

State Environmental Quality Review
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
 Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

Project Number

Date:

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 Town of West Seneca Planning Board as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and a Draft Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action:

Quasar - West Seneca Site

SEQR Status: Type 1
 Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: Yes
 No

Description of Action:

Design, construction and operation of a biomass based energy facility that will utilize a turn-key ecoCITY system 980 (ADS) that will anaerobically digest a mixture of pumpable organics and site macerated solid organics to produce electricity and stabilized digestate. The anaerobic digestion process will include the creation of biogas that will be burned in a Combined Heat and Power unit (CHP) to produce electric power for sale. The system is designed to land-apply the stabilized digestate effluent. This action involves land clearing and grading on a 4.8+/- acre parcel, located on North America Drive in the Town of West Seneca, with the construction of utilities and infrastructure, including a stormwater detention pond. The project site is located within an existing Industrial Park, North America Center, within a M-1 Manufacturing District and Industrial Park Overlay Review District.

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

North America Drive, West Seneca,

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

(See 617.7(a)-(c) for requirements of this determination ; see 617.7(d) for Conditioned Negative Declaration)

- 1. **Impact on Land:** The project involves the clearing and grading of land for the development of on-site structures and roadways that will cover approximately 1.2 acres of the 4.8-acre site. The parcel does not contain any steep slope, bedrock outcroppings or unique landforms. Disturbed areas will be landscaped; undisturbed areas will remain natural. Therefore, no significant adverse land use impacts are expected to result from this action.
- 2. **Impact on Water:** There are no surface waters on the project site. The site does not contain any wetland features. Although groundwater is seasonally high on this property, project development involves no basement construction and no excavation, with the exception of the stormwater management detention basin. This project will not adversely impact groundwater quality. Therefore, no significant adverse impacts to water resources are anticipated from this action.
- 3. **Impact on Plants and Animals:** Vegetative cover on the project site is comprised of treed areas, open meadow areas and brush lands. There are no known occurrences of threatened, endangered or protected flora or fauna on the site. It contains no protected habitats or wetlands, and is not of local ecological significance. Therefore, no significant adverse ecological impacts are expected.
- 4. **Impact on Archaeological and Historic Resources:** The site is located within an existing Industrial Park, North America Center, which has been previously approved through the SEQRA process by the Town of West Seneca. Therefore, this action will not adversely impact cultural resources.
- 5. **Impacts on Scenic Resources:** The project site is located within an approved Industrial Park. The site does not contain any scenic resources of significance and offers no views of benefit to the community. The buildings that will be constructed are not out of character for an industrial area. There are no important scenic resources located in close proximity to the site. Therefore, the proposed action is not anticipated to result in adverse visual impacts and will not adversely impact important scenic resources in the general area.
- 6. **Impact on Transportation:** The proposed action will generate very little traffic and will not generate traffic above present levels in the area. No significant adverse traffic impacts are expected to result from this action.
- 7. **Impact on Flooding and Erosion:** The project site is not located within or near any designated 100-year floodplains and will not result in flooding or erosion impacts. A stormwater detention basin will be constructed to manage on-site stormwater runoff. Therefore, no adverse impacts are anticipated from this action.
- 8. **Impact on Energy:** The proposed action involved a biomass process that will generate electrical power. This is a sustainable industry that will utilize power but also generate power. It is an alternative, self-sustaining energy source and will not adversely impact energy use or resources in the area.

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed, and identify comment period (not less than 30 days from date of publication in the ENB)

For Further Information:

Contact Person:

Address:

Telephone Number:

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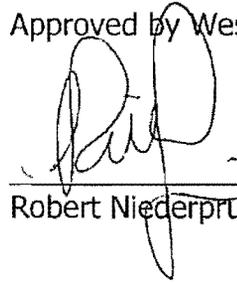
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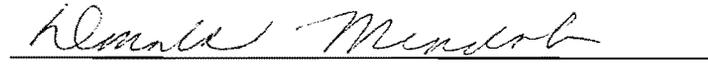
Applicant (If any)

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Approved by West Seneca Planning Board Members:

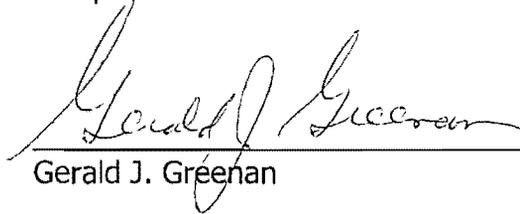


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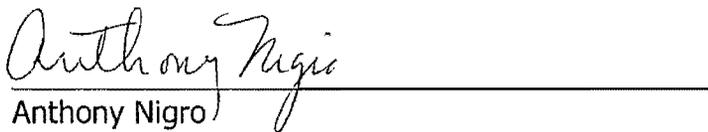


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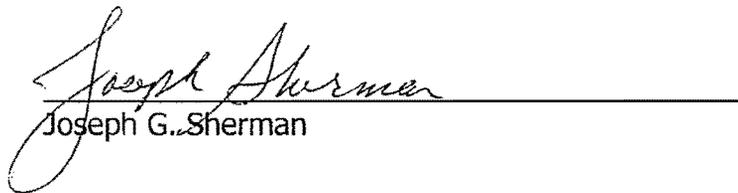


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