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Expanded Environmental Assessment Form

The Ironworks – Student Housing

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Attached:
Full Environmental Assessment Form – Part 1
Project Location Map
NYSDEC National Heritage Program – Response Letter
Stormwater Analysis Report
Engineering Report – Water and Sanitary Sewer Services
Site Development Plans

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: The Ironworks		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Northwest Corner of the intersection of Morrison and Vandenburgh Avenues, Troy, N.Y.		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): Proposed action involves the demolition and removal of existing buildings at Morrison Ave. and Vandenburgh Ave. and the subsequent contruction of a five (5) story 330 bed student housing facility, with associated parking, access roadways, infrastructure, pedestrian amenities and stormwater management facilties.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Omni Housing Development, LLC	Telephone: 518-432-4500 E-Mail:	
Address: 40 Beaver Street		
City/PO: Albany	State: NY	Zip Code: 12207
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Duncan Barrett	Telephone: 518-432-4500 E-Mail: dbarrett@omnidevelopment.com	
Address: 40 Beaver Street		
City/PO: Albany	State: NY	Zip Code: 12207
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor): Hudson Valley Community College c/o Alexander J. Popovics, Ed.D.	Telephone: 518-692-4822 E-Mail: a.popovics@hvcc.edu	
Address: 80 Vandenburgh Ave #1		
City/PO: Troy	State: NY	Zip Code: 12180

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)		
Government Entity	**If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required**	**Application Date (Actual or projected)**
a. City Council, Town Board, or Village Board of Trustees ☐Yes☑No		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission ☐Yes☑No		
c. City Council, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals ☐Yes☑No		
d. Other local agencies ☑Yes☐No	Department of Public Utilities - water and sewer work permit (City of Troy)	5/15/2014
e. County agencies ☑Yes☐No	Rensselaer County - Demo and Bldg Permit	TBD
f. Regional agencies ☐Yes☐No		
g. State agencies ☑Yes☐No	NYSDEC - SWPPP / NYNHP NYSDOT - Highway Work Permit / OPRHP	NYNHP:3/18/2014 (letter attached) OPRHP:5/9/2014
h. Federal agencies ☐Yes☑No		

i. Coastal Resources.

i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? ☐Yes☑No

ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? ☐Yes☑No

iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? ☐Yes☑No

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.

Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? ☐Yes☑No

- **If Yes,** complete sections C, F and G.
- **If No,** proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1

C.2. Adopted land use plans.

a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? ☐Yes☑No

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? ☐Yes☐No

b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) ☑Yes☐No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

NYS Heritage Areas:Hudson-Mohawk

c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? ☐Yes☑No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. ☑ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?
INST-Institutional which allows for medium to high density multi family of 40 units/acre; colleges, universities and dormitories

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? ☐ Yes ☑ No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes,
i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? _____

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? Troy City School District

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?
City of Troy Police Department

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?
Troy Fire Department

d. What parks serve the project site?
Burden Environmental Park - Residents will also use recreation facilities at HVCC

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)?
Institutional - college student housing

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 11.1 acres
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 7.5 acres
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 41.82 acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? ☐ Yes ☑ No
i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes,
i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)
_____
ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
iii. Number of lots proposed? _____
iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____

e. Will proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? ☐ Yes ☑ No
i. If No, anticipated period of construction: 15 months
ii. If Yes:
- Total number of phases anticipated _____
- Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) _____ month _____ year
- Anticipated completion date of final phase _____ month _____ year
- Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____

f. Does the project include new residential uses? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	One Family	Two Family	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)
Initial Phase				330 beds
At completion of all phases				

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes,
i. Total number of structures _____
ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: _____height; _____width; and _____ length
iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: _____ square feet

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes,
i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____
ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: ☐ Ground water ☐ Surface water streams ☐ Other specify:
_____
iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source.
_____
iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres
v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length
vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete):
_____

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite) ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:
i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____
ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?
- Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____
- Over what duration of time? _____

iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them.
_____
iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, describe. _____
v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres
vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres
vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet
viii. Will the excavation require blasting? ☐ Yes ☐ No
ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____
An earthwork deficit, leading to import of soil materials is anticipated.

