

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
THE CITY OF ONEONTA COMMON COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**ADOPTION OF A DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF A GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT,  
ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE  
DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT  
AND  
SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING  
FOR THE  
REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ONEONTA RAIL YARDS**

**WHEREAS** the City of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York has received a site plan application and full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for a project identified as the Redevelopment of the Oneonta Rail Yard, such application dated August 11, 2017 prepared by Delaware Engineering, DPC on behalf of the County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (COIDA or “the Applicant”); and,

**WHEREAS** COIDA will prepare a redevelopment master plan and economic development strategy for an area encompassing the Oneonta Rail Yard site, centered on Roundhouse Road and in the vicinity of Chestnut Street in the City of Oneonta, which will plan for the construction of structures, parking, and access to the site as a well as the extension of utility infrastructure and site roadways, for a total potential project area consisting of approximately 17 individual parcels and approximately 200-acres; and,

**WHEREAS** the project will provide an opportunity to create a new industrial/commercial business park that would provide additional markets for Otsego County, create new jobs, and add to the local tax base; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneonta Common Council reviewed the application materials including the Full EAF and classified the project as a Type I Action requiring a coordinated review with other involved agencies per 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(5)(iii); and

**WHEREAS**, the on September 19, 2017, the City of Oneonta Common Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the environmental review required by 6 NYCRR Part 617 and circulated the Resolution of intent together with Part 1 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form and other application materials including a project description and a site location map to the identified involved and interested agencies to solicit agreement with the City’s declaration of intent to act as Lead Agency for the SEQR review; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City caused to be prepared Parts 2 and 3 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form and has reviewed these documents; and,

**WHEREAS**, having received no objections from other involved agencies, on January 16, 2018, the City of Oneonta Common Council adopted a Resolution designating itself as Lead Agency for the environmental review of the proposed Oneonta Rail Yards project; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the potential for at least one significant adverse environmental impact as defined in Part 617.7(c), the Common Council as Lead Agency adopted a Positive Declaration for the Oneonta Rail Yards project on January 16, 2018, and directed the Applicant to prepare a Draft Scoping Document describing the proposed contents of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for submission to the Lead Agency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Committee of the City of Oneonta has received and reviewed the Draft Scoping Document for this Project; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. The City of Oneonta's Common Council accepts the Draft Scoping Document submitted by the Applicant, COIDA.
2. The Draft Scoping Document will be made available on the City of Oneonta's website and paper copies available upon request to the City.
3. The Applicant is directed to make the Draft Scoping Document available on its website.
4. Circulation of the Draft Scoping Document shall be conducted in conformance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.12.
5. A Public Scoping Session regarding the Draft Scoping Document will be conducted on March \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, at \_\_\_\_\_ PM at \_\_\_\_\_ (location).
6. Written public comment regarding the Draft Scoping Document will be accepted by the Lead Agency from February 21, 2018 through March 27, 2018, at City Hall, 258 Main Street, Oneonta, New York, 13820, and via email at \_\_\_\_\_, at which time the public comment period for the Draft Scoping Document will be closed.
7. A DGEIS shall be prepared by the applicant and submitted to the Lead Agency for review based upon the Final Scoping Document is adopted.
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Adopted or Defeated by Voice Vote