

**Draft Scoping Document  
for Preparation of an  
Environmental Impact Statement  
for the Adoption and  
Implementation of a Facility Plan at  
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# List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

A-RIDE	Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
BMPs	best management practices
CRIS	Cultural Resources Information System
Draft EIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Draft Scope	Draft Scoping Document
EAF	Environmental Assessment Form
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
Facility Plan	Facility Plan for the NYS Park Police Training Facility
FATS	Firearms Tactical Simulator
HVAC	heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NYCRR	New York Codes, Rules and Regulations
NYS	New York State
NYSDEC	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
NYSM	New York State Museum
OM&M	operations monitoring and management
OPRHP	Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
PPTF	Park Police Training Facility
SEQR	State Environmental Quality Review Act
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office(r)
SORT	Special Operations Response Team
SWPPP	stormwater pollution prevention plan
UTV	utility terrain vehicle

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## Introduction/Proposed Action

The New York State (NYS) Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is the Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) review of the Proposed Action, which is the Adoption and Implementation of a Facility Plan for the NYS Park Police Training Facility (Facility Plan). This Draft Scoping Document (Draft Scope) is intended to serve as the foundation for identifying and evaluating benefits and potentially significant adverse impacts that are pertinent to the Proposed Action and for identifying appropriate mitigation measures and viable alternatives. It also identifies items that will be eliminated from consideration in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). The Draft EIS will address all items identified in the Final Scoping Document, which will be prepared after a public comment period. The Final Scope and the Draft EIS will consider the input received from the public, interested/involved agencies, and stakeholders during the public review process.

This Draft Scope has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of 6 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Part 617 pertaining to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (SEQR), at the direction of the NYS OPRHP, the designated Lead Agency for the Proposed Action. The objectives of project scoping are as follows:

- Identify/confirm significant environmental issues,
- Identify the limits or extent of the Draft EIS,
- Identify information needed to adequately address impacts,
- Identify potential mitigation measures,
- Identify the range of reasonable alternatives to be addressed, and
- Eliminate irrelevant or insignificant issues.

### 1.1 Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality, and updated Park Police Training Facility (PPTF) that meets the needs of the NYS Park Police and OPRHP staff.

The NYS Park Police are highly trained specialists dedicated to preserving the peace associated with a park environment. The Park Police support the OPRHP's mission to provide safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities for the public.



Each year, the NYS Park Police plan and conduct police and public safety operations for more than 250 individual state parks, historic sites, golf courses, boat launches, and recreational trails. Officers educate users at visitor centers and on snowmobile trails; conduct specialized search-and-rescue missions in gorges and oceans; conduct criminal and non-criminal investigations; make arrests; and provide critical emergency services wherever and whenever they are needed. Across over 350,000 acres of public land administered by the OPRHP, Park Police assist thousands of patrons each year. In 2018, the NYS Parks system welcomed over 74 million visitors, a 4% increase over 2017's attendance numbers. This milestone marks eight years of steady visitor growth and represents an overall increase of 28%, or 16.2 million visitors, since 2011. With the number of patrons growing steadily each year—and a diverse, challenging work portfolio—the need to provide officers with a modern, flexible training facility that prepares them to meet the demands of modern law enforcement is vital.

The PPTF is a state-owned administrative facility under the jurisdiction of the OPRHP, and it is the primary training facility for the Park Police. The site was acquired in 2008 for the PPTF because it is a centrally located, state-owned center. However, the facilities at the PPTF, which were originally constructed in the 1960's as a youth camp, are antiquated and inadequate to fully support the training requirements of the Park Police.

The proposed Facility Plan articulates a vision that provides comprehensive guidance for long-term, sustainable development of the PPTF. Strategies within the Facility Plan are intended to be mindful of the environmental context of the site and include replacing inadequate facilities, resolving space and organizational inefficiencies, and allowing for more cohesive operations to ensure that officers are trained to continue providing park patrons with unparalleled protection and service.

## **1.2 Site Location and Description**

The PPTF is located on an approximately 33-acre property in Albany County, almost 30 miles southwest of Albany and 3 miles west of Rensselaerville, on County Route 358. The property is bounded by Cheese Hill Road to the south, County Route 358 to the east and north, and an undeveloped wooded area to the west. Camp Cass Road traverses the middle of the property.

Most of the property is undeveloped, but it does include structures that were constructed when the property was the site of the Edward R. Cass Youth Rehabilitation Camp. Buildings on the site include the main administration building, which includes the existing dormitory, cafeteria, gymnasium, Park Police offices and classrooms, two maintenance garages for utilities and equipment, a firearms range, and a wastewater treatment plant (see Figure 1-1).

The surrounding land use consists primarily of state forestland, residential properties, and vacant land, which is generally a mix of forest, shrubland, and field in private ownership (see Figure 1-1).

### **1.3 Background and Site History**

Between 1962 and 2008, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services operated the Edward R. Cass Youth Rehabilitation Camp at the property. Following the closure of the Youth Rehabilitation Camp in 2008, use of the property was transferred back to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), which has jurisdiction over the surrounding Rensselaerville State Forest (see Figure 1-1). In 2008, jurisdiction of the property was transferred to the OPRHP for reuse as a PPTF.

The Park Police host a variety of training programs for recruits and officers at the PPTF. Park Police must attend annual training to keep their certifications up to date. In-service training consists of a mix of classroom and firearms training, which occurs over a three-day session and includes travel time. In-service training allows Park Police to continue to be adequately trained and prepared.

The “Academy” is an extensive training program for new recruits. The annual program is 27 weeks long and may range in size from approximately 25 to 45 recruits. During this 27-week period, the recruits are put through rigorous training, including classroom training, athletic training, active and hands-on trainings, and firearms training.

Most of the training occurs at the PPTF. However, recruits, officers, and training personnel are currently bussed and housed for four weeks during their training at an off-site firearms facility for this portion of their training at an additional cost to the agency.

In 2016, the OPRHP proposed the construction of an outdoor firearms range to support the Park Police on-site training program on approximately 2.75 acres adjacent to the main administrative building. The project included clearing trees and construction of a 10-lane, 100-yard-long range with concrete sidewalks, overhead baffles, and a concrete sidewall range structure. In addition, the project included the access drive to the range from the parking lot, additional parking, and stormwater management structures.

The OPRHP evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the project under SEQR, and in 2017 issued a “Negative Declaration,” concluding that the proposed action would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. The OPRHP constructed the outdoor firearms range, access drive, parking, and stormwater management structures in 2017, and the Park Police initiated training at the outdoor firearms range in September 2017. Training events occurred throughout the fall, until December 21, 2017.

Neighbors challenged the OPRHP’s compliance with SEQR. A Stipulation of Settlement was reached under which OPRHP agreed to withdraw its SEQR determination

and cease operations at the outdoor firearms range until the SEQR process is completed in full, including an EIS to address potentially significant adverse impacts. The OPRHP has since decided to develop a full Facility Plan for the PPTF and take a holistic approach to future development needs at the PPTF. Development of the Facility Plan takes into consideration current and future needs at the PPTF with the goal of ensuring Park Police officers continue to serve communities to the best of their abilities.

## 1.4 Proposed Action

The Proposed Action for this SEQR action is the adoption and implementation of a Facility Plan at the PPTF that will include the following components: reconfigure the existing dormitory; construct a new dormitory building; complete construction of a firearms range; construct an indoor active shooter training area; provide security enhancements; and, as necessary, reconfigure the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, utility capacity, and roadways and parking areas throughout the PPTF.

## 1.5 Project Description

### 1.5.1 Components of the Facility Plan

The Facility Plan components are further described below.

- **Reconfigure Existing Dormitory:** The existing dormitory at the PPTF main administrative building would be partitioned to allow for flexibility of use for male and female recruits and officers and other users. The current division of space does not allow for effective and efficient use. The existing dormitory would be divided using movable partition walls to allow options when determining space requirements for different sized cadet classes or groups utilizing the facility.
- **Construct a New Dormitory Building:** A new coed dormitory building would be constructed on the PPTF. The new dormitory would have an approximately similar capacity to the existing building but include better coed designs, and would be constructed as a new building, with the potential to be linked to the existing main administrative building. As part of this component, the existing dormitory space would be reallocated to create additional space for the classrooms, dining hall, kitchen, quartermaster area, recreation room, break room, and training office area.
- **Complete Construction of a Firearms Range:** A firearms range would consist of a 10-lane, 100-yard-long range with concrete sidewalks and overhead baffles designed to provide on-site training and meet training and operational requirements.
- **Construct an Indoor Active Shooter Training Area:** A building for active shooter training would be constructed to provide opportunities for recruits and officers to practice active shooter scenarios. This training was being provided in the maintenance shed, but the area was repurposed for expansion of the utility system and is no longer available for training use.

# Figure 1-1 Site Map

## NYS Park Police Training Facility, Rensselaerville, NY

Map produced by E&E, Engineering and Geology PC, March 11, 2019



-  NYS Park Police Training Facility
-  NYS DEC Land



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- **Provide Security Enhancements:** Under this component, security enhancements would be implemented across the PPTF. Security at the PPTF would be upgraded by the installation of a WI-FI-based system, which would provide staff the opportunity to see current conditions and activities on the property. The current security system for the property is a DVR-based system. Upon an incident, this is helpful to identify what has already taken place; however, it does not provide real-time access to cameras and security footage.
- **Reconfigure the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System, Utility Capacity, and Roadways and Parking:** Implementation of this component would provide necessary upgrades throughout the existing PPTF and improve energy efficiencies, utilities, and services needed to successfully implement other components identified in the Facility Plan. The existing HVAC system needs to be upgraded because it is inadequate to properly service portions of the main administrative building, including the training rooms. The temperature of these rooms is not regulated efficiently by the current system, resulting in uncomfortable classroom learning conditions. In addition, parking areas are currently utilized for training activities as well as for parking. The utilities at the PPTF have been redesigned and are currently being upgraded to meet the current needs of the PPTF. Implementation of the Proposed Action would consider improvements to the HVAC system, utility systems, and access and parking areas at the PPTF.

