

***Short Environmental Assessment Form***  
***Part I - 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.

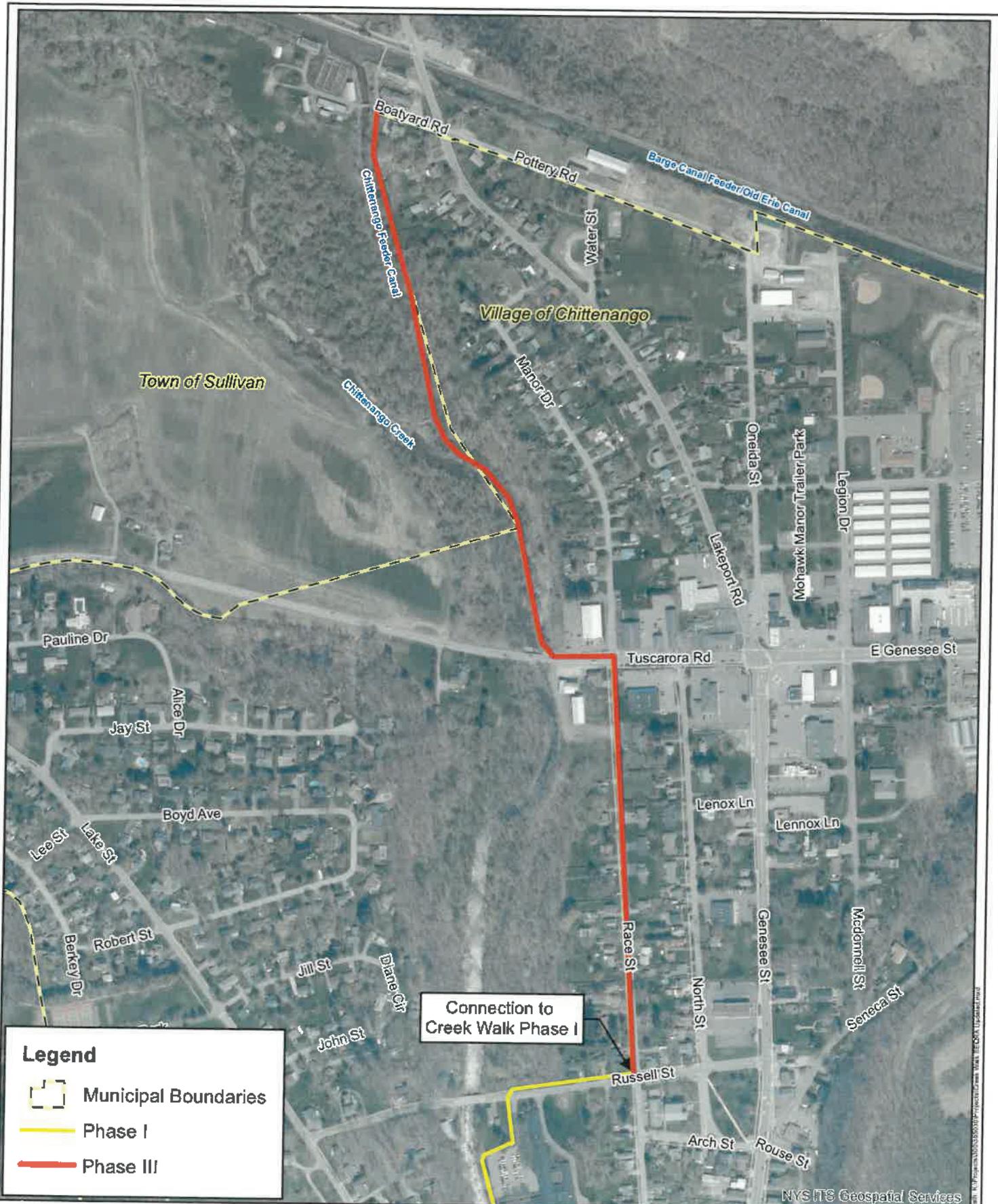
Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

## Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information

Name of Action or Project:				
Chittenango Creek Walk Phase III				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
East bank of Chittenango Feeder Canal in the Village of Chittenango and Town of Sullivan - see Figure 1				
Brief Description of Proposed Action:				
<p>The Village of Chittenango is progressing Phase III of the Creek Walk project. The project location is shown in Figure 1, attached. Phases I and II were previously constructed. Phase I generally extended from Russell Street to W Genesee Street, and Phase II extended south from Phase I along Dyke Road. Phase III extends north from Phase I along Race Street and then from Tuscarora Road to Boatyard Road along the eastern edge of Chittenango Creek and the Chittenango Feeder Canal. The majority of Phase III is located along the existing sidewalk along Race Street and an existing access drive from Tuscarora Road to the Chittenango Creek dam. The remainder of Phase III from the dam north to Boatyard Road will consist of a 12-foot wide stone dust trail. Approximately 550 feet of the Phase III stone dust trail was already constructed; about 650 feet of trail remains to be constructed to complete Phase III. This SEQRA review covers the entire extent of Phase III. The Village previously conducted separate SEQRA reviews for Phases I and II.</p> <p>Portions of the Phase III trail alignment are located on property owned by the NYS Canal Corporation. NYS Canals issued a Use and Occupancy Permit to the Village in June 2024 to access this portion of their property. A Work Permit will be secured from NYS Canals prior to trail construction. The Village also secured easements from adjoining private property owners to facilitate trail construction. The project is fully funded by the Village of Chittenango.</p>				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: (315) 687-3936			
Village of Chittenango - Louis Cianfrocco, Mayor	E-Mail: mayor@chittenango.org			
Address:	222 Genesee Street			
City/PO: Chittenango	State: NY	Zip Code: 13037		
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?			NO	YES
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.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency?			NO	YES
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYS Canals - Work Permit NYSDEC - Freshwater Wetland Parcel Jurisdictional Determination			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?			2.0 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?			0.5 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?			Approx. 6 acres	Includes Village easements along trail and adjacent Village-owned property
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland				