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:
i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): _____

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:

iii. Will proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? ☐Yes☐No
If Yes, describe:

iv. Will proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? ☐Yes☐No
If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed:
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion:
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access):
- proposed method of plant removal:
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s):

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance:

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? ☑Yes☐No
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: +/-9,900 gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? ☑Yes☐No
If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: City of Troy
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? ☑Yes☐No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☑Yes☐No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐Yes☑No
- Do existing lines serve the project site? ☑Yes☐No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? ☐Yes☑No
If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project:
- Source(s) of supply for the district:

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? ☐Yes☑No
If, Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district:
- Date application submitted or anticipated:
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district:

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project:

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), maximum pumping capacity: _____ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes? ☑Yes☐No
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: +/-9,900 gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each):
sanitary wastewater

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? ☑Yes☐No
If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: Rensselaer Co Sewer Dist. #1 Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Name of district: Rensselaer Co. Sewer Dist. #1
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? ☑Yes☐No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☑Yes☐No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐Yes☑No

- Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? ☑Yes ☐No
- Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? ☐Yes ☑No

  If Yes:
  - Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____

iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:
- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____

v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge, or describe subsurface disposal plans):

_____

vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____

e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? ☑Yes ☐No

If Yes:

i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?

_____ Square feet or ±3.1 acres (impervious surface)

_____ Square feet or ±11.1 acres (parcel size)

ii. Describe types of new point sources. swales, curbs, stormwater pipes

iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?

on-site stormwater management facilities with release to existing drainage patterns

- If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____
- Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? ☐Yes ☑No

iv. Does proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? ☑Yes ☐No

f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? ☑Yes ☐No

If Yes, identify:

i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)

None

ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)

heavy earth moving equipment

iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)

None

g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) ☐Yes ☐No

ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO_2)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N_2O)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF_6)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydroflourocarbons (HFCs)
- _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____

ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____

i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust):

_____

j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): ☐ Morning ☐ Evening ☐Weekend ☐ Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of semi-trailer truck trips/day: _____

iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? ☐Yes ☐No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe:

_____

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site? ☐Yes ☐No

vii Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? ☐Yes ☐No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? ☐Yes ☐No

k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____

ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other):

_____

iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade to, an existing substation? ☐Yes ☐No

l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

i. During Construction:

- Monday - Friday: 6:30am-5:00pm
- Saturday: 7:00am-5:00pm
- Sunday: _____
- Holidays: _____

ii. During Operations:

- Monday - Friday: 24
- Saturday: 24
- Sunday: 24
- Holidays: 24

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes:

i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:

Heavy Equipment during construction hours

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Describe:

n.. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes:

i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:

down facing cut-off lighting for parking and pedestrian security, +/- 30 high, +/- 250 to nearest occupied structures

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Describe:

o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:

p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Product(s) to be stored

ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)

iii. Generally describe proposed storage facilities:

q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? ☐ Yes ☑ No

The proposed action is an institutional use.

The following responses under q. & r. are provided in favor of full disclosure.

If Yes:

i. Describe proposed treatment(s):

Only the minimum required as part of pest control in the building and lawn maintenance

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? ☑ Yes ☐ No

r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:

- Construction: +/- 550 tons per 15 months (unit of time)
- Operation : +/- 0.56 tons per Day (unit of time)

ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:

- Construction: Reusing existing on-site soils, rubblizing existing pavement for reuse on-site.
- Operation: Recycling some materials generated by residents of the facility

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:

- Construction: All such materials will be hauled to a permitted/licensed facility selected by the contractor.
- Operation: All such materials will be hauled to a permitted/licensed facility selected by the contractor.

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): _____

ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:

- _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility:
It may be possible that the building demolition will encounter lead paint, PCBs, and asbestos.

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents:
Remediation and removal of these materials as part of the existing building demolition

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility:
All such materials will be hauled to a permitted/licensed facility selected by the contractor.

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: _____

E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site

a. Existing land uses.

i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.

☐ Urban ☐ Industrial ☑ Commercial ☑ Residential (suburban) ☐ Rural (non-farm)
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☑ Other (specify): Institutional

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:
The project site is in a mixed use area. The above referenced uses are within or adjacent to the subject property.

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	2.8ac	3.1ac	+0.3ac
• Forested	4.1ac	2.5ac	-1.6ac
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	4.2ac	5.5ac	+1.30ac
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)			
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)			
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)			
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)			
• Other Describe: _____			

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? ☐Yes ☑No

i. If Yes: explain: _____

d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? ☑Yes ☐No

If Yes,

i. Identify Facilities:

South Troy Healthcare Center, HVCC Daycare

e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:

- Dam height: _____ feet
- Dam length: _____ feet
- Surface area: _____ acres
- Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet

ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: _____

iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:

_____

f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Has the facility been formally closed? ☐Yes ☐ No

- If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____

ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:

_____

iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: _____

g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred:

_____

h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? ☑Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply: ☑Yes ☐No

☑ Yes – Spills Incidents database — Provide DEC ID number(s): 1202219, 1007722, 9709574 9603792, 8907950

☐ Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database — Provide DEC ID number(s): _____

☐ Neither database

ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: _____

N/A

iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? ☐Yes ☑No

If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): _____

iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):

Note: The spills incident database locations identified above (E.1.h.i) have all been closed out by the DEC.