### 1.5.2 Facility Operations

If the Facility Plan is implemented, the NYS Park Police will be able to conduct all training programs at the PPTF. The following provides an overview of the current and proposed additional training to be conducted on-site.

The “Academy” training program for new recruits includes classroom training and active training. The Park Police host one set of recruits a year for 27 weeks. Classroom training includes instruction in Park Police jurisdiction, procedures and protocols, laws, mission, and culture, as well as on topics such as gun safety, emergency vehicle operation, marine training, snowmobile and ATV operation and enforcement, radar operation, breath analyzer operation, standardized field sobriety testing, report writing, criminal investigation, the use of force, and decision making. Recruits are also trained and tested on their athletic abilities through daily physical training, bicycle agility testing, and defensive tactics. After learning about procedures, protocols, and other topics in the classroom, recruits participate in many active training scenarios to practice and hone skills and mindsets. These scenarios include driving and manipulating Park Police vehicles and active hands-on training, including role-play scenarios such as active shooter training, dealing with emotionally disturbed or intoxicated persons, crowd and riot control, and arrest processing.

Active shooter training is an important component of the recruit and officer curriculum. Until spring of 2018, active shooter training was conducted in a maintenance shed across the parking lot from the main administrative building. The shed was then converted to provide additional space needed for utility upgrades.

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Without a specified location for this training, the instructors and recruits must rely only on the electronic shooter training, which is not as realistic as active shooter training. Under the Proposed Action, active shooter training would be conducted in the proposed Indoor Active Shooter Training Area.

As part of the training at the PPTF, recruits receive firearms training using various scenarios and environments. The recruits become familiar with their guns and use the weapons under direct supervision in a variety of ways, such as sit and shoot, shoot a moving target, shove and shoot, speed drawing, speed reloading, and barricades. Arms used in the training include small arms, shotguns, and AR-15 rifles. Each recruit/officer must fire a minimum of 1,776 rounds to support training scenarios for basic training.

Firearms training is currently conducted off-site. Under the Proposed Action, construction of the firearms training range would be completed, and the current schedule of firearms training would be conducted on-site. The Academy's firearms training occurs during two to four weeks of the 27-week program. During those weeks, training is required to occur 8 to 10 hours a day. During the two to four weeks of training, there must be one evening training event that ends after dark.

The OPRHP currently also hosts a variety of training sessions at the PPTF for Park Police officers and other state agencies, which include annual in-service training for all Park Police officers and sergeants, instructor development schools, firearms use, physical training, defensive tactics, patrol rifle instructor schools, field training officer schools, and drug recognition expert schools. Since the PPTF's opening in 2008, the facility has hosted the following outside agencies for training at the PPTF:

- NYS OPRHP – Facility Managers Institute
- NYS Department of Tax and Finance – Investigators Basic Schools
- NYS State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT) Training
- NYS DEC Police – K-9 Training, Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) Training, Band Camp (Pipes & Drums)
- NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (A-RIDE) Training
- NYS Office of Emergency Management – National Incident Management System (NIMS) 300 Training
- NYS Attorney General's Office – Defensive Tactics and Firearms Tactical Simulator (FATS) Training
- NYS Department of Health, Narcotics Enforcement – Simunitions, In-Service and FATS Training

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- Catskill Police Department – FATS Training
- Columbia Greene Community College, Criminal Justice Club – FATS Orientation, Academy Orientation
- Albany County Sheriff’s Department – UTV Training, K-9 In-service Training
- Rensselaerville Fire Department – Driver Training
- Local Bicycle Club Enthusiasts – Parking for start/end of local rides

The facilities at the PPTF allow for both single-day classroom use and extended training use with overnight accommodations. Under the Proposed Action, other agency use of the PPTF facilities would continue.

### 1.6 Proposed Public Involvement and Outreach

SEQR regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) direct agencies to involve the public in preparation of an EIS. The OPRHP will solicit agency, stakeholder, and public comment during two public participation periods throughout this process—the public scoping comment period and the Draft EIS comment period.

Scoping is a fundamental part of the EIS process. Scoping informs the public about the Proposed Action and potential mitigation and alternatives, and it allows the public and interested stakeholders to identify topics and concerns of particular interest. Comments received during the public scoping comment period will be considered during preparation of the Final Scope.

After development of the Draft EIS, the OPRHP, as the Lead Agency, will ask for public comments and will consider and respond to the comments during preparation of the Final EIS.

### 1.7 Summary of the Planning and Environmental Review Process

The OPRHP initiated the SEQR process for review of the Proposed Action, commenced a coordinated review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), and requested Lead Agency status by circulating Part 1 of the Full EAF to involved agencies and interested entities on February 11, 2019. The Lead Agency status letter was distributed to the involved and interested parties identified in Table 1-1. OPRHP declared itself as Lead Agency and issued a Positive Declaration on March 13, 2019, indicating an EIS would be prepared for the Proposed Action.

**Table 1-1 Potentially Involved/Interested Agencies/Entities**

<b>Town of Rensselaerville</b>
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Planning Board
Town Board
<b>Albany County</b>
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Harold L. Joyce, Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning
Craig D. Apple, Sr., Albany County Sheriff
<b>New York State</b>
New York State Park Police - Headquarters
New York State Park Police - Troop G
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
<b>Other Interested Entities</b>
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As noted in the Positive Declaration (see Appendix A), the reasons supporting this determination included: impacts on land, surface water, and groundwater; impacts on noise; and impacts on public health.

The Draft EIS will describe and analyze the No-Action Alternative and the Proposed Action (Adoption and Implementation of the Facility Plan for the PPTF), discuss potential significant adverse impacts associated with the Proposed Action, and identify and consider mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potential adverse impacts. The EIS will analyze a range of alternatives for the components of the Facility Plan that would meet the Project Purpose and Need.

In the Draft EIS, some impacts on resources will be analyzed in detail while others will be analyzed more generally. After its publication, the Draft EIS will be made available for public and agency review and comment for a minimum 30-day period. Comments may be provided to the Lead Agency in writing during the Draft EIS comment period, and a public hearing will also be held to receive comments on the Draft EIS. A Final EIS will then be produced that considers and incorporates substantive comments received.

### 1.8 Approvals, Reviews, and Permits

An updated list of all involved agencies, along with anticipated approvals and other permits, will be provided in the Draft EIS. Elements of the plan may require preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that will be submitted to NYSDEC.



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## Alternatives

Two alternatives will be analyzed in the Draft EIS, the No-Action Alternative and Alternative 1 – the Facility Plan. The No-Action Alternative serves as the baseline for evaluating impacts. For the purposes of this Proposed Action, the No-Action Alternative will include existing conditions without the presence of the existing outdoor firearms range. Figure 2-1 identifies the location of the proposed components to be included in the Draft Facility Plan/EIS.

The Facility Plan, as described above, will include six components. An analysis of alternatives will be included in the Draft EIS to investigate reasonable options associated with development of the Facility Plan for each component. This analysis will include the following:

- Different locations of potentially built facilities on the Project site (e.g., location of the dormitory, the firearms range, an active shooter training area); and
- Different design elements of the built environment (e.g., berm design, noise mitigation, different types of ammunition).

This chapter of the Draft Scope identifies all of the component alternatives to be considered in the Draft Facility Plan/EIS. The Final Facility Plan/EIS will identify a preferred alternative for each component.

### 2.1 Reconfigure the Existing Dormitory

The existing dormitory is located within the main administrative building at the PPTF. The dormitory consists of four rooms (A through D) with approximately 65 beds. In addition, there are eight single-use rooms for training staff. Because entering recruits are a diverse group, separating male and female recruits and officers is complicated by the large size and layout of the two sleeping rooms. Additionally, when other state agencies use the facility for training, they often choose not to use the dormitory for overnight lodging due to the lack of privacy and choose alternative off-site accommodations, resulting in a higher cost to the agency utilizing the facility. During OPRHP park manager training, park managers have suggested including additional privacy measures within the large dorm rooms. The Draft Facility Plan/EIS analyzes three alternatives for implementing the reconfiguring of the existing dormitory: the No-Action Alternative, Alternative A (utilizing sliding partitions), and Alternative B (permanent partitions).

### **2.1.1 Reconfigure the Existing Dormitory: No-Action Alternative**

Under the No-Action Alternative, the existing dormitory partitioning as currently designed would be retained. The No-Action Alternative does not allow for convenient and efficient use of the space because the room size often creates operational challenges.

### **2.1.2 Alternative A: Install Sliding Partition Walls in the Dormitory**

Under Alternative A, the existing dormitory would be partitioned using sliding partition walls to allow for flexible use for male and female recruits and officers, and to provide improved lodging for other overnight users. Access from the existing hallway to each partitioned room would be required. Additional smoke detectors would be required for the additional rooms created by partitioning.

### **2.1.3 Alternative B: Construct Permanent Walls to Partition the Dormitory**

The existing dormitory would be partitioned with permanent walls and lockable doors. The newly created rooms would be designated for male and female recruits and officers and would provide improved lodging for overnight users. Access from the existing hallway to each partitioned room would be required. Additional smoke detectors would be required for the additional rooms created by the new permanent walls.

