

# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

## **SOLICITATION FOR LEAD AGENCY STATUS**

### UNLISTED ACTION

Pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8, (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law

Date: January 30, 2026

TO: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9 – DIVISION of WATER  
Erie County DEP – Sewerage Management  
Erie County Executive  
Erie County Law Department  
Erie County Legislature  
Erie County DEP – Planning  
Erie County Sewer Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8 Board of Managers  
City of Lackawanna – Mayor’s Office  
Town of Alden – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Amherst – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Aurora – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Boston – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Brant – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Cheektowaga – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Clarence – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Eden – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Elma – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Evans – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Hamburg – Supervisor’s Office

Town of Holland – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Lancaster – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of North Collins – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of Orchard Park – Supervisor’s Office  
Town of West Seneca – Supervisor’s Office  
Village of Angola – Mayor’s Office  
Village of Blasdell – Mayor’s Office  
Village of Depew – Mayor’s Office  
Village of East Aurora – Mayor’s Office  
Village of Farnham – Mayor’s Office  
Village of Hamburg – Mayor’s Office  
Village of Lancaster – Mayor’s Office  
Village of North Collins – Mayor’s Office  
Village of Orchard Park – Mayor’s Office

**NAME OF ACTION:** Updates/Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts.

**LOCATION:** Erie County

**PROJECT NO.:** C617-26-77

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has identified this project as an Unlisted Action for the purpose of SEQR and is not required but has chosen to coordinate the review of involved agencies pursuant to Part 617.6(b)(2).

Any involved or interested agency may submit objections in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification. If no objections are expressed, the Erie County Department of

Environment and Planning will assume lead agency status for this action and will make a determination of its significance.

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has made an initial determination of no significant impact and anticipates issuing a negative declaration if no significant concerns are identified. A copy of the proposed Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts may be found under "latest News" on the web site of the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management ([www.er.e.gov/DSM](http://www.er.e.gov/DSM)).

Written comments may be submitted to:

Email: [DSM@Erie.Gov](mailto:DSM@Erie.Gov) or

Matt Salah, Sr. Coord. Sewer Const. Projects

Department of Environment and Planning

Division of Sewerage Management, Room 1034

95 Franklin Street

Buffalo, NY 14202

Before March 2, 2026.

## ***Short Environmental Assessment Form***

### ***Part 1 - Project Information***

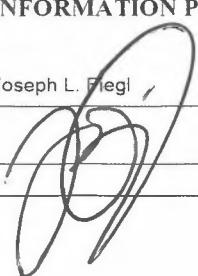
#### **Instructions for Completing**

**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.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts - Erie County Department of Environment and Planning			
Name of Action or Project:			
Updates/Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Erie County Sewer District Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
It is proposed that the Erie County Legislature adopt the Updated/Amended Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone: 716-858-8383	
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning - Division of Sewerage Management		E-Mail: DSM@Erie.Gov	
Address:			
95 Franklin Street, Room 1034			
City/PO: Buffalo		State: NY	Zip Code: 14202
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?			
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.			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency?			
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
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 type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	<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?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input 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?					
<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES					
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?					
<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES					
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?					
If Yes, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?</li> <li>b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?</li> </ul> If Yes, briefly describe: <hr/> <hr/>					
<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES					
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)?					
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: <hr/> <hr/>					
<input 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?					
If Yes, describe: <hr/> <hr/>					
<input 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?					
If Yes, describe: <hr/> <hr/>					
<input 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: <u>Joseph L. Piegls</u> Date: <u>January 30, 2026</u>					
Signature:  Title: <u>Deputy Commissioner</u>					

## **Updates/Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts**

### Narrative description of the intent of the proposed action

Proposed updates/amendments to the “Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts” have been reviewed and recommended by the Erie County Sewer District Boards of Managers. The following is a summary of the proposed changes:

- The introduction was updated
- Certain definitions in Article I were edited for clarity and consistency
- Section 201 was modified to reflect the current process for petitioning the Board of Managers when a public sewer system is accessible and a property does not want to connect within 90-days
- Sections 301, 304, 306, and 307 were clarified regarding when a permit is required, the requirements of permittees, the standards to be applied when reviewing applications or proposed projects, and the considerations related to providing design services and/or sewerage system materials for an extension
- Section 311 was added to codify downstream capacity analysis requirements for certain sewer extensions
- Section 401 was revised with additional details on the developer I/I removal requirement
- Section 501.f was edited to clarify requirements related to garbage grinders
- Section 501.q was incorporated to document the District’s existing practices in response to Erie County Local Law No. 1 (2014)
- Section 504 was amended to reflect the District’s current fats, oils, and grease protocols
- Section 508 was included to codify amalgam separator requirements for dental facilities
- Section 509 was inserted to include the existing procedures for temporary discharges
- Articles VI and XI were updated per comments from the United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Section 1001 was augmented with additional text articulating the limits of the District’s house inspection program
- Minor typographical errors, grammatical errors, clarifications, and/or formatting items were corrected

### Environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality

None as a result of this proposed action.

