

The Town of Torrey Planning Board issued a Conditioned Negative Declaration with respect to the Greenidge Generation Onsite Data Center (the "Project") located at 590 Plant Road in the Town of Torrey. The Project includes installation of a data processing facility together with the associated site improvements (grading and roads). The data processing facility will be made up of 4 structures each built on a concrete slab. Each structure will house computer processing and networking equipment (equipment only) for data processing functions. Electrical equipment will be installed (overhead and underground) including poles, transformers, and other associated equipment, that connects the data processing facility to the Greenidge Generating Facility. The total project area is 1.3 acres including roads. Power for this data processing will be the onsite Greenidge Generating Facility. A stormwater management system will also be installed as part of this project. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2020.

The conditions for the Project were as follows:

1. All power will be generated on site with no impact to the grid.
2. Noise Level testing will verify compliance to the Town of Torrey Zoning Code.
3. Applicant will fulfill all DEC requirements relative to the Greenidge Generation operations.

Notice of the Conditioned Negative Declaration was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on October 7, 2020, and the 30-day public comment period expired on November 7, 2020. The Town Planning Board received 320 comment forms.

The comment forms expressed concerns about impacts to Seneca Lake and impacts with regard to climate change. However, during its analysis of potential impacts on Part 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form, the Planning Board found that there would be no impacts on surface water, including Seneca Lake, and no impacts on climate change. The Applicant holds valid permits from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with respect to air emissions and water discharges, is operating in compliance with those permits, and will continue to operate in compliance with those permits even after completion of the Project.

The comment forms do not raise any issues that identify potentially significant environmental impacts that were not considered by the Planning Board during its SEQRA review or provide substantive information regarding the inadequacy of the proposed mitigation measures. The Town has also received a copy of correspondence from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation noting that there is no basis to reopen any of the Applicant's existing permits.

As such, the Town Planning Board finalizes the Conditioned Negative Declaration.

David Granzi
Planning Board Chairman
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