## **2.2 Construct a New Dormitory Building**

A conceptual design to construct a new dormitory building and adaptively reuse the existing dormitory space was created in 2008 when OPRHP took over the facility. This Dormitory Redevelopment Plan proposed the adaptive reuse to occur in phases. However, due to funding limitations, minimal updates were implemented, resulting in inefficient and poorly utilized space.

Necessary training equipment (e.g., fitness equipment) is wedged into too small spaces or rooms need to be set-up to meet immediate and temporary training needs. In some cases, equipment needs to be moved throughout the facility to meet daily spacing needs, resulting in damage to equipment. The space for the fitness center at the PPTF is too small for the amount of equipment needed to support the training in the Academy. In addition, recreational gear is currently stored in storage/shipping containers. The quartermaster area, which was originally designed to be in the current large classroom, is currently located in several different rooms at Saratoga Spa State Park; only a very small quartermaster room is available at the PPTF.

In addition, since the original use of the facility, prior to transfer to the OPRHP, was an all-male center, female Park Police recruits and Academy Staff have been utilizing temporary bathroom/ shower trailers during their stay. These trailers, put in during 2008, were intended to be utilized for 2 to 3 years, but are still in use in 2019. In the Facility Plan, the trailers are scheduled to be replaced with permanent facilities in 2020 or 2021.

Classroom 1, the largest classroom, is accessed through the gym, resulting in heavy foot traffic in street shoes across the gym floor, causing unnecessary wear and tear.

The Draft EIS will analyze three alternatives for implementing construction of a new coed dormitory: the No-Action Alternative, Alternative A (implement 2008 Dormitory Redevelopment Plan), and Alternative B (permanent partitions to the existing dormitory). Construction of a dormitory building would allow multiple other projects to progress, making for a more functional work and learning environment.

### **2.2.1 Construct a Dormitory Building: No-Action Alternative**

Under this alternative, a new dormitory would not be constructed. The current dormitory would remain in place with no modifications, and the current operational constraints would remain. In addition to the operational inefficiencies described above in Section 2.3, there would be limitations with regard to attracting other state agency staff for overnight use of the facility, as described in Section 2.1.

### **2.2.2 Alternative A: Update and Implement the 2008 Conceptual Design**

Alternative A would implement the current Dormitory Redevelopment Plan, which was prepared in 2008. The design improves the functionality of the dormitory, allows for additional operational improvements to be completed, and provides additional space for recruit training and use areas. The design also allows for existing equipment to be used as it was intended, including the weight room equipment and the recreation room equipment. The existing quartermaster room, which is too small, could be redeveloped to provide adequate space for staff uniforms for all regions, and if a new dormitory building were constructed, the larger classroom could be turned into a large quartermaster area for the entire state, allowing distribution from the PPTF for all Park Police. Currently, uniforms are shipped via UPS.

The dormitory would either be constructed on a mowed field adjacent to the existing main administrative building on the facility, or along the road across the parking lot of the main administrative building (see Figure 2-1). This alternative would utilize the conceptual design from 2008 but consider new design elements such as location of the dormitory.

## **2.3 Complete Construction of the Firearms Range**

The existing outdoor firearms range on the property is located to the west of the main administrative building and is a 100-yard-long range with 10 firing lanes for use by recruits and officers. The surface of the range is gravel with a backstop berm created from clay and other soil excavated from on-site. A wall was constructed along the east side of the range. Even though the range is not being utilized, stormwater testing is conducted on a regular basis to monitor for any im-

pacts on water quality from the range. Implementing this component would include reviewing the design of the existing outdoor firearms range, making any necessary design modifications, completing construction of the firearms range, and beginning use of the firearms range at the PPTF for training purposes

The Draft EIS/Facility Plan will analyze alternatives for implementing the firearms range: (1) the No-Action Alternative, (2) Alternative A (utilize the existing outdoor firearms range design), (3) Alternative B (utilize the existing location with new design elements), (4) Alternative C (construct an outdoor firearms range elsewhere on the property), and (5) Alternative D (construct an enclosed firearms range). The use of lead-free ammunition will be considered for each design and location alternative.

### **2.3.1 Complete Construction of a Firearms Range: No-Action Alternative**

The No-Action Alternative for the firearms range would be the current use of the facility without the existence of the outdoor firearms range. The No-Action Alternative would require the recruits and officers to continue to be bussed and housed at alternate locations for the firearms portion of their training. These constraints cause operational inefficiencies such as scheduling and higher costs. In addition, the training is interrupted by the travel and location change.

### **2.3.2 Alternative A: Utilize the Existing Outdoor Firearms Range Design**

This alternative would utilize the outdoor firearms range as it is currently designed. The outdoor firearms range is located to the west of the main administrative building and is a 100-yard-long range with 10 firing lanes for use by recruits and officers. The surface of the range is gravel with a backstop berm created from clay and other soil excavated from on-site.

### **2.3.3 Alternative B: Utilize the Existing Location with New Design Elements**

This alternative would utilize the existing location and orientation of the outdoor firearms range, but new design elements would be implemented, such as a potential new berm design, monitoring techniques, and potential noise mitigation measures. Details of this alternative will be presented in the Draft EIS based on ongoing studies of the berm design, water quality, and noise modeling.




### **2.3.4 Alternative C: Construct a Firearms Range Elsewhere on the Property)**

This alternative would utilize the new design elements targeted at reducing the potential for impacts, but it would locate the outdoor firearms range on a different site within the PPTF property line.

# Figure 2-1 Facility Plan Components NYS Park Police Training Facility, Rensselaerville, NY

Map produced by E&E, Engineering and Geology PC, March 12, 2019



-  NYS Park Police Training Facility
-  NYS DEC Land
-  Proposed Facility Enhancement

### Proposed Facility Enhancements

1. Reconfigure Existing Dormitory
2. Construct a New Dormitory Building
3. Complete Construction of a Firearms Range
4. Construct an Indoor Active Shooter Training Area
5. Provide Security Enhancements
6. Reconfigure the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System, Utility Capacity, and Roadways and Parking



### **2.3.5 Alternative D: Construct an Enclosed Firearms Range**

This alternative would utilize the same location on the property as the existing outdoor firearms range, but consider the development of an indoor firearms range.

## **2.4 Construct an Indoor Active Shooter Training Area**

An indoor active shooter area is needed at the PPTF to provide opportunities for recruits and officers to practice real-life scenarios. The PPTF does not currently have a designated spot to conduct this training. The garage, which was once used for active shooter training, has been reused for required utility upgrades at the PPTF.

Active shooter training is an important component of the recruit and officer curriculum. Without a specified location for this training, the instructors and recruits must rely only on the electronic shooter training scenarios, which are not as realistic active shooter training.

The Draft EIS will analyze three alternatives for the indoor active shooter training area: the No-Action Alternative, Alternative A (utilize an existing unused structure on the property), and Alternative B (construct a new active shooter building).

### **2.4.1 Construct an Indoor Active Shooter Training Area: No-Action Alternative**

Under the No-Action Alternative, the recruits and officers would utilize the smaller space left over in the garage, which causes operational constraints for the maintenance staff as well as training inefficiencies and delays. The recruits and officers would continue to use electronic simulations for the majority of their training.

### **2.4.2 Alternative A: Utilize the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

This Alternative would convert an existing wastewater treatment plant on the site for use as the active shooter training location. Because this site includes the use of sand filtration for wastewater treatment, this would need to be addressed prior to construction of the new active shooter training area on this site.

### **2.4.3 Alternative B: Construct New Active Shooter Training Building**

This alternative would involve construction of a small building, likely on previously developed land, to accommodate active shooter training. This building would be designed specifically for the training and would have necessary materials such as desks, moveable walls, lighting, and other useable training supplies to simulate potential real-life scenarios. A new site location is still being determined, but the safest option for all utilizing the facility would be a location away from other use areas on the property.

## **2.5 Provide Security Enhancements**

The current security system at the property is a dated DVR-based system. The system relies on cameras that record events. The recording can then be pulled

from the system and watched on a different screen. If an incident occurs, this system allows the security staff to repeatedly watch the incident to properly identify what has already taken place, but the system does not provide real-time access to cameras and security footage. The existing system provides limited identification of security issues; security issues are identified after an event has taken place, and the system cannot be checked or monitored from an off-site location.

The Draft EIS will analyze two alternatives for implementing security enhancements: the No-Action Alternative and Alternative A (provide security enhancements). Security enhancements would provide updated security to monitor and protect the facility adequately, especially when staff are not on-site. The equipment would take advantage of existing wiring, which was placed in the walls during the initial renovation, providing a modern standard security system.

### **2.5.1 Provide Security Enhancements: No-Action Alternative**

Under the No-Action Alternative, the security system would remain as currently designed. Security concerns would remain as the dated system causes delays in responding to potential events.

### **2.5.2 Alternative A: Provide Security Enhancements**

Under this alternative, security at the PPTF would be upgraded by the installation of a WI-FI-based system, which would provide staff the opportunity to see conditions and activities on the property in real time. The upgraded system would utilize existing infrastructure and wiring already in place in the walls of the building.

## **2.6 Reconfigure the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System, Utility Capacity, and Roadways and Parking**

Implementation of this component would provide necessary upgrades throughout the existing PPTF as well as utilities and services needed to successfully implement other components in the Facility Plan. The current HVAC system is inadequate for portions of the PPTF, including the training rooms. The temperature of these rooms is not regulated efficiently by the current system, resulting in uncomfortable classroom learning conditions.

Recruits, officers, and staff regularly are too hot or too cold when in training rooms doing class work. The inefficiency of the existing systems causes heating and cooling systems to operate continuously to try and meet the required room temperatures, resulting in high costs.