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? ☐ Yes ☑ No

- If yes, DEC site ID number: _____
- Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____
- Describe any use limitations: _____
- Describe any engineering controls: _____
- Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Explain: _____

E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? > 6 feet per geotech report

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ %

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:

Hudson Silt Loam	60 %
Elmridge Fine Sandy Loam	30 %
Nassau-Manlius Complex	10 %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: >10 feet per geotech report

e. Drainage status of project site soils:
- ☐ Well Drained: ____ % of site
- ☑ Moderately Well Drained: 75 % of site
- ☑ Poorly Drained 25 % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes:
- ☑ 0-10%: 70 % of site
- ☑ 10-15%: 20 % of site
- ☑ 15% or greater: 10 % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes, describe: _____

h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? ☐ Yes ☑ No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name _____ Classification _____
- Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Classification _____
- Wetlands: Name _____ Approximate Size _____
- Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) _____

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____

i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? ☐ Yes ☑ No

j. Is the project site in the 100 year Floodplain? ☐ Yes ☑ No

k. Is the project site in the 500 year Floodplain? ☐ Yes ☑ No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes:

i. Name of aquifer: _____

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:

squirrel | rabbit | mice
fox | north American birds

n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____

ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____

iii. Extent of community/habitat:

- Currently: _____ acres
- Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres
- Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres

o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? ☐ Yes ☑No

According to the NY Natural Heritage Program Database findings, there are no state-listed animals, plants or significant natural communities that occur on the project site.

p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? ☐Yes ☑No

q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? ☐Yes ☑No

If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____

E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site

a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____

b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? ☐Yes ☑No

i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____

ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____

c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. Nature of the natural landmark: ☐ Biological Community ☐ Geological Feature

ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____

d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? ☐Yes ☑No

If Yes:

i. CEA name: _____

ii. Basis for designation: _____

iii. Designating agency and date: _____

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on, or has been nominated by the NYS Board of Historic Preservation for inclusion on, the State or National Register of Historic Places? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: ☑ Archaeological Site ☐ Historic Building or District

ii. Name: Burden Iron Upper Works Site

iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based:

Old mill remnants are located outside of the project area along the Wynantskill. Please see the OPRHP Phase 1A/1B report.

f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory? ☑ Yes ☐ No

g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Describe possible resource(s): See attached Phase 1A/1B Report

ii. Basis for identification: _____

h. Is the project site within fives miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Identify resource: _____

ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): _____

iii. Distance between project and resource: _____ miles.

i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If Yes:

i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____

ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? ☐ Yes ☐ No

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Omni Housing Development, LLC Date _____

