

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

**Date:** December 9, 2009  
**Lead Agency:** University at Albany, SUNY  
**Address:** 1400 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12222

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.

A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Comments are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until January 22, 2010. A public hearing on the DGEIS will be held at 7pm, January 14, 2010 in the Hall of Fame Room, SEFCU Arena, University at Albany, SUNY campus. Copies of the DGEIS are available on the University at Albany, SUNY web site at: <http://www.albany.edu/facilities/dgeis/> and at hard copy repositories located at the University at Albany, SUNY Facilities Management Office and the Main Library on the Uptown Campus, the Guilderland Public Library, and the Hawley Library on the Downtown Campus.

**Name of Action:** University at Albany, SUNY Capital Project Plan

**Description of Action:**

As part of the continuing evolution of University at Albany, SUNY Uptown Campus, a Capital Project Plan has been developed that involves a holistic perspective and encompasses the foreseeable capital needs of the Uptown campus over a five year planning horizon. The following list provides a summary of the projects that constitute this Capital Project Plan.

1. Student Housing Project: Construction of new student housing facilities with approximately 500 apartment-style beds
2. Campus Center Master Plan: Construction of student activity and surge space of approximately 50,000 sq ft under roof
3. Construct New Business School Building: Construct new 90,000 sq ft academic facility
4. Relocate Data Center: Relocate campus Data Center to another site on campus
5. Implement Various Athletics Improvements: Phase series of improvements to athletics facilities
6. Purple Path Continuation: Construction of the Purple Path to encircle and incorporate pedestrian and bicycle paths around the perimeter of the Uptown Campus
7. Northern Landscape Improvement Project: Perform activities consistent with Landscape Master Plan
8. State Quad Parking Lot Expansion: Add approximately 250 spaces to west side of State Quad parking Lot
9. Multi-Discipline Science Surge Building: Construction of academic building of approximately 150,000 sq ft to facilitate Podium renovations
10. Service Building Renovation: Add approximately 24,325 sq ft addition for vehicle operations, small engine and metal shops
11. Entry Improvements: Improve entrance aesthetics and safety at Washington and Western Avenues
12. Bus Rapid Transit: Based on recommendations in the Harriman – University at Albany, SUNY Linkage Study, locate Bus Rapid Transit stations on campus
13. Bicycle-Pedestrian Path: Develop a network of paths, improving connections between each quad, the Podium, and the Purple Path

**Location:** University at Albany, SUNY Uptown Campus  
1400 Washington Avenue  
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**Potential Environmental Impacts:**

Potential unavoidable adverse environmental impacts may result as a consequence of the Capital Project Plan.

Construction Phase: Potential unavoidable adverse environmental impacts as a result of construction phase activities associated with the Capital Project Plan include:

- short-term disruption and exposure of soils as a result of excavation, grading, and restoration activities
- increased potential for sedimentation and erosion as a result of disruption and exposure of soils
- consumption of petroleum hydrocarbon fuels during construction phase activities and the subsequent release of air pollutants and GHGs, including carbon monoxide, particulate matter, carbon dioxide, and nitrous oxide
- potential short-term and localized increases in dust and vehicle/equipment emissions due to construction activities
- temporary construction-related noise, truck traffic and other campus disruptions.

The potential unavoidable adverse environmental impacts identified above will be temporary in nature and limited in scope. Following the completion of construction-related activities, restoration and mitigation measures will be implemented.

Operational Phase: Potential unavoidable adverse environmental impacts as a result of operational phase activities associated with the Capital Project Plan include:

- commitment of previously undeveloped land on the University at Albany, SUNY Uptown Campus for implementation of components of the Capital Project Plan
- modification or loss of existing terrestrial and forested habitats, vegetative cover, and landscaped open space as a result of implementation of the Capital Project Plan
- displacement of wildlife associated with existing habitats
- potential for increased surface runoff as a result an increase in impervious surfaces
- consumption of petroleum hydrocarbon fuels and the subsequent release of air pollutants and GHGs, including carbon monoxide, particulate matter, carbon dioxide, and nitrous oxide
- noise and lighting impacts to surrounding residential neighborhoods resulting from the development of one or more of these projects in proximity on the Uptown Campus, such as the Student Housing Project (Project No. 1)
- localized and short-term increase in traffic levels along roadways in the vicinity of the Uptown Campus during normal campus activities and during periodic, recurring events such as sporting events at the multi-use stadium.

The potential unavoidable adverse environmental impacts identified above are not anticipated to be significant. Appropriately designed and implemented mitigation measures will minimize potentially unavoidable adverse environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the Capital Project Plan.

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Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of: Mayor of Albany  
Any person who has requested a copy of the Draft/Final DGEIS  
Any other involved agency  
Environmental Notice Bulletin, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750

**Copies of the DGEIS must be distributed according to 6 NYCRR 617.12(b).**