

State Environmental Quality Review
POSITIVE DECLARATION

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft SEIS, Determination of Significance and
Availability of Draft Scoping Document for Public Comment

Project Number 8-2648-00014

Date April 19, 2013

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 Monroe County as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below may have a significant impact on the environment and that a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) will be prepared (hereinafter the "DSEIS").


Maggie Brooks, County Executive

Name of Action:

Proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion

SEQR Status: Type 1
Unlisted



Scoping: No Yes If yes, indicate how scoping will be conducted:

The County will solicit written public comments and conduct a public Scoping Meeting to determine what should be discussed and evaluated in the DSEIS. A Draft Scoping Document for the DSEIS is available for public review and comment. Copies of the document are available at: Monroe County Department of Environmental Services, 50 W. Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614; Monroe County's website (www.monroecounty.gov/des-millseat.php); Monroe County Mill Seat Landfill, 303 Brew Road, Bergen, NY 14416; Town of Riga, 6460 East Buffalo Road, Churchville, NY 14428; Newman Riga Library, 1 Village Park, Churchville, NY 14428; and Byron-Bergen Public Library, 13 South Lake Avenue, Bergen, NY 14416. The Public Scoping Meeting will be held on May 13, 2013 at the Town of Riga Town Hall. Project representatives and information displays will be available beginning at 4:00 p.m. to provide details of the project to interested parties. At 7:00 p.m., the County will conduct a Scoping Meeting to accept comments on the Draft Scoping Document. Written comments on the Draft Scoping Document will be accepted until May 28, 2013. Comments should be submitted to the contact person listed below.

Description of Action:

Monroe County proposes an expansion to the existing Mill Seat Landfill located in the Town of Riga, New York. Monroe County ("the County") is the owner and permittee of the Mill Seat Landfill. The Mill Seat Landfill's Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF) Permit I.D. number is 8-2648-00014 with an approved disposal capacity of one thousand nine hundred forty five (1,945) tons per day. The Mill Seat Landfill is operated by Waste Management of New York, LLC (WMNY), under a lease agreement with the County.

The Proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion will:

- provide long-term, cost effective solid waste disposal capacity for the County; and
- secure additional disposal capacity in the County beyond the current useful life of the Mill Seat landfill that ensure that locally controlled, environmentally sound, and reliable disposal capacity (ex. County biosolids disposal, City of Rochester municipal solid waste, etc.) will be provided without interruption for at least twenty-five (25) years to the residents and businesses located in the County.

The current permitted Mill Seat Landfill and associated operations occupy four hundred and thirty five (435) acres owned by the County which includes a double composite liner ("Landfill Footprint") on which solid waste is disposed and ancillary facilities (roads, buildings, soil borrow areas, stormwater ponds, etc.) are located. The current permitted Landfill Footprint occupies approximately ninety-eight point six (98.6) acres and is estimated to reach capacity in 2018.

A total of nine hundred seventy seven (977) acres of contiguous parcels are owned by the County and WMNY. The additional Landfill Footprint may be up to one hundred eighteen (118) acres. Additional acres will be required for soil and geosynthetic stockpile areas, construction staging areas, stormwater collection, storage infrastructure and buffer. Soil balance estimates are currently under development; however, it is anticipated that soil for landfill construction, operation, and closure will be obtained from one (1) or more off-site locations.

Location: (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.)

The Mill Seat Landfill is located at 303 Brew Road, in the Town of Riga, Monroe County, New York, approximately one (1) mile southeast of the Village of Bergen. Figure 1 depicts the general location of the Proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion ("Proposed Action").

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

Monroe County, as Lead Agency, has found that the following potential significant adverse environmental impacts are presented by the Proposed Action supporting a positive declaration under SEQR:

Impact on Land Use and Agricultural Resources - Construction will occur in multiple phases and will continue for over thirty (30) years. The Proposed Action will alter the land through excavation and grading over the life of the Proposed Action. Approximately one hundred seventy five (175) acres of land would be removed from agricultural production as a result of the Proposed Action. The potential impacts will be analyzed in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). Not enough information is currently available to determine the magnitude of these potential impacts.

Impact on Water Resources - The Proposed Action would result in a large amount of excavation on the site and potentially change surface water flow direction and volume. Hotel Creek, a locally-designated Critical Environmental Area, is located near the Proposed Action. Further information needs to be gathered to determine the magnitude of these potential impacts.

Impact on Air Resources - The Proposed Action will require a Title V Air Permit Modification. The air resources will be evaluated in the DSEIS to determine the magnitude of potential impacts.

Impact on Ecological Resources - Wetlands and non-threatened, non-endangered species may be impacted by the Proposed Action. Further information needs to be gathered to determine the magnitude of these potential impacts.

Impact on Visual and Aesthetic Resources - The Proposed Action would result in a change to the visual landscape. Not enough information is currently available to determine the long-term and short-term impacts. A supplemental visual impact evaluation will be performed to determine if the Proposed Action creates significant visual impacts.

Impact on Historic and Cultural Resources - The Proposed Action will occur in areas that have not been previously disturbed. Cultural resource studies that have previously been conducted will be updated to incorporate the Proposed Action. The potential impacts will be evaluated in the DSEIS.