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<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	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ Not applicable. Project involves extension of recreational trail, no new buildings/structures proposed. _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ Not applicable, no water supply required; project involves extension of recreational trail. No new buildings/structures proposed. _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ Not applicable, no wastewater treatment required; project involves extension of recreational trail. No new buildings/structures proposed. _____	NO	YES	
	<input 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? Building Districts eligible for listing: Chittenango Feeder Canal, Old Erie Canal State Historic Park; Chittenango Landing Canal Drydock Complex (listed on National and State Registers) 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?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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? b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ The trail alignment parallels the eastern bank of the Chittenango Feeder Canal and Chittenango Creek. No impacts to the streams will result, all work will occur above the ordinary high water elevation and top of bank. _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input 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?			
<small>No NYSDEC records reported. USFWS records: Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>, endangered), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>, endangered), tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>, proposed endangered), eastern massasauga (<i>Stenocercus catenatus</i>, threatened), green floater (<i>Leptodeira septentrionalis</i>, proposed threatened), monarch butterfly (<i>Danaus plexippus</i>, proposed threatened)</small>			
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?			
<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES			
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?			
<small>If Yes,</small>			
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?			
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?			
<small>If Yes, briefly describe:</small>  <small>A small increase in impervious surface will result from the trail, which would contribute a small amount of sheet flow runoff. Runoff would flow to the Chittenango Feeder Canal or Chittenango Creek, which parallel the trail to the west.</small>			
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)?			
<small>If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:</small>  <hr/>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?			
<small>If Yes, describe:</small>  <hr/>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?			
<small>If Yes, describe:</small>  <hr/>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>			
Applicant/sponsor/name: Louis Cianfrocco		Date:	
Signature: _____		Title: Mayor	



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**Village of Chittenango Creek Walk Phase III**  
**Aerial Project Location Map**  
 Madison County December 2025 New York

**Figure 1**  
 Project No. 385.030

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***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?"

SI = Small Impact

NI = No Impact

	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"/> NI	<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"/> SI	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NI	<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"/> NI	<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"/> SI	<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"/> NI	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>public / private water supplies?</li> <li>public / private wastewater treatment utilities?</li> </ol>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NI	<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"/> SI	<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"/> SI	<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"/> SI	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NI	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### ***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.

No moderate to large impacts were identified. Small impacts identified in the SEAF Part 2 are further discussed below.

**2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?**

The project will involve about 0.5 acres of disturbance related to stone dust trail construction. No disturbance is associated with the portion of Phase III extending along the dam access drive and along the Race Street sidewalk. The stone dust trail segment will be a new permanent feature on the landscape, but it will match the dimensions and material of other sections of the Creek Walk. No structures are proposed that would substantially alter visual conditions on site. Portions of the Phase III trail alignment are located on property owned by the NYS Canal Corporation. NYS Canals issued a Use and Occupancy Permit to the Village in June 2024 to access this portion of their property. A Work Permit will be secured from NYS Canals prior to trail construction. The Village also secured easements from adjoining private property owners to facilitate trail construction.

**5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?**

The project involves an extension of the existing Creek Walk trail, which is a recreational trail used for walking and biking. During construction, access to the northern end of the existing Creek Walk would be temporarily restricted to maintain public safety, but the trail will be fully reopened after the extension is complete. The project will enhance recreational opportunities in the Village. No impacts to public roads or the existing limits of the Creek Walk will result.

**8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?**

The project area is within the Chittenango Feeder Canal Historic District and is adjacent to the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park Building District (which are both eligible for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places). The Chittenango Landing Canal Drydock Complex (which is listed on the State and National Registers) is immediately west of the trail alignment. No adverse impacts to these historic properties will result. SHPO issued a No Adverse Effect finding for the project on May 3, 2022.

**9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna?**

The Chittenango Feeder Canal and Chittenango Creek parallel the Phase III trail alignment to the west. No stream disturbance will result. All work will be completed above the ordinary high water and top of bank elevations of both waterbodies. There are no wetlands within the project area. The proposed stone dust trail partially intersects the 100-foot buffer of a state-regulated wetland; an Article 24 permit will be secured from the NYSDEC prior to construction. The USFWS indicated that the project area is within the range of the Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, tricolored bat, eastern massasauga, green floater, and monarch butterfly. The NYSDEC did not report any protected species records. The project's limits of disturbance consist of existing impervious surfaces and mowed lawn cover with scattered trees (which will need to be removed to facilitate trail construction). Trees within the project area provide suitable roosting habitat for the reported bat species. No records of nearby roosts or hibernacula for the reported bat species were reported by the NYSDEC. Tree removal will be conducted between November 1 and March 31 to avoid the bats' active season. No adverse impacts to the bat species are anticipated. Suitable habitats for the eastern massasauga, green floater, and monarch butterfly are not present in the project area and no impacts to these species are expected to result from the project.

**10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?**

The project area is located within the 100-year floodplain of Chittenango Creek. The Village will review the design plans to ensure they are compliant with their local floodplain regulations. The project area consists of mowed lawn cover and existing impervious surfaces. The stone dust trail will generate a small amount of new impervious cover (about 0.3 acres). Stormwater runoff will continue to flow west toward the Chittenango Feeder Canal and Chittenango Creek. Impacts to nearby residential properties are not anticipated. Erosion and sediment controls will be installed during construction to prevent turbid runoff from reaching the Chittenango Feeder Canal and nearby properties.

- 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.
- 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.

Village of Chittenango Village Board

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Louis Cianfrocco

Mayor

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)