

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Planning Board for the City of Utica will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on June 7, 2018 in Conference Rooms A and B at the New York State Office Building, 207 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13501, for the purpose of holding a public scoping hearing pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act with respect to the Integrated Health Campus Project proposed by Mohawk Valley Health System and for the purpose of discussing any other matters properly before the Planning Board. **As per NYS regulation, photo ID is required to enter the building.**

Public scoping is being undertaken because the City of Utica Planning Board, as lead agency, has determined that the Integrated Health Campus Project proposed by Mohawk Valley Health System may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared. The draft scope is available from the City of Utica Planning Board, with offices at the City of Utica Department of Urban & Economic Development, 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica, NY, 13502 and on line at: <http://cityofutica.com/departments/urban-and-economic-development/planning/mvhs-seqra/index> Written comments with respect to the draft scope will be accepted until June 20, 2018 and must be addressed to Brian Thomas, City of Utica, Department of Urban & Economic Development, 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica, NY 13502, Telephone: 315-798-0181, E-mail: bthomas@cityofutica.com.

The action involves construction and operation of an Integrated Health Campus, including a state of the art hospital, parking facilities/lots, utility upgrades and a medical office building on approximately 25 acres of land within the City of Utica bounded by Oriskany Boulevard (NYS Route 69) to the north, Broadway to the east, Columbia Street and NYS Route 8 to the west, and City Hall and Kennedy Apartments to the south. The Integrated Health Campus is proposed to be located in the Central Business Zoning District and requires site plan approval from the City of Utica Planning Board. Site plan approval is a discretionary action by the City of Utica Planning Board.

The proposed Integrated Health Campus will replace two existing hospitals (St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Faxton St. Luke's Hospital) also owned and operated by Mohawk Valley Health System. As part of the action, Mohawk Valley Health System plans to facilitate redevelopment of the existing hospital campuses consistent with the Town of New Hartford's and the City of Utica's long-term development plans.

While it is anticipated that most of the property for the proposed Integrated Health Campus will be acquired through voluntary negotiation, it is likely that some property may need to be acquired via eminent domain. As a result of the action, many of the existing property owners and businesses will be required to relocate to other parts of Utica or Oneida County.

It is expected that the likely effects of the Project could include moderate to large impacts on land; surface water; groundwater; air; historic or archaeological resources; transportation; energy; noise, odor, and light; human health; consistency with community plans; and consistency with community character.

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