

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

This report is issued pursuant to the *State Environmental Quality Review Act* (“*SEQRA*”), codified at Article 8 of the *New York State Environmental Conservation Law* (“*ECL*”), and its implementing regulations, promulgated at Part 617 of the Title 6 of the *New York Code, Rules and Regulations* (“*N.Y.C.R.R.*”), which collectively contain the requirements for the *State Environmental Quality Review* (“*SEQR*”).

The Chautauqua County Legislature directed and authorized under Resolution No. 154-20 that the Division of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) conduct a SEQR review of projects numbered 1 – 8 proposed for the 2021 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes & Waterways Grant Program based on the Water Quality Task Force’s Waterways Panel’s list of ranked and prioritized projects. The SEQR process was completed for the following proposed projects:

2021 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes & Waterways Grant Program Recommended Awards			
Project/Agency or Organization	Rank	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Lakewood Grandview	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
CWC Lake Friendly Lawn Care	2	\$23,734.00	\$23,734.00
Rice Tim	3	\$28,660.00	\$28,660.00
O'Brien	4	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Mud Creek 2	5	\$29,907.00	\$29,907.00
Sunset Bay HOA	6	\$29,935.00	\$29,935.00
Pomfret Salt Storage	7	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Stark Chaut Lake Shoreline	8	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

The outcome of the SEQR review process on the proposed 2021 2% Occupancy Tax projects was that eight projects were determined to be Unlisted Actions under 6 *N.Y.C.R.R.* 617.2(ak). The Chautauqua County DPCD conducted an Uncoordinated Review for each these individual actions. Based upon completion of the short environmental assessment forms (EAF) and analysis of areas of environmental concern provided by the Chautauqua County DPCD, the Chautauqua County Legislature, as Lead Agency has determined that the proposed actions will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

No potential negative long-term or cumulative impacts or significant adverse environmental impacts were identified in connection with these eight proposed actions; however, some small, temporary impacts related to construction were identified. Those impacts include dust and noise due to excavation by construction equipment, minor disruption of traffic due to material deliveries during the construction period. Short-term impacts to water quality due to construction activities will be mitigated by using the Best Management Practices identified in the New York State Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control (Blue Book), July, 2016 version.

This document is a Negative Declaration in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and provides the documentation required in 6 CRR – NY 617.12. Copies of the EAF's describe the specific nature, extent and location of each proposed action and are incorporated into the balance of this document as Appendix A and on file at the Chautauqua County Legislature Office. Further information is available from The Chautauqua County Division of Planning and Community Development at 2 South Portage Street, Westfield, NY 14787 or to the attention of Dave McCoy, Watershed Coordinator 716-661-8915

Appendix A:
Short Environmental Assessment Forms
Parts 1, 2 & 3