

SEQRA RESOLUTION
(West Warwick Energy Storage 1 LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency held on June 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. (local time) at the Orange County Government Center Community Room, 255 Main Street, Goshen, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Torelli, Dean Tamburri, Vincent Odock, James Rinaldi, Susan Walski

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Bill Fioravanti, Kelly Reilly, Dennis Brady, Susan Katzoff, Esq., Russell Gaenzle, Esq., Connor Eckart, Doug Snsted, Becky Koze, Dan Spritzer, Jim Tarpy, Steve Esposito, Jonathan Gross Jacqueline Bart, Sheldon Ginsberg, Brian Poitras

The following Resolution was offered by Torelli and seconded by Odock :

**RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PROJECT AS AN
UNLISTED ACTION PURSUANT TO THE STATE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT, DECLARING THE
AGENCY LEAD AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF AN
UNCOORDINATED REVIEW THEREUNDER AND
DETERMINING THAT THE ACTION WILL NOT HAVE A
SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

WHEREAS, by Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 390 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York, as amended (hereinafter collectively called the "*Act*"), the **ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (hereinafter called the "*Agency*") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property for the purpose of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping industrial, manufacturing and commercial facilities as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, West Warwick Energy Storage 1 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, or an entity to be formed (collectively, the "*Company*"), has submitted an application (the "*Application*") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "*Project*"), consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of a (sub)leasehold interest in approximately 12,982.6 sq.ft of vacant land located at 63 County Highway 1, Warwick, New York (the "*Land*") which is a portion of a larger approximately 31.5 acre vacant parcel (bearing tax map no. 42-1-35.1); (ii) the construction of an approximate 10,000 sq.ft. 4MW/22.4MWh battery storage system, including an auxiliary switchboard and a metal enclosed switchgear located on the Land to service the local distribution grid, and provide improvements to the distribution systems' reliability and resiliency, as well as providing emission free energy to the residents of Orange County (collectively, the "*Facility*"); and (iii) the acquisition and installation in and on the Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the "*Equipment*" and together with the Land and the Facility, the "*Project Facility*"); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from State and

local sales and use tax and real property tax (collectively, the "*Financial Assistance*"); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction, equipping and completion of the Project Facility; and (D) the acquisition of an interest in the Land and Facility by the Agency pursuant to a sublease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the (sub)sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a subleaseback agreement. The stored energy from the Project Facility will be utilized by Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "*SEQRA*"), the Agency is required to make a determination with respect to the environmental impact of any "action" (as defined by SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency and the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the action described by the Project may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment, a Short Environmental Assessment Form (the "*EAF*") was prepared by the Company, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has examined and reviewed the EAF in order to classify the action and make a determination as to the potential significance of the action pursuant to SEQRA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Based upon an examination of the materials provided by the Company in furtherance of the Project, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations pursuant to SEQRA:

(A) The Project constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA);

(B) The Agency declares itself "Lead Agency" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) with respect to an uncoordinated review pursuant to SEQRA;

(C) The Project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and the Agency hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, which shall be filed in the office of the Agency in a file that is readily accessible to the public.

SECTION 2. A copy of this Resolution, together with the attachments hereto, shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

SECTION 3. The Secretary, the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Chief Operating Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and may distribute copies of this Resolution and do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. The Agency hereby authorizes Agency staff to take all further actions deemed necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Agency's responsibilities under SEQRA.

SECTION 5. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote which resulted as follows:

	<u><i>Yea</i></u>	<u><i>Nay</i></u>	<u><i>Absent</i></u>	<u><i>Abstain</i></u>
Michael Torelli	✓			
Dean Tamburri	✓			
Vincent Odock	✓			
James Rinaldi	✓			
Susan Walski	✓			

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss:

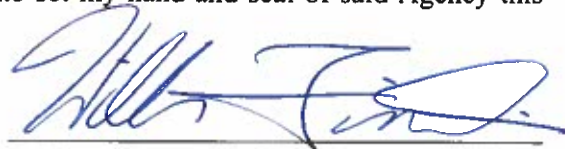
I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") including the resolution contained therein, held on June 15, 2022, with the original thereof on file in the office of the Agency, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that: (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of such meeting; (ii) pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), as temporarily amended by Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020 ("*EO 202.1*"), as amended and extended from time to time, such meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and how to participate in such meeting was duly given in accordance with such Section 104 and EO 202.1; (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held; and there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this 15th day of June, 2022.



