

State Environmental Quality Review
**Notice of Completion of Draft
 and
 Notice of SEQR Hearing**

Lead Agency: City of Utica Planning Board

Project Number:

Address: c/o Department of Urban & Economic Development
 1 Kennedy Plaza
 Utica, NY 13502

Date: 11/15/18

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. (and local law # _____ if any)

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Comments are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until 12/27/18. A public hearing on the Draft EIS will be held on 12/6/18; 5 p.m. (date and time) at NYS Office Bldg, 207 Genesee St. Utica, NY* (place).

*Per NYS regulation, photo ID is required to enter the building.

Name of Action:

Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) - Integrated Health Campus (IHC)

Description of Action:

The project consists of the construction and operation of an IHC in downtown Utica. MVHS' mission is to provide excellence in healthcare for its communities. Substantial effort has been focused on consolidating existing resources, eliminating redundancies, expanding the depth and breadth of services, improving access and elevating the quality of healthcare services in the region. MVHS has been successful in its efforts thus far, but has been constrained by age and physical limitations of existing facilities. To support goals to deliver higher quality, more effective care with better community outcomes at a lower cost, the proposed IHC will combine services from both the St. Luke and St. Elizabeth campuses. The new IHC will replace the St. Luke and St. Elizabeth campuses, reduce the number of beds in the community, and consolidate patient services to one campus. Project funding has been provided, in part, by New York State via the Oneida County Health Care Facility Transformation Program, which provided capital funding "in support of projects located in the largest population center in Oneida County that consolidate multiple licensed health care facilities into an integrated system of care." The project includes: 670,000 ± sf hospital, central utility plant, parking facilities (one municipal parking garage and multiple surface lots), medical office building (by private developer), campus grounds, utility/pedestrian bridge (over Columbia Street) and helipad. The project also involves acquisition of properties and modifications to existing public/private utility infrastructure.

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

The MVHS IHC will encompass approximately 25-acres, which will generally be bounded by Oriskany Street (NYS Route 5S) to the north, Broadway to the east, NYS Route 5/8/12 to the west, and Columbia Street, City Hall and Kennedy Apartments to the south.

Potential Environmental Impacts:

The proposed project exceeds thresholds defined for Type I projects in the SEQRA implementing regulations. Type I actions carry a presumption that the project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment. The project could result in 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.

A copy of the Draft / Final EIS may be obtained from:

Contact Person: Brian Thomas, Commissioner, Department of Urban & Economic Development

Address: 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica, NY 13502
<http://www.cityofutica.com/>

Telephone Number: (315) 792-0181

A copy of this notice must be sent to:

Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway Albany, New York 12233-1750

Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of Utica

Any person who has requested a copy of the Draft / Final EIS

Any other involved agencies

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Copies of the Draft EIS must be distributed according to 6NYCRR 617.12(b).

Copies of the DEIS are also available for review at:

Utica City Hall, Department of Urban & Economic Development, 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica, NY 13502

Utica Public Library, 303 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501