The utilities at the PPTF have been redesigned and are currently being upgraded to meet the current needs of the PPTF. In addition, parking areas are currently utilized for training activities as well as for parking. Implementation of the Proposed Action would consider improvements to the HVAC system, utility systems, and parking and access at the PPTF, including energy efficient solutions to these constraints.

The Draft EIS will analyze two alternatives for implementing the HVAC, System, Utility Capacity, and Roadways and Parking component of the Facility Plan: the No-Action Alternative and Alternative A (reconfigure the HVAC system, utility capacity, and roadways and parking). Implementing these upgrades and improvements would aid in providing a suitable training facility for recruits, officers, staff, and other users of the facility, leading to a higher-quality learning environment for all users. Although a higher cost in the short term, longer-term savings may be realized with a newer, more efficient, and properly sized HVAC system in place. In addition, a facility with a well-regulated temperature may result in the facility being utilized more regularly by other state agencies.

### **2.6.1 Reconfigure HVAC System, Utility System, and Roadways and Parking: No-Action Alternative**

Under the No-Action Alternative, no improvements would be made to the existing system. Although the lower-cost option, as additional equipment is not required to keep the existing conditions, the operational inefficiencies would remain under the No-Action Alternative, limiting the potential for learning in the classroom and outdoor settings.

### **2.6.2 Alternative A: Reconfigure the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System, Utility Capacity, and Roadways and Parking**

Under Alternative A, the HVAC system at the facility would be upgraded to a newer, more efficient system that is designed for the current uses of the facility. Based on design of other components of the Facility Plan, the OPRHP would consider parking and roadway improvements and upgrades, as well as upgrades to utilities such as water and wastewater treatment. Updates would include the addition of zoning of the heating system in the current dormitory area, with individual room thermostats to better control temperature. Additional duct work within the large classroom would also be constructed to more evenly distribute heat. Any new construction within the PPTF would also include HVAC components and would incorporate energy-saving methods.



# 3

## Content of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Section 617.9(b) of the SEQR implementing regulations outlines the minimum content that should be included in a Draft EIS. This chapter describes the minimum subject areas expected to be included in the Draft EIS for this Proposed Action. As part of the process of identifying the Proposed Action as a Type I action with a Positive Declaration of potential impacts, the OPRHP completed the Full EAF, Parts 1, 2, and 3 (see Appendix A). The purpose of the scoping process is to identify the potential environmental impacts to be addressed in the Draft EIS and eliminate consideration of those impacts that are irrelevant or insignificant. These issues are determined based on a full review of the EAF Parts 1 through 3, the Positive Declaration, and relevant comments received from involved and interested agencies/entities and the general public. The Draft Scope assumes that resource topics to be presented in the Draft EIS are those that were identified through the EAF Part 2 as having the potential for impact.

### 3.1 Introduction and the Proposed Action

The Draft EIS will include a cover sheet, a table of contents, and an executive summary providing a brief summary of the Proposed Action and the findings of the alternatives analysis. The Draft EIS will also include a project introduction, similar to Chapter 1 of this Draft Scoping Document. The project introduction will provide a summary of the Proposed Action, including the location and setting; a description (including changes to the site, acreage developed, etc.); purpose and objectives of the proposed project; public need and benefits of the proposed project; and the SEQR process and chronology. The introduction will also address all aspects of the site development and will include graphics.

### 3.2 Project Alternatives

The Draft EIS will describe and evaluate two alternatives, the No-Action Alternative and Alternative 1 – the Facility Plan. The Facility Plan, as described above, will include six components. An analysis of alternatives will be included in the Draft EIS/Facility Plan to investigate reasonable options associated with development of the Facility Plan for each component (similar to Chapter 2 of this Draft Scoping Document). The description and evaluation of each alternative will be at a level of detail sufficient to allow for a comparative assessment of the alternatives discussed. The range of alternatives for each component will also include a No-Action Alternative, which will evaluate reasonably foreseeable adverse or

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beneficial site changes that are likely to occur in the absence of the Proposed Action and serve as a baseline for assessing impacts of the Proposed Action.

#### 3.3 Existing Conditions, Environmental Impacts, and Mitigation

The Draft EIS will describe the existing conditions at the Project site, assess and compare potential significant adverse environmental impacts of each alternative to each component of the Facility Plan, and propose mitigation measures. The existing conditions section will present a discussion of each subject area to provide for a sufficient understanding of the potential impacts of the Proposed Action and establish a resource-specific study area.

The assessment of potential significant adverse environmental impacts will provide a detailed discussion of the known and anticipated adverse environmental impacts of the Proposed Action, including the impacts of construction and operation of each component and alternatives for implementation of the Proposed Action. The Final Scope will address all concerns raised during scoping. The Draft EIS will analyze concerns carried forward from the Scoping Document and will identify best management practices (BMPs) and appropriate mitigation measures to reduce, to the extent practicable, any potential impacts.

##### 3.3.1 Resource Topics with Potential for Impact from the Proposed Action

This section provides supporting information on the resources identified in Part 2 of the Full EAF as having potential to be impacted by implementation of the Proposed Action.

###### 3.3.1.1 Impacts on Land

Impacts on land will be considered in the Draft EIS under a resource heading of local soils, geology, and topography. This section will provide a detailed discussion of the physical impacts that implementation of the Proposed Action would have on the site. Due to the nature of the soil on-site (hardpan and clay), a majority of the soil may need to be removed from the site and disposed of at an appropriate location. Impacts on land would occur within the boundary of the PPTF.

###### 3.3.1.2 Impacts on Surface Water

Impacts on surface water will be considered in the Draft EIS under a resource heading of surface water and wetlands. A stream, Fox Creek, crosses the property along the edge of the grassy area behind the main administrative building. Fox Creek C(TS), which is classified by NYSDEC as a stream that may support trout spawning, could potentially be impacted by the Proposed Action due to potential runoff that, if unmitigated, may contain lead from the ammunition used in the firearms range. Under some alternatives, ammunition would be fired into a berm. A detailed stormwater management plan and an operations monitoring and management (OM&M) plan will be implemented to ensure proper monitoring and collection (if required) of on-site stormwater. A site-specific stormwater pollution

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prevention plan (SWPPP) will also be implemented. The OPRHP is currently reviewing design options for the firearms range and is conducting studies of the berm design and water quality. The results of these reviews and studies will be analyzed in the Draft EIS, which will also present avoidance and mitigation measures for potential impacts on surface water.

Reviews of the National Wetland Inventory and NYSDEC wetland database were performed for the PPTF property. Based on the review results, no previously mapped wetlands or wetlands of state concern were identified within the project area. Therefore, no wetland impacts are expected. However, the Draft EIS will evaluate any potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

#### 3.3.1.3 Impact on Groundwater

Impacts on groundwater will be considered in the Draft EIS under a resource heading of groundwater. Given the high water table (1.5 feet below ground surface), operation of the firearms range has the potential to impact groundwater due to the lead content in the ammunition used in the firing arms. Lead dissolves when exposed to acidic water or soil, and the dissolved lead can migrate through soils to groundwater. The Town of Rensselaerville Comprehensive Plan indicates the Project is located near public water supply wells and a wellhead protection area defined by the NYS Rural Water Association. The NYS Rural Water Association was identified as a stakeholder and was invited to participate in the scoping and EIS process. Impacts on groundwater will be analyzed in the Draft EIS under the resource topic of groundwater.

The area's high water table coupled with the potential for capillary action creates a risk for groundwater contamination through leaching. Appropriate monitoring and BMPs, such as managing the pH of the soil so that the lead binds with the soil and does not contaminate the water, will be identified in an OM&M plan.

BMPs under consideration for the firearms range are presented in Table 3-1. These BMPs will reduce the potential for groundwater contamination. In addition, the OPRHP will evaluate an alternative to the use of lead-based ammunition at the outdoor firearms range in the Draft EIS.

**Table 3-1 Best Management Practice Summary for the Firearms Range**

BMP Category	BMP	Method of Prevention	Notes
Range Management Solutions	Firing Lane Use Management	Berm erosion control	Stagger lane use to avoid concentrated shot pattern
	BMP Inspection and Maintenance Practices	Overall prevention of environmental impacts	Perform inspection and maintenance on scheduled frequency
Bullet Containment Methods	Earthen Berm Backstop	Bullet containment	Maintain berm to limit erosion. Remove lead from berm as required

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**Table 3-1 Best Management Practice Summary for the Firearms Range**

BMP Category	BMP	Method of Prevention	Notes
Vegetative Solutions	Vegetative Ground Cover	Berm erosion control, total suspended solids reduction	Maintain vegetative cover on dry swales, shooting lanes, and berm backstop area
Runoff Controls – Stormwater Management	Dry Swale Filter Beds with Check Dams	Stormwater flow rate control, erosion control, and total suspended solids reduction	Stormwater to be assessed through sample analysis to determine whether lead is migrating off the site. Stormwater systems are required to be inspected and maintained on an ongoing basis.
pH Controls – Soil Amendments	Lime Spreading	Metals (reduction)	Analyze soil annually for pH and adjust per developed schedule.
Lead Removal and Recycling	Hand Raking/Sifting, Screening, Vacuuming, Soil Washing	Metals reduction	Conduct lead removal as required based on range use

#### 3.3.1.4 Impacts on Air

Impacts on air will be considered in the Draft EIS under the resource heading of air quality. The Proposed Action is not expected to result in significant impacts on air quality. However, the Draft EIS will evaluate any potential impacts and identify proposed mitigation measures, if necessary. Impacts on air quality would include temporarily increased emissions from use of construction equipment during construction of each component of the Proposed Action. The Draft EIS will evaluate the increase in emissions and recommend standard construction practices, such as not letting construction equipment idle when not in use, and use of a water truck when needed to control dust.