Impact on Transportation - The Proposed Action may result in increased traffic associated with the use of one (1) or more off-site locations for soil borrow. Additionally, impacts associated with the closure of portions of Brew Road and O'Brien Road will be evaluated. Further information needs to be gathered to determine the magnitude of these impacts.

Odor and Noise Impact - The change of noise or odor impacts related to the Proposed Action would be largely due to the reduced buffer distance to off-site receptors. Due to the reduced buffer distances, noise and odor impacts will be evaluated in the DSEIS.

The above impacts will be analyzed and addressed in the DSEIS.

For Further Information:

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A copy of this notice is being sent to:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 8-Division of Environmental Permits, 6274 East Avon-Lima Road, Avon, New York 14414

Attention: Mr. Paul D'Amato, Regional Director

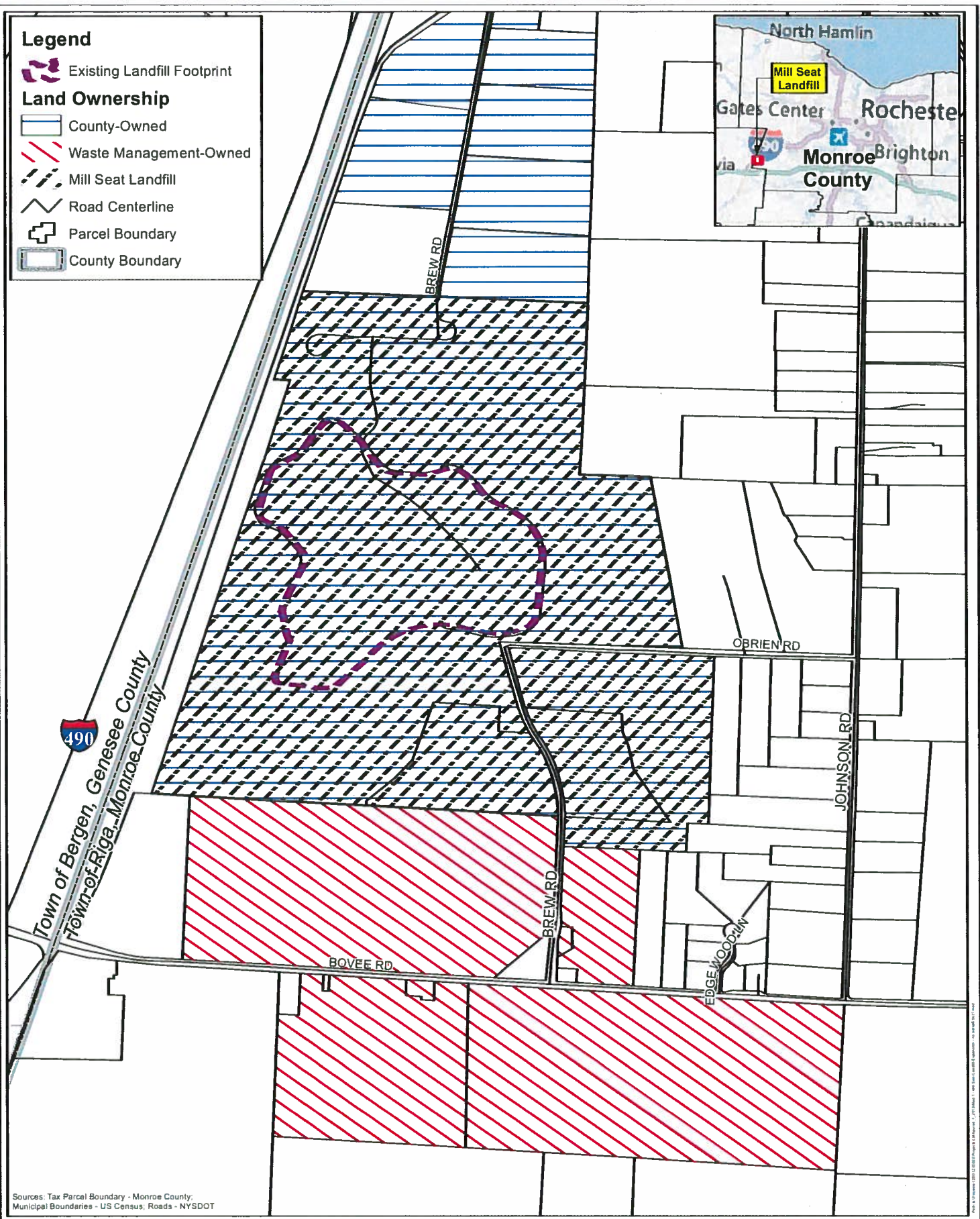
Hon. Robert Ottley, Supervisor, Town of Riga, 6460 Buffalo Road, Churchville, NY 14428

Persons requesting a copy - see SEQR Distribution List attached

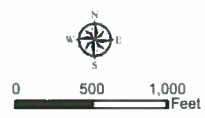
Environmental Notice Bulletin, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750

Legend

-  Existing Landfill Footprint
- Land Ownership**
-  County-Owned
-  Waste Management-Owned
-  Mill Seat Landfill
-  Road Centerline
-  Parcel Boundary
-  County Boundary



Sources: Tax Parcel Boundary - Monroe County;
Municipal Boundaries - US Census, Roads - NYSDOT



Mill Seat Landfill
Proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion
Monroe County January 2013 New York

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