William Fioravanti, Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT A

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

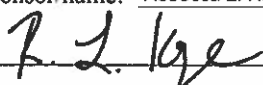
Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. 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.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information							
West Warwick Energy Storage 1 LLC							
Name of Action or Project: West Warwick Energy Storage 1 Project							
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Warwick Central School Dist 1 bus garage located on Orange County Rt. 1A, 800 feet +/- south of the intersection of West Street.							
Brief Description of Proposed Action: West Warwick Energy Storage 1 LLC, is proposing a project consisting of the acquisition of a (sub)leasehold interest in approximately 12,982.6 square feet of a larger approximately 31.5 acre vacant parcel (tax map no. 42-1-35.1) located at 63 County Highway 1, Warwick, New York, the construction of an approximate 10,000 sq.ft. 4MW/22.4MWh battery storage system, including an auxiliary switchboard and a metal enclosed switchgear located on the Land to service the local distribution grid, and provide improvements to the distribution systems' reliability and resiliency, as well as providing emission free energy to the residents of Orange County. The project is in response to an RFP issued by Orange & Rockland Utilities.							
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: West Warwick Energy Storage 1 LLC		Telephone: 215-287-4398 E-Mail: Bkoze@convergentep.com					
Address: 7 Times Square, Suite 3509							
City/PO: New York City		State: NY	Zip Code: 10036				
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	YES						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Warwick CSD Board of Education (Lease)			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NO	YES						
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3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		31.5 acres					
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0.46 acres					
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		0.574 acres					
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:							
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): Warwick Central School Dist 1 Bus Garage							
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland							

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ Does not require a water connection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ Does not require a wastewater connection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. 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?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ Nearest wetland/waterbody is associated with Wawayanda Creek. No impacts to adjacent wetlands or waterbodies.			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered? Bog Turtle and Indiana Bat	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Rebecca L. Koze</u> Date: <u>3/7/2022</u> Signature: <u></u> Title: <u>Senior Vice President, Development</u>		

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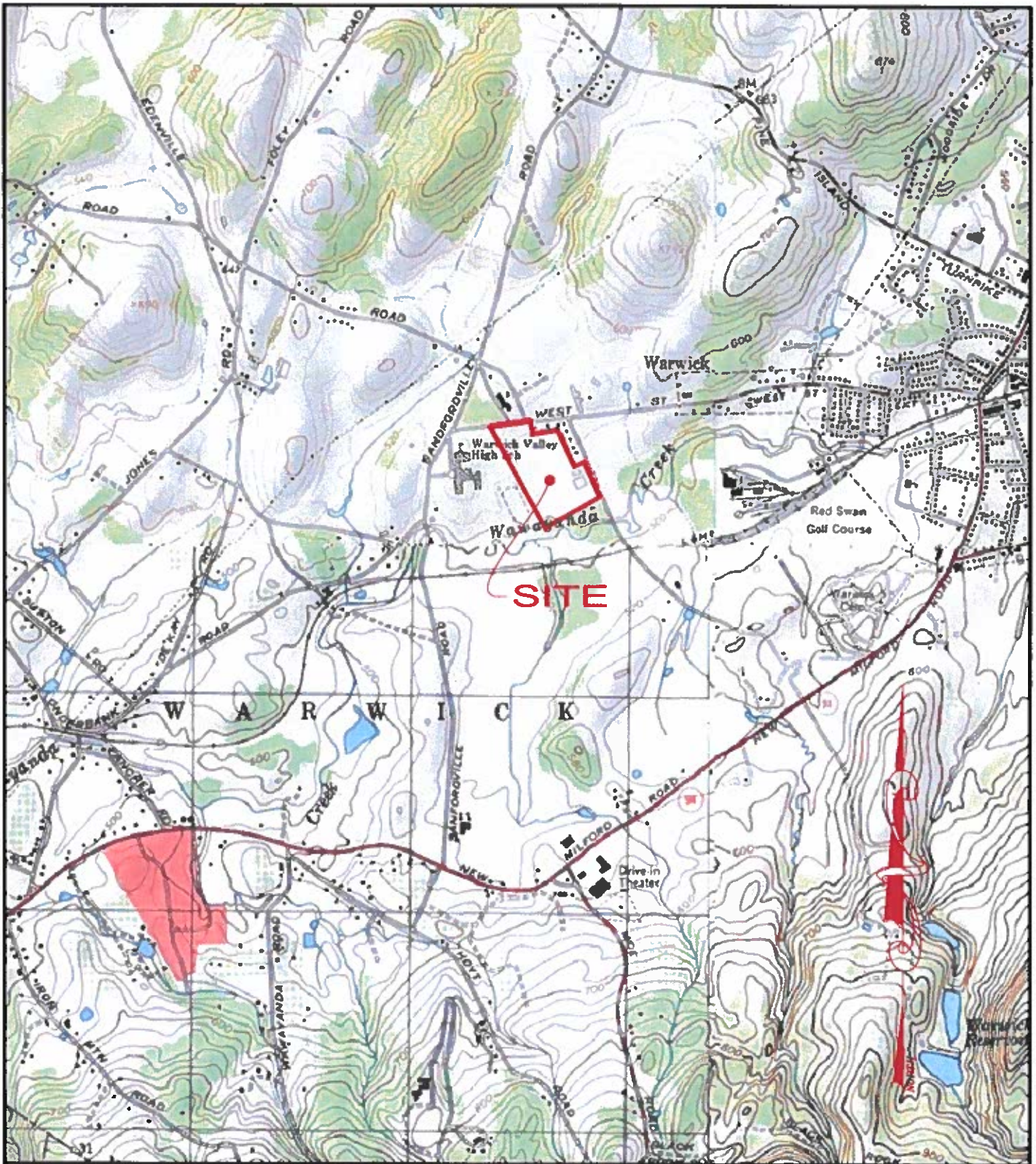
**West Warwck Energy Storage Storage Project
Additional Information**