When construction is completed, there may be an increase in vehicular traffic due to the increased usage of the training facility. The Draft EIS will evaluate any potential related increase in emissions and proposed mitigation measures.

#### 3.3.1.5 Impacts on Plants and Animals

Impacts on plants and animals will be considered in the Draft EIS under the resource heading of biological resources. This section of the Draft EIS will evaluate potential impacts on the natural environment in which the Proposed Action would occur. The Draft EIS will include discussions on vegetation, wildlife, and any rare, threatened, or endangered species that may be present.

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The Proposed Action would occur on previously disturbed land adjacent to state forestland. The immediate surrounding environment is dominated by coniferous tree species, while the PPTF property consists mainly of maintained lawn and developed land. Although the PPTF property consists of previously disturbed land, it does include a variety of plant communities, including mowed areas, scrub-shrub thickets, early successional woodlands, and forested areas. The forested areas are dominated by coniferous tree species. No significant plant communities or natural areas were identified within the PPTF property. Although no significant ecological areas exist within the project area, proposed components would be sited to maximize the use of paved and lawn areas to minimize, to the extent practicable, the loss of more valuable plant communities and habitats. The Draft EIS will discuss these potential impacts and mitigations across alternatives, although no significant impacts are anticipated.

The Draft EIS will describe the typical wildlife and their habitats found in and adjacent to the project area. The Draft EIS will describe any threatened or endangered wildlife species, species of special concern, and any other species of greatest conservation need known to be in or adjacent to the project area.

Currently two federally listed species under the Endangered Species Act have the potential to occur within the project area, including, the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodal-ist*) and the Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). Although there is potential for these species to occur, considering the project occurs on previously disturbed land, and no tree clearing is anticipated, no significant impacts are anticipated. However, the presence or absence of these species will be determined as part of the Draft EIS. If it is determined that tree clearing is required as part of implementing the Proposed Action, the OPRHP would perform any necessary tree clearing during the hibernation period (November 1 through March 31) to avoid adverse impacts on the Northern long-eared bat.

The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), which is known to occur in Albany County, is protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, is New York State listed as threatened. The presence or absence of bald eagles within the PPTF will be determined as part of the Draft EIS.

#### 3.3.1.6 Impacts on Historic and Archeological Resources

Information on known and previously recorded cultural resources on or within 1 mile of the PPTF site was obtained from the OPRHP's Cultural Resources Information System (CRIS) on January 31, 2019.

Results of this review identified that there were no previously recorded archaeological sites, no archaeologically sensitive areas, no New York State Museum (NYSM) archaeological sites, and no NYSM archaeological areas within the PPTF or within a 1-mile radius of the PPTF. In addition, there were no historic architectural resources (i.e., no State Register- or National Register of Historic Places-listed/eligible individual properties or historic districts) identified within

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the PPTF or within a 1-mile radius of the PPTF. There were no previously conducted cultural resources investigations (archaeological or architectural) identified within the PPTF or within 1 mile of the PPTF.

The OPRHP will consult with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the Proposed Action to confirm whether the current Proposed Action has the potential to impact or affect cultural resources and/or whether any cultural resources investigations are necessary as part of the Draft EIS.

It is likely that no cultural resources investigations (archaeological or architectural) would be required within the PPTF to support the Draft EIS for the Proposed Action. However, the updated consultation with SHPO would clarify whether any additional investigations are required.

Because no federal permits or approvals would be required for the Project, consultations would be conducted as part of the SEQR process and/or in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980. Updates on consultations will be provided in the Draft EIS.

#### **3.3.1.7 Impacts on Transportation**

Impacts on Transportation will be considered in the Draft EIS under the resource heading of traffic and transportation. The Proposed Action would result in additional traffic accessing the site during both the construction and operation phases of the project. During construction, trucks, machinery, and personnel would access the site. The Draft EIS will analyze the traffic impacts associated with construction of each of the components in the Facility Plan for the PPTF. Construction impacts would be temporary and are not expected to be significant. Construction typically occurs between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Final implementation of the Proposed Action is not expected to increase the number of full-time employees that access the site on a daily basis. In addition, implementation of the Proposed Action is not expected to increase the number of recruits and officers utilizing the existing PPTF for the Academy. During operation of the Academy, the PPTF is occupied and operates 24 hours a day. The hours of operation vary depending on the current use of the property and training requirements. Ingress to and egress from the property is highest (estimated at 45 recruits and officers) when the Academy begins and ends each training session. During typical operation of the facility, 12 staff commute to the property and the typical hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

However, under the Proposed Action, OPRHP will address the possibility of the PPTF being used by other state agencies for training and conferences (including the potential for overnight stay). The Draft EIS will make some general assumptions regarding how the PPTF will be used and the number of times per year, and that data will be used to estimate the traffic and transportation impacts of the Proposed Action.

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As part of the planning process, the capacity of the parking at the PPTF will be analyzed and a determination will be made regarding whether additional parking space is required at the PPTF. The Draft EIS will discuss these potential impacts and mitigations across alternatives, although no significant impacts are anticipated.

#### 3.3.1.8 Impact on Energy

Impact on energy usage will be considered in the Draft EIS under the resource heading of infrastructure. Along with energy, this section will analyze impacts of the Proposed Action on potable and wastewater systems. Impacts on these resources are not expected to be significant as final implementation of the Proposed Action is not expected to increase the capacity of the PPTF. Under the Proposed Action, the OPRHP will address the possibility of the PPTF being used by other state agencies for training and conferences (including the potential for overnight stay). The Draft EIS will make some general assumptions regarding on how the PPTF will be used and the number of times per year, and that data will be used to estimate the potential infrastructure impacts at the PPTF. The Draft EIS will discuss these potential impacts and mitigations across alternatives, although no significant impacts are anticipated.

#### 3.3.1.9 Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

Impact on noise, odor and light will be considered in the Draft EIS under the resource heading of noise, odor, and light.

##### Noise

New construction would create additional noise in the area, but the additional noise is expected to be temporary and occur during the suggested construction hours, and the impact is not expected to be significant. The Draft EIS will discuss these potential impacts and mitigations across alternatives, although no significant impacts are anticipated.

Noise from operation of the Proposed Action is expected to be significant. Operation of the new coed dormitory, reconfigured dormitory, security enhancements and HVAC, utility and roadways and parking upgrades are not expected to create additional noise. The indoor active shooter training area is not expected to significantly change the existing noise environment, as active shooter training (with blanks) is currently conducted on-site. Noise from the operation of a completed firearms range is expected to be significant. There is no existing firearms range noise at the site. The training regimen for recruits includes practice shooting and reloading of rifles, pistols, and shotguns in different training scenarios.

As part of the Draft EIS and Facility Planning process, the OPRHP has engaged a contractor to conduct noise studies to aid in the development of a design and design alternatives that minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the noise from operation of the outdoor firearms range on nearby receptors. The Draft EIS will analyze the impact of alternatives, including noise mitigation measures.

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#### **Odor**

New construction activities may create odors in the area, but the odors are expected to remain on-site and be temporary. The Draft EIS will discuss these potential impacts and mitigations across alternatives, although no significant impacts are anticipated. No odor impacts are expected from implementation of the Proposed Action.

#### **Light**

When completed, the newly constructed buildings (the dormitory and the indoor active shooter training area) would have outside lights for safety. Outside lights would be directed downward. In addition, depending on the final design of the security enhancements, more lighting may be required on-site in order for the security enhancements to perform efficiently and effectively. Reconfiguring the existing dorm, the firearms range, and the improvements to the HVAC, utility, and roadways and parking systems would not require any additional lighting. Implementation of the Proposed Action is not expected to result in any significant lighting impacts.

#### **3.3.1.10 Impacts on Human Health**

Impacts on human health will be considered in the Draft EIS under the resource heading of environmental management. The topic of human health considers potential impacts from existing and potential environmental hazards associated with implementation of the Proposed Action. Two environmental spills have occurred on the current project site. Both spills were addressed, and the cases were closed in 2007. NYSDEC Spill ID 0607931 refers to a spill dated October 12, 2006, at the Facility, consisting of 150 gallons of No. 2 fuel oil that spilled onto soil. The spill was addressed, and the spill case was closed on April 25, 2007. NYSDEC Spill ID 0606460 refers to a spill dated September 6, 2006, at the Facility, consisting of an unknown quantity of No. 2 fuel oil that spilled onto soil. The spill was addressed, and the spill case was closed on August 1, 2007.

Construction of the components of the Proposed Action would result in the generation of solid waste consisting primarily of construction and demolition waste. This waste is typically highly recyclable, and recycling of construction and demolition waste to the extent practicable would be a condition of the contract that the Park Police executes for construction of these facilities. Any waste that cannot be recycled would be disposed of at a facility approved to accept construction and demolition waste. Operation of the facilities planned under the Proposed Action would result in nominal generation of solid waste, largely consisting of municipal-type waste such as paper and miscellaneous trash, which would be collected and managed as is existing solid waste on the facility. Impacts due to solid waste are not expected to be significant.

Implementation of the firearms range has the potential for lead to migrate into the environment; however, an OM&M Plan will be developed for the site. The OM&M Plan will identify BMPs that OPRHP will employ to control, minimize,



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and monitor lead migration into the environment. BMPs are presented above in Table 3-1. The Draft EIS will assess potential lead-related impacts on human health and the environment from implementation of Proposed Action and identify measures to monitor and mitigate those impacts. No hazardous wastes are expected to result from implementation of the other five components presented in the Facility Plan for the PPTF.

