

## STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

### NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This notice has been prepared pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

The Mount Vernon Department of Recreation has assumed the role of Lead Agency for the action described below. It has been determined by the Department of Recreation that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

#### TITLE OF

ACTION: Memorial Field Redevelopment Project

LEAD AGENCY: Mount Vernon Department of Recreation

SEQR STATUS: Type I

#### LOCATION

OF ACTION: Section: 169.34 / Block(s):4072, 4074 / Lot(s):14, 17  
Address: Garden Avenue and East Sandford Boulevard

#### NATURE OF

#### ACTION:

Memorial Field is owned by the City of Mount Vernon and has been a municipal park since the early 1930's. The overall property and existing infrastructure (grass field, track, 3,900 seat stadium grandstand, restroom, concession stand, and open space) are in poor condition. The City of Mount Vernon is proposing to redevelop the Memorial Field Stadium. The project will include the demolition of the existing Memorial Field Stadium and redevelopment consisting of a synthetic turf multi-sport athletic field, grandstands for up to 3,900 spectators with support facilities, an all-weather track, additional facilities including a ticket booth, concession area, restrooms, a press box, bus drop-off, fencing, landscaping and site appurtenances, entry plaza, open space, and associated infrastructure. The intended use of the park will remain the same and it is anticipated that the new facility will provide cleaner and safer grounds for community recreation.

The redeveloped Memorial Field Stadium will be operated and maintained by the City of Mount Vernon but available to all Westchester County residents for use. The existing stadium requires demolition and reconstruction due to its current deteriorating structural conditions and the presence of potentially hazardous constituents (i.e. lead, asbestos, PCB's, etc.) contained within the construction materials used at the time to construct the stadium (circa 1930). All portions of the existing facility are outdated and/or in disrepair, and do not meet current NYS Building Code requirements.

The proposed project will include some tree clearing in the northeast corner and adjacent to Sandford Boulevard. However, the majority of the site was cleared to build the existing stadium and support facilities. An appropriate amount of new landscaping will be planted to replace any clearing (as required), stabilize the site, and create the required buffers and screening from surrounding properties.

The project will provide significant stormwater quality improvements consistent with the NYSDEC's redevelopment guidelines as the current facility does not meet current standards. The stormwater improvements will come from the collection, treatment, and discharge of stormwater runoff in an appropriate manner.

Significant health and environmental benefits will also result from the controlled demolition and subsequent removal of potentially hazardous building materials that are likely present within the existing grandstand structure. The list of potentially hazardous constituents may include but is not limited to lead, PCB's, and asbestos. The existing grandstand structure will be evaluated, demolished, and disposed of in accordance with local, State, and Federal regulations resulting in much less of a chance for exposure to the public from contact with this existing structure.

SEQR DETERMINATION: Negative Declaration

BACKGROUND:

SEQR Classification - The proposed action is classified as Type I, pursuant to Section 617.4(b) pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.

Lead Agency - The Mount Vernon Department of Recreation is serving as the lead agency pursuant to Section 617.6.

In accordance with Section 617.6(b)(3), the City sent a lead agency notice on December 18, 2009 to all other involved and interested agencies indicating that the Mount Vernon Department of Recreation intended to serve as lead agency for the environmental review of the project pursuant to SEQRA. No objections were received.

Project Purpose/Need - The project is to provide active and passive recreation opportunities for the residents of Mount Vernon and Westchester County. The project site is in poor condition and underutilized in its current state. The intended use of the park will remain the same and it is anticipated that the new facility will provide cleaner and safer grounds for community recreation as well as restore the site's regional cultural presence and significance.

REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:

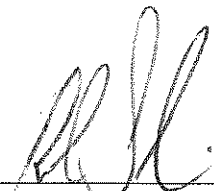
The project involves the redevelopment of the site to restore historical levels of use, function, and attendance. The proposed project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. As described in Part 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form, the added improvements will have small to moderate impact while enhancing/restoring the recreational and cultural resources of the project site and surrounding community.

DETERMINATION: Based on the information in the attached Environmental Assessment Form and the criteria contained in Section 617.7 of 6NYCRR Part 617, the Mount Vernon Department of Recreation has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

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Rasul Salahuddin, Deputy Commissioner  
Mount Vernon Department of Recreation

4/27/10  
Date

Enclosures:

Site Location Map  
Full Environmental Assessment Form

cc:

State:

Environmental Notice Bulletin  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750

New York State Department of Transportation  
SEQR Unit  
Traffic Engineering & Safety Division  
4 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Pete Grannis, Commissioner  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12233

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region # 3  
21 South Putt Corners Road  
New Paltz, NY 12561

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation  
Attn: Ken Markunas, Historic Sites Restoration Coordinator  
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau  
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P.O. Box 189  
Waterford, NY 12188

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148 Martine Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Michaelian Office Building  
White plains, NY, 10601  
Attn: Pat Natarelli, Chief Planner

Westchester County Board of Legislators  
148 Martine Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Michaelian Office Building  
White Plains, NY 10601  
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Westchester County Department of Health  
145 Huguenot Street  
New Rochelle, New York 10801

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195 Sparks Avenue  
Pelham, NY 10803  
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