



**Resolution**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Columbia**  
**New York**

RESOLUTION NO. 301-2011

DATE: September 14, 2011

BY SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN: BART DELANEY, JR.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS SEQRA LEAD AGENT, TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY AIRPORT RUNWAY 21 SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS AND OBSTRUCTION MITIGATION PROJECT-TOWN OF GHENT, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, WILL NOT REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION BE ISSUED BY SAID COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

UPON, recommendation of the Public Works Committee at a meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011; and of the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011;

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Airport R/W 21 safety Improvement and Obstruction Mitigation Project includes land acquisitions, Runway Safety Area drainage and grading improvements, tree removal and trimming, wetland mitigation, and golf course relocations (by others) located at and adjacent to portions of the Columbia County Airport in the Town of Ghent; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County has entered into an agreement that establishes C&S Engineers, Inc. as its engineering and land acquisitions consultant for the R/W 21 Safety Area Improvement and Obstruction Mitigation Project; and

WHEREAS, the project is classified as a Type 1 Action under the SEQRA regulations (regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) thereby requiring a determination of significance to be made; and

WHEREAS, a Long Environmental Assessment Form was prepared, and supplemented by engineering and environmental studies performed during the conceptual design of the project; and

WHEREAS, the information contained in the Long Environmental Assessment Form and supplemental studies, a copy which is annexed hereto and made part hereof, has been reviewed by the County; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County has declared their intent as the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency for the R/W 21 Safety Area Improvement and Obstruction Mitigation Project; and notified interested and involved agencies of the County's intention to be lead agency for this action. No written objections to this determination have been received within thirty calendar days from the date of mailing of such notice; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County has determined based on review of the Environmental Assessment Form and supplemental engineering and environmental studies that public agency involvement, public controversy or environmental impact are unlikely and thus review of the R/W 21 Safety Area Improvement and Obstruction Mitigation Project has been conducted by a coordinated review;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Columbia County, as the SEQRA Lead Agency, hereby determines that the R/W 21 Safety Improvement and Obstruction Mitigation Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not, therefore, be prepared; and be it further

**RESOLVED, that Columbia County is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached Environmental Assessment Form (long form) at the bottom of Page Two thereof (“Determination of Significance “); and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Engineering Department (8 certified copies) the Accounts Payable Department, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Columbia County Attorney and the Columbia County Treasurer.**

**Approved:**

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**County Attorney**

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