Signature Duncan Barrett Title Chief Operating Officer

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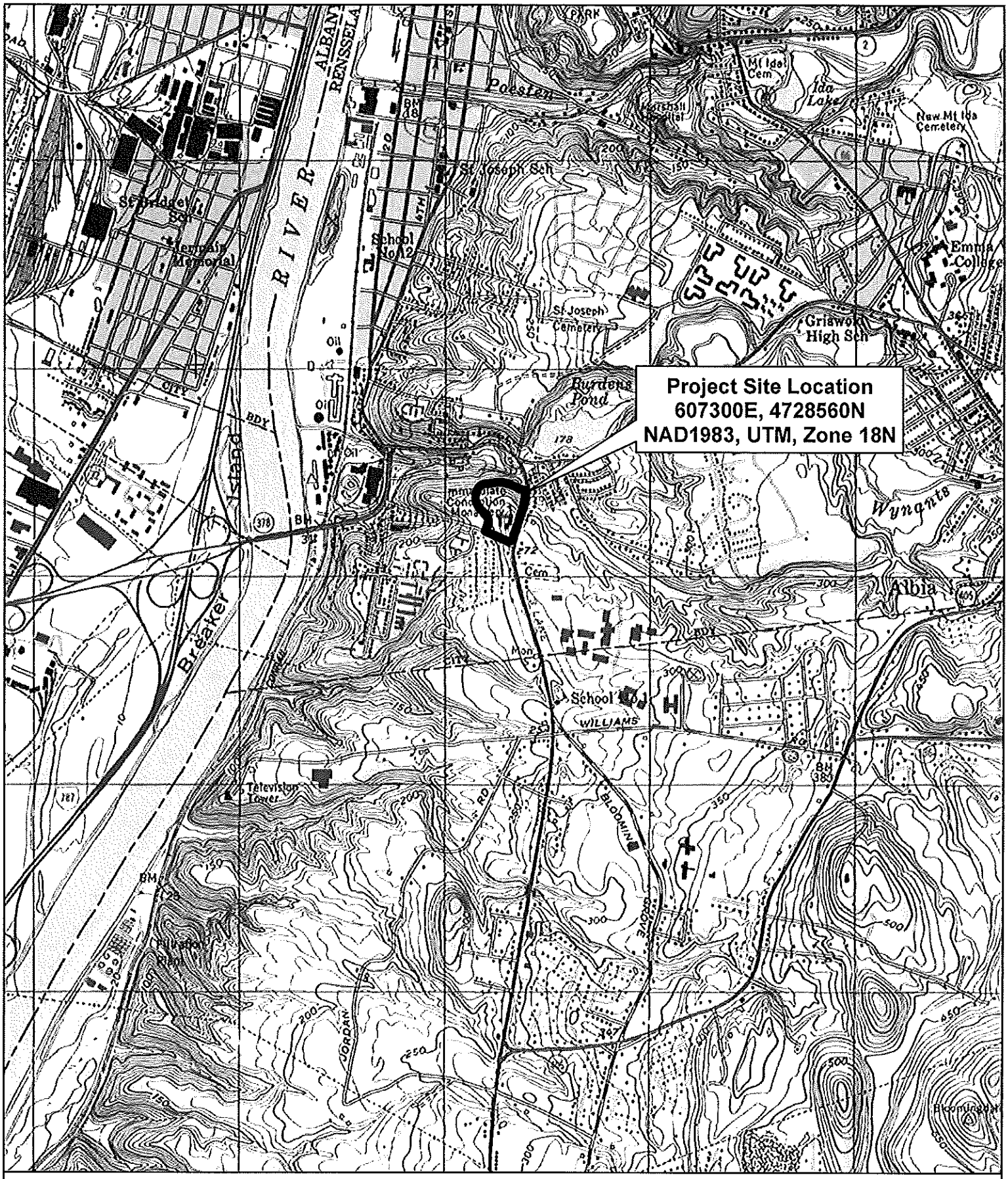

1" = 2,000'

0 1,000 2,000 Feet

45 Morrison Avenue

City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York

Title

USGS Site Location Map

USGS 1:24,000 Quadrangle - Troy South

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Project 201406

Date 03/26/2014

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Commissioner

March 18, 2014

Robert Fraser
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Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Re: Proposal to develop a Hudson Valley Community College student housing facility at 45 Morrison Avenue (Project 201406)
Town/City: City Of Troy. County: Rensselaer.

Dear Robert Fraser :

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. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

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.

Sincerely,

Andrea Chaloux

Andrea Chaloux
Environmental Review Specialist
New York Natural Heritage Program

The following state-listed animals have been documented at your project site, or in its vicinity.

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 or near the project site, generally within 0.5 mile. Potential onsite and offsite impacts from the project may need to be addressed.

COMMON NAME	*SCIENTIFIC NAME*	*NY STATE LISTING*	*FEDERAL LISTING*	
Fish				
Shortnose Sturgeon *Freshwater*	*Acipenser brevirostrum*	Endangered	Endangered	1091
Shortnose Sturgeon *Freshwater*	*Acipenser brevirostrum*	Endangered	Endangered	9927

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If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

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, 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, and from NatureServe Explorer at http://www.natureserve.org/explorer.

The following rare plants, rare animals, and significant natural communities have been documented at your project site, or in its vicinity.

We recommend that potential onsite and offsite impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQR. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following animals, while not listed by New York State as Endangered or Threatened, are of conservation concern to the state, and are considered rare by the New York Natural Heritage Program.

COMMON NAME	*SCIENTIFIC NAME*	*NY STATE LISTING*	*HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS*
Freshwater Mussels			
Alewife Floater	*Anodonta implicata*	Unlisted	Critically Imperiled in NYS
Hudson River Troy to Albany, 1984-fa: A long stretch of a river.			9713

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Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29384.html and click on Draft Ecological Communities of New York State.

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.

COMMON NAME	*SCIENTIFIC NAME*	*NYS LISTING*	*HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS*
Vascular Plants			
Navel-fruited Corn-salad	*Valerianella umbilicata*	Endangered	Historical Records Only in NYS
1905-06: Troy. Meadows along creek.			1436

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