The Draft EIS will discuss these potential impacts and mitigations across alternatives, although no significant impacts are anticipated.

#### **3.3.1.11 Impacts on Socioeconomics and Community Services**

Impacts on socioeconomics and community services will be considered in the EIS under the resource heading of socioeconomics and community Services. There are potential beneficial impacts from construction of the project; however, no new construction jobs are anticipated to result from the project.

The Proposed Action could increase the usage of the PPTF if the facility is able to accommodate additional training sessions for sister agencies. As such, there is potential for an increase in accidents and emergencies at the facility. However, the magnitude of this increase is not anticipated to be significant. Emergency and public service capabilities will be reviewed in the Draft EIS to confirm that the Town has adequate emergency response resources to accommodate the potential increase in demand. Any potential beneficial or adverse impacts and mitigation measures identified will be described in this section of the Draft EIS.

#### **3.3.2 Resource Topics with No Potential Impact from Proposed Action**

This section provides information to support the assumption that implementation of the Proposed Action has no potential to impact the resources identified in Part 2 of the Full EAF.

##### **3.3.2.1 Impact on Geological Features**

The Proposed Action would not result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the property; therefore, implementation of the Proposed Action would have no impact on geologic features.

##### **3.3.2.2 Impact on Flooding**

The Proposed Action would not result in development on lands subject to flooding, nor would the Proposed Action alter the existing surface waterways on-site through fill or diversion activities. Therefore, implementation of the Proposed Action would have no impact on flooding.

##### **3.3.2.3 Impact on Aesthetic Resources**

Information regarding known scenic and aesthetic resources within, or within 1 mile of, the PPTF site was obtained from a desktop review of a variety of sources on January 31, 2019. Based on the results of this review, no scenic and aesthetic resources are within the PPTF or within a 1-mile radius of the PPTF.

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Additionally, the Town of Rensselaerville's 2007 Comprehensive Plan was also reviewed to identify local scenic and aesthetic resources or visually sensitive areas comparable to those identified by New York State. The results of this review indicate that the PPTF is considered part of a larger state recreation area, which is the Rensselaerville State Forest. However, state forests such as Rensselaerville State Forest are not considered specific scenic or aesthetic resources according to NYSDEC's 2000 Program Policy DEP-002: Assessing and Mitigating Visual Impacts. Rensselaerville State Forest is a 2,572-acre area managed by NYSDEC Region 4 for multiple uses, including timber production, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, and recreation, in accordance with the Helderbergs Management Area Unit Management Plan. This state forest includes 8 miles of trails and is used for recreational activities, include hiking, designated and at-large primitive camping, and hunting and trapping (NYSDEC 2019d; Moser et al. n.d.).

Based on the above information for the PPTF property and the area within a 1-mile radius of the PPTF property, it is likely that no local, state, or national scenic or aesthetic resources as defined above would be impacted or affected by the Proposed Action.

#### 3.3.2.4 Impacts on Open Space and Recreation

The Proposed Action would not adversely impact recreational facilities in the area (see Section 3.3.2.3). The Proposed Action would neither increase nor decrease the availability or diversity of recreational facilities. The Proposed Action may impact the amount of open space within the PPTF property.

#### 3.3.2.5 Impacts on Critical Environmental Areas

The Project site is not located in and does not adjoin a state-listed Critical Environmental Area as defined in the state's Environmental Mapper software. Therefore, implementation of the Proposed Action would not impact these areas.

#### 3.3.2.6 Consistency with Community Plans and Community Character

The PPTF is located on land under the jurisdiction of the OPRHP (owned by the people of the State of New York) within the Town of Rensselaerville, New York. Local zoning requirements are preempted by the state, which precludes the applicability of and the need to comply with local zoning ordinances. The property is zoned as Resource Conservation 2. Due to the jurisdiction of the property, implementation of the Proposed Action is not expected to impact community plans or community character.

### 3.4 Cumulative Impacts

The Draft EIS will analyze cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action with other actions occurring in the area where impacts are "applicable and significant" (6 NYCRR 617.9). Cumulative impacts are defined as two or more individual environmental effects, which, when taken together, may become environmentally significant or may compound or increase other environmental effects. Cumulative

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### 3 *Content of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement*

impacts are most likely to occur when a Proposed Action is related to actions that could occur in the same or an overlapping geographic location and at the same or a similar time. The Draft EIS will define cumulative impacts; describe past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions relevant to cumulative impacts; analyze the incremental interaction the Proposed Action may have with other actions with coincidental effects; and evaluate potential cumulative impacts that may result from the interactions of coincidental effects on the same environmental resource

#### **3.5 Appendices and Additional Studies**

The main body of the Draft EIS will provide details sufficient to enable the reader to understand, interpret, and evaluate the existing conditions, potential impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives. The appendices will contain backup studies and technical reports that supplement and support the narrative in the Draft EIS. The methodologies and results of the studies and technical reports will be summarized and explained in the main body of the Draft EIS. The Final Scope will provide a complete list of appendices to be considered for the Draft EIS.

**A**

**State Environmental Quality  
Review, Positive Declaration,  
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft  
Environmental Impact Statement,  
Determination of Significance,  
Notice of Public Scoping Meeting**

State Environmental Quality Review  
**POSITIVE DECLARATION**  
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Determination of Significance  
Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

**Date:** March 13, 2019

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is lead agency for the proposed action described below, and has determined that the action may have a significant impact on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be prepared.

**Name of Action:** Adoption and Implementation of a Facility Plan for the NYS Park Police Training Facility

**SEQR Status:** Type 1

**Location of Action:** NYS Park Police Training Facility  
16 Camp Cass Road  
Rensselaerville, NY

**Public Scoping:** Public scoping will be conducted. The purpose of scoping is to narrow issues and ensure that the DEIS will be a concise, accurate and complete document and ensure public participation in the DEIS development process. OPRHP has prepared a Draft Scoping Document which will be forwarded to all interested/involved agencies. The document will also be available on the agency website at <http://nysparks.com/inside-our-agency/master-plans.aspx> , and it will be available for public review at the Town of Rensselaerville Town Hall and the Rensselaerville Library.

Two 'open house' style Public Scoping Sessions will be held on March 27, 2019 in the gymnasium of the Park Police Training Facility. The first session will run from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. and the second session will run from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. At these meetings, staff will be at stations to provide attendees with information about the Draft Scoping Document, Facility Plan development and alternatives, the scoping and environmental review process, and to collect written comments on the Draft Scoping Document. There is no set, formal agenda or presentation for the meetings.

Additional written comments will be accepted by US mail or email until April 12, 2019. Following the public scoping sessions and written comment period, OPRHP will prepare and distribute a Final Scoping Document.

**Description of Action:** The Proposed Action is the Adoption and Implementation of a Facility Plan for the Park Police Training Facility (PPTF). The Facility Plan proposes improvements to upgrade and modernize the facility and its operations. Proposed elements in the Facility Plan include: Construction of a new dormitory; Reconfiguration of the existing dormitory; Completion of construction of a firearms range; Construction of an indoor active shooter training area; Provision of security enhancements; and any necessary improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, utility capacity, and roadways and parking areas throughout the PPTF. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide

a comprehensive, high-quality and updated training facility that meets the needs of the NYS Park Police, OPRHP staff, and potentially other state agencies and law enforcement personnel.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

OPRHP has determined that the Adoption and Implementation of a Facility Plan for the Park Police Training Facility may have a potentially significant adverse impact on the environment based on the following list of issues and concerns:

- Impacts on Land, Surface Water, Groundwater  
Construction and operation of a firearms range may have an adverse impact on groundwater due to the lead content in the ammunition used in the fire arms. Because the lead dissolves when exposed to acidic water or soil, and due to the high water table, the dissolved lead has the potential to migrate through soils to groundwater and overland to surface water, potentially impacting water quality downstream of the Proposed Action.
- Impacts on Noise  
Noise levels generated from operation of the firearms range may have an adverse impact on nearby residences and other noise receptors.
- Impacts on Human Health  
Operation of an outdoor firearms range has the potential for lead from the ammunition to migrate into the environment resulting in the potential for human exposures that can impact human health.

**For Further Information:**

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Albany, NY 12238  
Janet.Zuckerman@parks.ny.gov  
518-474-0409

**A copy of this notice has been sent to:**

Supervisor, Town of Rensselaerville  
Environmental Notice Bulletin  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 4  
Town Board, Town of Rensselaerville  
Planning Board, Town of Rensselaerville  
Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning  
Office of the County Executive  
Albany County Sherriff  
New York State Police  
NYS Police Troop G Headquarters  
Dana L. Salazar, Salazar and Erikson, LLP  
William F. Ryan, Jr., Tabner, Ryan &Keniry, LLP

**Full Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 1 - Project and Setting**

**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 applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

**A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.**

Name of Action or Project: Adoption and Implementation of a Facility Plan for the Park Police Training Facility (PPTF)		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Park Police Training Facility, 16 Camp Cass Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147 (See Fig. 1. NYS Park Police Training Facility-Site Map/Existing Conditions)		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): The Proposed Action is the adoption and implementation of a Facility Plan for the Park Police Training Facility (PPTF). The Facility Plan proposes improvements to upgrade and modernize the facility and its operations. Proposed elements in the Facility Plan include: construction of a new 65 bed dormitory; reconfigure the existing dormitory; complete construction of a fire arms range; construction of an indoor active shooter training area; provide security enhancements; and as necessary, reconfigure the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, utility capacity and roadways and parking throughout the PPTF. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality, and updated training facility that meets the needs of the NYS Park Police, OPRHP staff, and potentially other state agencies and law enforcement personnel.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation		Telephone: E-Mail:
Address: 625 Broadway		
City/PO: Albany	State: NY	Zip Code: 12238
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Janet Zuckerman-Bora, Environmental Analyst 2		Telephone: 518.474.1933 E-Mail: Janet.Zuckerman@parks.ny.gov
Address: 625 Broadway		
City/PO: Albany	State: NY	Zip Code: 12238
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):		Telephone: E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

