



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

RESOLUTION NO.: 191-2012

DATE: May 9, 2012

BY SUPERVISOR:

**RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
PURPOSES OF SEQRA IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
PURCHASE OF 25 RAILROAD AVENUE, HUDSON, NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia currently operates the Columbia County Department of Social Services at property known as 25 Railroad Avenue in Hudson, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia has housed the Department of Social Services at the property within a 32,000 square foot building for a period of twenty years pursuant to a lease agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the lease has expired, and the County has entered into negotiations for the potential purchase of the property to continue to house the Department of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to undertaking the potential purchase, the County of Columbia has received and reviewed environmental studies of the property to determine if said purchase would present the potential for any possible significant environmental impacts in accordance with Part 617 of the Implementing Regulations promulgated pursuant to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the New York Environmental Conservation Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia finds the action is not a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(1)-(11); and finds the action is not a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (b)(1)-(37), herein finding that the action is an Unlisted Action but elects to utilize the Long Environmental Assessment Form (LEAF) to evaluate the action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6(a)(3), said LEAF attached hereto and made part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia proposes the potential purchase with no contemplated site construction, site changes or site alterations, with the exception of routine maintenance operations exempt from SEQRA review; and

**WHEREAS**, the 25 Railroad Avenue, Hudson, New York property was formerly used as an oil storage terminal; a petroleum spill (Spill # 92-10709) was previously reported at the site; the site is subject to a Consent Order from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC); the NYS DEC required remedial actions at the site which were completed by the building owner, and the NYS DEC determined the requirements of the consent order were met in May 2001; thereafter the NYS DEC closed the spill in December of 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the environmental history of the site, the County of Columbia, and/or the building owner, under the supervision of the County, have conducted the following reviews:

1. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, prepared by Earth Tech, Inc., dated December 2007.
2. Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, prepared by Crawford & Associates, dated February 2012.
3. Structural Evaluation, prepared by Ryan-Biggs Associates, PC, dated December 2011.
4. Industrial Hygienist Report, prepared by Cooper Associates, PC, dated March 2012.
5. Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection Building Evaluation, prepared by Friedman, Fisher Associates, PC, January 2012.

**WHEREAS**, the assessments and reports are, and have been made available to all interested parties and persons, have been evaluated by the County, and found to contain no indications that the property acquisition presents any potential for significant environmental impacts;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that based upon the forgoing review, consideration, analysis of the proposed action, and after consultation with consultants commissioned to report on said proposed action, and in consideration of the Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts I, II and the comments under Part III, as well as the information and findings in this resolution; the Columbia County Board of Supervisors herein issues a Negative Declaration for purpose of SEQRA on the proposed action, this resolution and associated forms incorporated by reference being the findings as to the determination; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute any and all documents consistent with the intent of this resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Columbia County Attorney, the Columbia County Commissioner of Public Works and the Columbia County Treasurer.

Approved:

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County Attorney

**Resolution  
Committee**

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