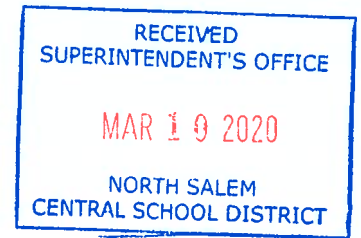




March 4, 2020



Kenneth Freeston, Superintendent
North Salem Central School District
230 June Road
North Salem, NY 10560

Vincent Sapienza P.E.
Acting Commissioner

Re: **Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency
North Salem Central School District Athletic Fields Improvements
230 June Road
Town of North Salem; Westchester, NY
Tax Map #: 5.-1735-50
DEP Log#: 1999-MUL-0552-SQ.1**

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Dear Mr. Freeston:

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The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the North Salem Central School District Board of Education (District) Notice of Intent to act as Lead Agency and full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the above referenced project. DEP does not object to the District acting as Lead Agency for the Coordinated Review of the proposed action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The project site is located in both the Muscoot and Titicus Reservoir drainage basins of New York City's Water Supply Watershed. Both Muscoot and Titicus Reservoirs are phosphorous restricted; therefore, water quality impacts to the receiving reservoir from pollutant-laden runoff must be avoided or mitigated.

The proposed action involves the construction of a new athletic field to be constructed of synthetic turf and a 670 sq. ft. bathroom addition. Other on-site improvements include a 12-foot wide asphalt pedestrian access path and stormwater management facilities.

DEP's status as an involved agency stems from its review and approval authority for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) pursuant to Section 18-39(b)(4) of the *Rules and Regulations for the Protection from Contamination, Degradation, and Pollution of the New York City Water Supply and Its Sources* (Watershed Regulations).

Based upon the review of the submitted documents, DEP respectfully submits the following comments for the Planning Board's consideration:

1. According to the EAF, 5.0 acres are to be physically disturbed. As such Part 1.B. under governmental approvals should include DEP as a regulatory agency requiring a SWPPP approval.
2. Part D.1 of the EAF anticipates that construction will last for 32 months. Consequently, site disturbance will last through several wet seasons and freeze-thaw cycles. Open works during wet seasons and freeze-thaw cycles are more susceptible to soil erosion and degradation. As such, methods to avoid or mitigate these potentially adverse impact must be addressed.
3. DEP must witness soil testing and perform a site inspection for any new proposed onsite stormwater management practices. The applicant's representative may contact Bonnie Liu of Stormwater Programs at (914) 749-5603 to schedule soil testing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. You may reach the undersigned at cgarcia@dep.nyc.gov or (914) 749-5302 with any questions or if you care to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,



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SEQRA Coordination Section

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