STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)
State University Construction Fund, SEQRA Lead Agency
Public Hearing
PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

- ETEC to be home of:
  - NYSUNY2020
  - College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity
  - Atmospheric Science Research Center
  - Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Science
  - UAlbany business support and tech transfer
  - Other selected university departments
- Building to be on a 12-acre site on Harriman Campus.
- Additional improvements:
  - pedestrian walkway
  - parking lots
  - roadway improvements
  - utility improvements
- Adjacent to UAlbany Uptown Campus
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

- 4 Story (plus partial basement and mechanical penthouse)
- Proposed approximately 243,000 gross square-foot building
- Strong pedestrian and visual link to UAlbany
- Large number of perimeter offices facing UAlbany Campus
- Parking located in corner of parcel to provide landscaped buffer
Pedestrian path at grade leading from Podium to new ETEC building. Stop lights to be added to Harriman Ring Road.
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SEQRA TIMELINE

SEQRA Review for ETEC (Steps so far…)

- **MARCH 28, 2016**
  - State University Construction Fund (SUCF) circulated a *Notice of Intent* to serve as *Lead Agency* and intent to prepare a *Supplemental EIS (SEIS)* to evaluate the new location of ETEC.

- **MAY 6, 2016**
  - SUCF issued a *Draft Public Scoping Document*

- **MAY 25, 2016**
  - SUCF conducted a *Public Scoping Meeting*

- **JULY 18, 2016**
  - SUCF issued a *Final Scoping Document*

- **NOVEMBER 30, 2016**
  - SUCF published the *SEIS*

www.albany.edu/facilities/dgeis/uptown.html
SEQRA TIMELINE

SEQRA Review for ETEC (Current steps...)

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 30, 2016

- **Public Comment Period** on SEIS
  - SEIS available for review at:
    - UAlbany Uptown Campus - Service Building A
    - UAlbany Downtown Campus – Dewey Library at Hawley Hall
    - Albany Public Library – Pine Hills Branch
    - Guilderland Public Library
    - [http://www.albany.edu/facilities/dgeis/uptown.htm](http://www.albany.edu/facilities/dgeis/uptown.htm)
  - SEIS Public Hearing
    - December 14, 2016, SEFCU Arena Hall of Fame Room
  - Public Comment Period Ends December 30, 2016
SEQRA TIMELINE

Future steps (anticipated timeframes)...

- DEC. 2016
- JAN. 2017
- FEB. 2017
- MAR. 2017

- Conclude SEIS Public Comment Period
- Working Period for Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)
- Issue SEQRA Findings Statement

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Topics Addressed in the SEIS

- Topography, Geology, and Soils
- Water Resources
- Climate and Air Quality
- Biological, Terrestrial, and Aquatic Ecology
- Aesthetic/Visual Resources
- Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources
- Open Space and Recreation
- Traffic and Transportation
- Noise and Odor
- Public Health and Safety
- Land Use and Zoning
- Growth and Character of the Community
- Community Facilities and Services
- Cumulative Impacts

Topics of particular concern identified during Scoping are highlighted.
Water Resources:

Potential Impacts:

• Increase in impervious surfaces.
• Potential increase in erosion and stormwater runoff.
• Potential for increased volume and flow to downstream receiving waters.

Mitigation:

• Completion of a SWPPP and compliance with the NYSDEC SPDES General Permit.
• On-site stormwater management controls designed to avoid an increase in off-site discharge from existing conditions, including:
  ➢ Infiltration basins
  ➢ Underground infiltration chambers
  ➢ Porous pavement
  ➢ Vegetated Swales
  ➢ Tree planting/preservation
# Water Resources:

## Summary of Pre- and Post-Development Peak Discharge Rates

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Source: M.J. Engineering, October 26, 2016

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Infiltration Basins
Example of infiltration basin.

Pretreatment to remove sediment and solids before discharge will be achieved through use of mechanical systems (hydrodynamic separators).
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE SEIS

Stormwater Management Controls (examples)

Underground Infiltration Chambers

Concept diagram of an underground infiltration chamber.
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE SEIS

Stormwater Management Controls (examples)

Porous Pavement

Traditional pavement (left); Porous pavement (right).
Example photograph taken from epa.gov

Concept diagram of porous paving.
Aesthetic/Visual Resources:

Potential Impacts:

• Perceived scale of building relative to adjacent neighborhood.

Mitigation:

• Site location in context with scale of other Harriman Campus large, multi-story buildings.
• Limited evergreen tree plantings along the fence at the northern terminus of selected residential streets south of the Project Site.
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE SEIS

Viewpoints for Visual Assessment (overall study area)
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE SEIS

Viewpoints for Visual Assessment (zoomed in on Project Site)
Aesthetic/Visual Resources: Existing LEAF-OFF view from end of **TUDOR ROAD** toward the ETEC Project.
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Traffic:

Potential Impacts:

- Construction impacts.
- Estimate 805 new vehicle trips per day (average daily traffic is 4,560 vehicles on outer ring road, and 3,020 vehicles on inner ring road).
- Estimate 82 new vehicle trips during peak hours (average daily peak traffic is 410 vehicles on outer ring road, and 272 vehicles on inner ring road).
- More pedestrian traffic between UAlbany and Harriman.

Mitigation:

- Signage during construction.
- Pedestrian traffic signals.
- Potential new bus routes to improve transit.
- University shuttle bus.
- Bike share program.
Noise:
Potential Impacts:
- Construction noise.
- Operation noise.
- Traffic noise.
Mitigation:
- Restricted work hours for major construction activities.
- No blasting or pile driving.
- Existing traffic/road/airport noise will buffer impacts.
- Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will not significantly increase noise over existing levels.
- Geothermal system will reduce sounds related to building ventilation and mechanical systems.
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE SEIS

Cumulative Impacts:

Projects Considered:

- **UAlbany Uptown Campus**: building renovations & Campus Center expansion
- **Harriman Campus**:
  - 27 acres on eastern portion of Campus (RFP phase)
  - Rehab of buildings in central portion of campus (ongoing)
- **CDTA**: new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes
  - In planning phase; will integrate with ETEC.
- **Albany Water Board Sewer Upgrades**
  - In planning phase; will integrate with ETEC.
- **College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering (CNSE)**:
  - Possible student housing development (very early concept phase)
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE SEIS
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- Review all mitigation measures which are analyzed, and suggest additional reasonable measures to reduce adverse environmental impacts, if they can be identified by the commenter.

*(summarized from the SEQRA Handbook: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/55758.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/55758.html)).*
Your input is important to us.

- Please sign up to speak.
- Please clearly state name for record.
- Please respect time limit.
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