the Capital Project for the reasons set forth above. Similarly, there will be no adverse impact to agricultural land for the reasons set forth above. Further, the District has sought comment from the New York State Office of Parks and Historic Preservation on the Capital Project and while the District does not anticipate any significant adverse impact on any recognized historic, cultural or archeological resources in the area planned for the Project, it will implement, as feasible, measures to address any such significant adverse impacts to any recognized architectural or cultural or historic resources in the event any such resources are identified and in the event any significant adverse impacts are identified.
4. The Capital Project will not result in any significant adverse impact to the quantity or quality of open space and recreation in the community, as the field to be reconstructed (if certain requirements for authorization for the Capital Project are met) and the renovations will be located on District campuses and at District

facilities which are currently used for such purposes. Further, there are no significant noise impacts anticipated from the Capital Project, while there may be temporary amounts of noise associated with certain construction activity, as discussed, the length of time active construction will take place outside of enclosed structures is anticipated to be of a short duration, and therefore noise levels generated by such activities will be similar in duration and intensity to other relatively modest residential or commercial construction activities in a community of a similar type to the construction proposed by the Capital Project. In addition, all construction activities will comply with noise requirements of the State Department of Education for the protection of the student population and surrounding community.

5. For the reasons outlined above, the Capital Project is not anticipated to have any material effect on energy supplies for the area, given the relatively modest nature of the construction.
6. Further, the Capital Project is believed to be consistent with local planning goals or at least not inconsistent with same, as the updates, maintenance, and construction of interior features of District facilities will not impact the areas in which those District facilities are located. Further, to the extent the Capital Project includes the additions of upgrades to athletic fields and the reconstruction of an athletic field on a District campus which will replace another already in place, such upgrades are being proposed to be completed to District facilities where the same kinds of athletic activities take place, and similarly the new athletic field as proposed would replace one already in use. The Capital Project is not anticipated

to result in any significant adverse impact to local services such as police protection, ambulance or fire services.

- 7. The District has considered the Capital Project pursuant to the parameters and criteria set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §§617.2(b) and 617.3(g) and based on the foregoing, the District finds that the Capital Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and hereby adopts a negative declaration for the Capital Project pursuant to this resolution.
- 8. This resolution has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and associated regulations under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.
- 9. This resolution will take effect immediately and the requirements of New York State Environmental Quality Review Act have been satisfied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration for the Capital Project in accordance with SEQRA regulations, including those identified above.

Yes	No
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This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the Clerk to the Board and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of Wheatland-Chili Central School District on January 28, 2013, at a meeting of said Board of Education held at TJ Connor Elementary School. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

_____.

Dated: January ___, 2013

Wheatland-Chili Central School District
Clerk to the Board

For Further Information Contact (A copy of this resolution and notice together with the documents on which it is based will be on file at the office listed below):

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