**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 Counsel, Town Board, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Planning Board or Commission		
c. City, Town or <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Village Zoning Board of Appeals		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NYSDEC, SWPPP	
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources.		
i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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? YesNo

- **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? YesNo

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? YesNo

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?) YesNo

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor; Rensselaerville Comprehensive Plan \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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? YesNo

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**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?  
N/A - See Attachment A

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? Middleburgh Central School District

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?  
New York State Park Police, Albany County Sheriff, New York State Police

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?  
Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department, New York State Park Police

d. What parks serve the project site?  
None

**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)? Training Facility for New York State Park Police

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? \_\_\_\_\_ 31.5 acres  
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? \_\_\_\_\_ TBD acres  
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_ 31.5 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)? % \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 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 the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases?  Yes  No  
i. If No, anticipated period of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ months  
ii. If Yes:  
• Total number of phases anticipated \_\_\_\_\_ 1-6  
• Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
The proposed action would occur in phases with possibly six phases (one for each element in the Plan). The development would occur as funding opportunities and priorities become available.

f. Does the project include new residential uses?  Yes  No

If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	<u>One Family</u>	<u>Two Family</u>	<u>Three Family</u>	<u>Multiple Family (four or more)</u>
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
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 \_\_\_\_\_ ~ 3

ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD height; \_\_\_\_\_ width; and \_\_\_\_\_ length

iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 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? Excavation and grading for site layout and access

ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?

- Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): TBD
- Over what duration of time? TBD

iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them. Any excavated material that cannot be reused on the site would be trucked off site and disposed of at an appropriate location.

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? \_\_\_\_\_ TBD acres

vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? \_\_\_\_\_ TBD acres

vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? \_\_\_\_\_ TBD feet

viii. Will the excavation require blasting?  Yes  No

ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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 the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments?  Yes  No

If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Will the 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: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

The existing well is designed to support current needs. OPRHP would assess future needs but the impacts are not expected to be significant

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: \_\_\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 a 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):  
 OPRHP will review the septic capabilities of the existing facility to ensure preparedness for additional development. The current system was recently upgraded and system has capacity for future expansion if needed. The impacts on wastewater are not expected to be significant.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ TBD acres (impervious surface)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Square feet or \_\_\_\_\_ 31.5 acres (parcel size)  
 ii. Describe types of new point sources. \_\_\_\_\_ TBD \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TBD \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

• If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fox Creek; Class C (TS) [may support Trout Spawning], NWI wetland PEM1Fh, unnamed pond

• Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties?  Yes  No

iv. Does the 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)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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<sub>2</sub>)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydroflouorocarbons (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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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 ~ 7 AM to ~ 7PM.

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): \_\_\_\_\_  
TBD

iii. Parking spaces: Existing ~ 150 Proposed TBD Net increase/decrease TBD

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:  
Based on final site plan roadways and parking may be reconfigured or constructed within the PPTF.

vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within 1/2 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
TBD based on number of personnel utilizing the facilities and final design of elements. Demand is not expected to be significant.

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

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

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

<p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____ TBD _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>	<p>ii. During Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____ Varies _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____ Varies _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____ Varies _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____ Varies _____</li> </ul>
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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:  
 New construction would create additional noise in the area, but the additional noise is expected to be temporary and occur during the suggested construction hours. Noise from operation of the implemented elements in the Facility Plan may be significant. Noise studies to be conducted.

ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: TBD based on final analysis and design; forested areas are present on site. Use of existing natural barriers or additional plantings for use as noise buffers will be considered to mitigate potential noise impacts.

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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:  
Implementation of the Facility Plan may include additional outdoor lighting for safety. Outside lights would be directed downward.

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 the proposed storage facilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Describe proposed treatment(s):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD tons per \_\_\_\_\_ (unit of time)  
 • Operation : \_\_\_\_\_ TBD tons per \_\_\_\_\_ (unit of time)

ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:  
 • Construction: Recycling of construction and demolition (C&D) waste to the extent practicable will be a condition of the contract for construction of these facilities. C&D waste that is not able to be recycled will be disposed of at an approved facility  
 • Operation: Nominal generation of solid waste, largely consisting of municipal-type waste such as paper and miscellaneous trash would be expected. OPRHP recycles clean paper and food/beverage containers through vendors.

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:  
 • Construction: see above  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Operation: see above  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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 the 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lead from use of fire arms range  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: \_\_\_\_\_  
The outdoor fire arms range at PPTF is for fire arms training. Pistol, shotgun and rifles are used.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated TBD tons/month  
 iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: \_\_\_\_\_  
An OM&M Plan will monitor and minimize lead migration and inform as needed berm remediation. Hazardous waste would be disposed of at an appropriate off-site facility  
 v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility?  Yes  No  
 If Yes: provide name and location of facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
TBD  
 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): New York State Park Police Training Facility  
 ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:  
The PPTF is located on property under the jurisdiction of OPRHP. The property is a mix of forested, lawn and developed areas. The site is bounded by NYSDEC forestland. Land uses near the property include rural residential (non-farm) and agriculture, as well as a stream and pond.

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertypes	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	5.5	TBD	TBD
• Forested	23.75	TBD	TBD
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	2.25	TBD	TBD
• 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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): 0607931, 0606460 (see Attachment A)  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site**

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? \_\_\_\_\_ 1.45 feet

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:

Wellsboro silt loam 3-8% slopes	_____	58.8 %
Wellsboro silt loam 8-15% slopes	_____	40.0 %
Morris channery silt loam 3-8% slope	_____	1.3 %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: \_\_\_\_\_ 1.5 feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils:  Well Drained: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site  
 Moderately Well Drained: \_\_\_\_\_ 98.8 % of site  
 Poorly Drained \_\_\_\_\_ 1.3 % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes:  0-10%: \_\_\_\_\_ 60.0 % of site  
 10-15%: \_\_\_\_\_ 40.0 % of site  
 15% or greater: \_\_\_\_\_ % 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 Fox Creek (TS) (not on project site) Classification Class C
- Lakes or Ponds: Name Privately owned (not on project site) Classification none
- Wetlands: Name NWI Wetland - PEM1Fh (not on project site) Approximate Size ~8.9 acres
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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: Principal Aquifer

<p>m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site: _____</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">White-tailed deer</td> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Grey squirrel</td> <td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Wild turkey</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Coyote</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Chipmunk</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Raccoon</td> </tr> </table>			White-tailed deer	Grey squirrel	Wild turkey	Coyote	Chipmunk	Raccoon
White-tailed deer	Grey squirrel	Wild turkey						
Coyote	Chipmunk	Raccoon						
<p>n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Extent of community/habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently: _____ acres</li> <li>• Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres</li> <li>• Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres</li> </ul>								
<p>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? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____</p> <p><b>Federally Endangered Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>); Federally Threatened Northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>); and NYS Threatened (and federally protected) bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>). No adverse impact expected.</b></p>								
<p>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? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing: _____</p>								
<p>q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Hunting is prohibited on the project property. Hunting is allowed adjacent to the site on DEC land. The proposed action would not change this use.</p>								
<p><b>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</b></p>								
<p>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? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____</p>								
<p>b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? 31.5 acres of soil of statewide importance; location has not been actively farmed for at least 70 years</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): Town of Rensselaerville soil maps, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets</p>								
<p>c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>								
<p>d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. CEA name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Basis for designation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Designating agency and date: _____</p>								

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic 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?  Yes  No

If Yes:

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

ii. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Basis for identification: \_\_\_\_\_

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h. Is the project site within five 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.

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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 Janet Zuckerman-Bora Date 2/11/19

Signature Janet Zuckerman-Bora Title Environmental Analyst 2

**Attachment A.**  
**Additional Information for the Full Environmental Assessment Form,**  
**Part 1, for Adoption and Implementation of the Facility Plan at the**  
**Park Police Training Facility**

**Question C.3 (Zoning), sub-question (a)**

The Park Police Training Facility (PPTF) is located on land under the jurisdiction of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) (owned by the People of the State of New York) within the town of Rensselaerville, New York. Local zoning requirements are preempted by the State which precludes the applicability of and the need to comply with local zoning ordinances.

The property is zoned as Resource Conservation 2. The Town of Rensselaerville Comprehensive Plan indicates the Project is located near public water supply wells and a wellhead protection area defined by the NYS Rural Water Association.

