

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

Impact on Land - Construction of the wireless tower will involve minor impact to the land where water table is indicated as 0.67 feet. Tower foundations will be designed by licensed structural engineer.

Impact on Flooding - The entire parcel on which the project is located is within the 100-year floodplain, but outside of 500-year and floodway. The project will not impede, redirect or impact flood waters in any way.

Impact on Agricultural Resources - Web Soil Survey indicates that soils at the site are productive. However, the site is not part of an agricultural district, the site is owned by fire company with no intention to use for agricultural, and the construction of a wireless tower does not eliminate the ability to use remaining property for such use in the future.

Impact on Aesthetic Resources - The wireless tower will be visible to the surrounding area. The Planning Board has requested visual simulations from the applicant and will review the impact.

Impact on Historic and Archaeological Resources - Project is located near the Balgemann House (an eligible historic building), but no exact distance from the project was provided. In addition, the applicant did not provide any correspondence from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO) with their determination. The Town may choose to request this concurrence. However, the project will not impact or change the structure or its eligibility in any way.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: Type 1 Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
Town of Pendleton Planning Board _____ as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: 7340 Campbell Wireless Tower (HV1173 Tonawanda Creek Rd)

Name of Lead Agency: Town of Pendleton Planning Board

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Joseph McCaffrey

Title of Responsible Officer: Chairman

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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Date: 3/13/2020

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

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