#2 Although the Project is not subject to local zoning, the Town Comprehensive Plan 2016 amendment supports renewable energy

#6 The project area is the disturbed area next to a bus garage, and is consistent with that use.

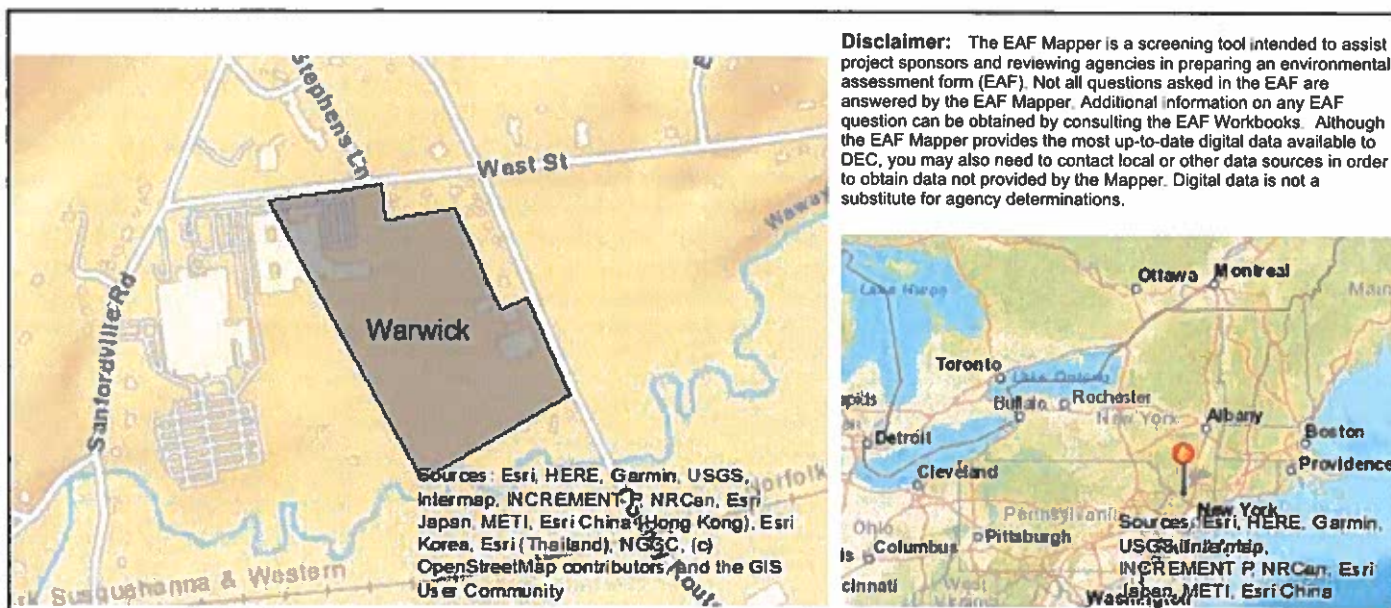
13 No impacts will occur to any adjacent wetlands/waterbodies

15 Mitigation Actions Completed: Convergent's Environmental Consultant inspected the property and determined that no bog turtle habitats are located within the proposed project area. Additionally, the Environmental Consultant flagged any trees in the proposed project area which had the potential for Indiana Bat habitat, so that they could be altered/cleared, as necessary, in accordance with requirements of NYSDEC and USFWS (i.e., outside of April 1 – November 15).



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USGS 7.5 MIN. QUADRANGLES
 WARWICK, GREENWOOD LAKE,
 PINE ISLAND & WAWAYANDA
 SECTION 42 BLOCK 1 LOT 35.1
 TOWN OF WARWICK, COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK
 SCALE: 1"=2,000'



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Bog Turtle, Indiana Bat
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

Agency Use Only (If applicable)	
Project:	West Warwick Energy Storage I LLC
Date:	June 15, 2022

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
Orange County Industrial Development Agency	June 15, 2022
Name of Lead Agency	Date
William Fioravanti	Chief Executive Officer
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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