**Question E.1 (Land uses on and surrounding the project site), sub-question (h)**

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Spills Database**

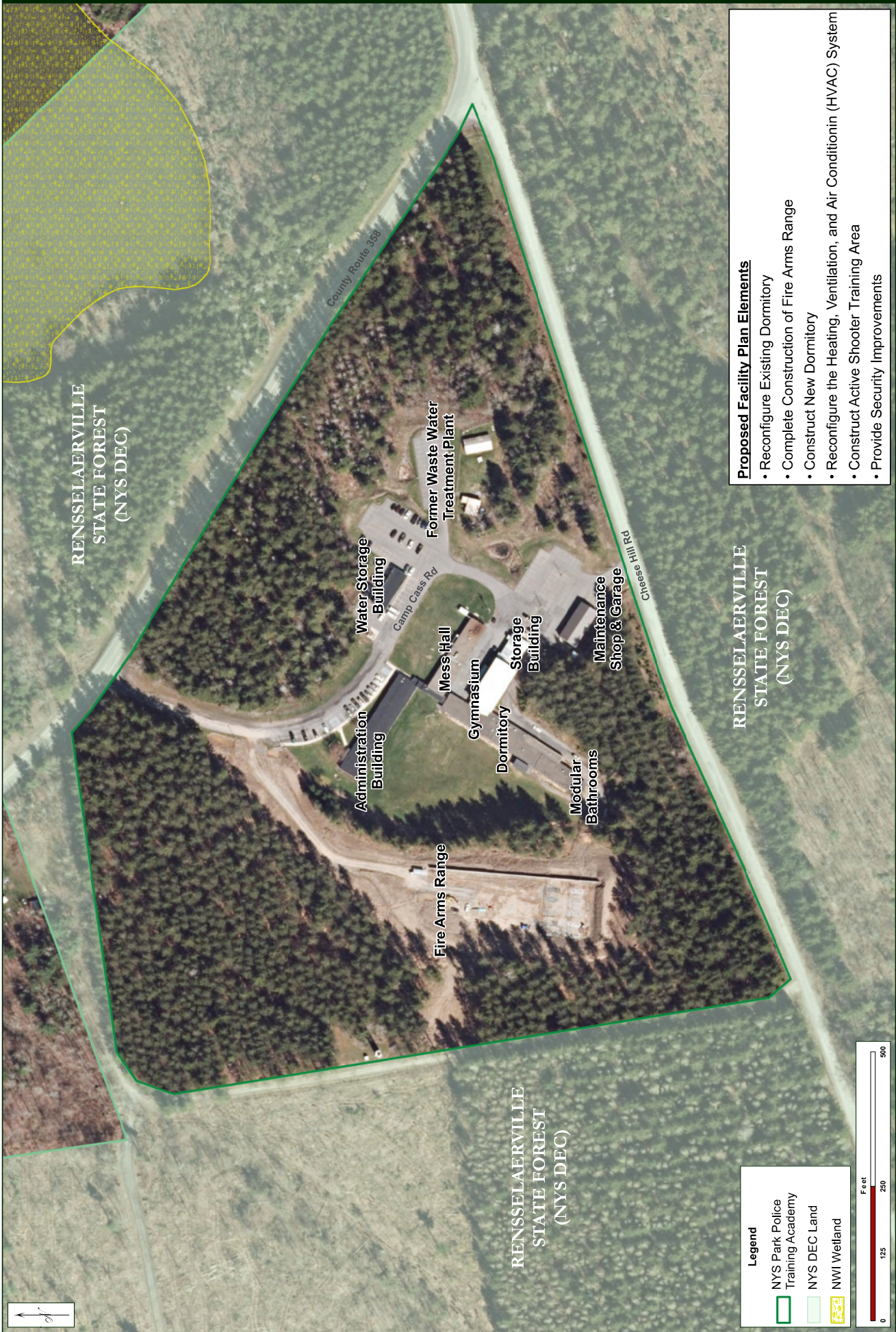
NYSDEC Spill ID 0607931 refers to a spill dated October 12, 2006, at Camp Cass Route 358, consisting of 150 gallons of #2 fuel oil that spilled onto soil. The spill was addressed and the spill case was closed on April 25, 2007.

NYSDEC Spill ID 0606460 refers to a spill dated September 6, 2006, at Camp Cass Route 358, consisting of an unknown quantity of #2 fuel oil that spilled onto soil. The spill was addressed and the spill case was closed on August 1, 2007.

**References**

Town of Rensselaerville. 2007. Town of Rensselaerville Comprehensive Plan. Updated March, 6, 2007.  
Available online at: <https://www.rensselaerville.com/townforms.php>. Date Accessed, February 1, 2019

Fig. 1. NYS Park Police Training Facility - Site Map/Existing Conditions



- Legend**
- NYS Park Police Training Academy
  - NYS DEC Land
  - NWI Wetland

- Proposed Facility Plan Elements**
- Reconfigure Existing Dormitory
  - Complete Construction of Fire Arms Range
  - Construct New Dormitory
  - Reconfigure the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditionin (HVAC) System
  - Construct Active Shooter Training Area
  - Provide Security Improvements

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

<b>Agency Use Only [If applicable]</b>
Project : NYS Park Police Training Facility Plan
Date : <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>

**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> Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - j. If “No”, move on to Section 2.</i>				<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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
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. 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
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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**4. Impact on groundwater**  NO  YES  
 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.  
 (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
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	<input checked="" 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. Cite Source: _____	D2c	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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: <u>The operation of Fire Arms Range may have the potential to impact groundwater.</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5. Impact on Flooding**  NO  YES  
 The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding.  
 (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
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 type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	<input 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"/>



g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>6. Impacts on Air</b> The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
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: i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O) iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs) iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ) v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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"/>

<b>7. Impact on Plants and Animals</b> The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 checked="" 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. Source: _____	E2n	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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. Habitat type & information source: _____ _____	E1b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>8. Impact on Agricultural Resources</b>			
The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. and b.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
<i>If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.</i>			
	<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 impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	<input 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 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 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 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 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"/>

<b>9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources</b> 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.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.</i>				<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. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <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: 0-1/2 mile 1/2 -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

<b>10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources</b> The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.</i>				<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 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 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 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. Source: _____	E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

d. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. 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 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 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"/>

<b>11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation</b> 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. (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - e. If “No”, go to Section 12.</i>				<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 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas</b> The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d) <i>If “Yes”, answer questions a - c. If “No”, go to Section 13.</i>				<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 Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: Construction traffic will be temporary. Traffic from increased use is not expected to be significantly over existing traffic trends.		<input checked="" 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 Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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, D1q, D2k	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Impacts: Increase in demand from new facilities is not expected to be significant (see Question D.2, sub-question (k) on Part 1.		<input checked="" 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 Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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: _____ _____		<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.)  
*If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.*

NO

YES

	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 E1h	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other impacts: <u>Potential exposure to lead from Fire Arms Range</u> _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

NO  YES

	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 E1a, E1b	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	<input 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, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	<input 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 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)  
 If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

NO  YES  N/A

	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 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 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 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 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project :

Date :

**Full Environmental Assessment Form**  
**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.

Please see Attachment 1.

**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  
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) 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: Implementation of the Facility Plan for the Park Police Training Facility

Name of Lead Agency: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Janet Zuckerman-Bora

Title of Responsible Officer: Environmental Analyst, 2

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Janet Zuckerman-Bora Date: 3/13/19

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer) Date:

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**For Type I 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)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

**PRINT FULL FORM**

# **Attachment 1**

## **Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3**

### **NYS Park Police Training Facility Plan**

**Part 2 - Question 1 Impact on Land, Question 3 (Impacts on Surface Water) and Question 4 (Impact on groundwater),** Given the high water table (1.5 feet below surface), the construction and operation of a Fire Arms Range may have a potential adverse impact on groundwater due to the lead content in the ammunition used in the fire arms. Because lead dissolves when exposed to acidic water or soil, the dissolved lead has the potential to migrate through soils to groundwater and overland to surface water potentially impacting water quality downstream of the proposed action. The high water table coupled with the potential for capillary action from the soil creates a risk of lead contamination of groundwater. Appropriate monitoring and BMPs, such as managing the pH of the soil would increase the amount of lead that binds with the soil, allowing it to precipitate out. This could minimize the potential for groundwater contamination. Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be identified in an operations monitoring and management (OM&M) plan. These BMPs would mitigate the potential for contamination. In addition, the OPRHP will evaluate an alternative to lead-based ammunition at the Fire Arms Range.

The Proposed Action would occur in a phased approach, with approximately 6 phases currently anticipated. The development would occur as funding opportunities become available. Impacts are not expected to increase due to this the phased construction approach.

Completing construction of an outdoor Fire Arms Range has the potential to impact the water quality of Fox Creek (TS) due to the lead content in the ammunition traveling off site. Bullets are fired into a berm. Stormwater runoff from or capillary action in the berm aids in the transport of lead contaminants to the creek. Stormwater best management practices as well as a Stormwater Prevention Pollution Plan will be implemented as needed. An Operations Monitoring and Management plan (OM&M), would also be implemented to ensure proper monitoring and management (if required) of stormwater on site.

#### **Part 2 - Question 7 (Impact on Plants and Animals)**

OPRHP does not expect the Proposed Action to have any significant impact on the listed species including the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalists*) (federally endangered), Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (federally threatened), and the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) (state threatened) including the degradation or reduction of habitat used by these species. Northern long-eared bat have the potential to occur outside of their hibernation period, as well as during roosting season, therefore OPRHP would perform any necessary tree clearing during the NLEB hibernation period (November 1 through March 31) to avoid potential adverse impacts to the bat.

#### **Part 2 - Question 15 (Impact on Noise)**

OPRHP is performing noise studies to aid in the development of a design that minimizes, to the maximum extent practicable, the noise from operation of an outdoor Fire Arms range on nearby residence. An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) will analyze the impact of alternatives, including noise

mitigation measures, to work toward a final design to be presented in the Final Facility Plan. Construction would increase noise in the area, but it will be temporary.

## **Part 2 - Question 16 (Impact on Human Health)**

There were two spills identified through the DEC database as occurring on the current project site. Both spills were addressed and cases were closed in 2007. Operation of an outdoor Fire Arms Range has the potential for lead to migrate into the environment. An OM&M would be developed for the site that would address potential BMPs that will control, minimize, and monitor lead migration into the environment. An EIS will analyze potential impacts and avoidance, monitoring, and mitigation measures for the potential impact on human health and the environment.

No hazardous wastes are expected to result from implementation of the other components presented in the Park Police Training Facility plan.