

Attachment 1 - Project Description:

Mitigation measures are proposed to avoid or minimize impacts to certain aquatic resources (wetlands and streams) within the Southern Expansion project area. A mitigation strategy has been developed to compensate for remaining, unavoidable impacts to these resources. The proposed on-site mitigation activities include preserving in perpetuity approximately 104 acres of wetlands, 256 acres of wetland buffer and 202 acres of stream buffer (some of which overlap), and approximately 44,000 linear feet of stream (see Figure 1). Approximately 9,900 linear feet of these stream resources will also be enhanced.

Off-site mitigation activities are also proposed along Skinner Road in the Town of Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York. The proposed off-site mitigation activities include a minimum of 28.6 acres of wetland restoration and approximately 650 feet of stream bank and stream channel restoration and enhancement (see Figure 2).

Information on the off-site mitigation area is being provided in Part 1 of a separate Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) because its location is different from that of other project activities. However, both the off-site mitigation activities and the activities within the Southern Expansion project area are being examined in a single SEQRA environmental impact review.

The Development Authority would need to enter into an agreement with Jefferson County before it could use the County reforestation land located in the southeastern portion of the proposed Southern Expansion project area (see Figure 1). Use of this land would be beneficial because an existing drumlin feature could be used in its entirety as a soil borrow area.