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# CITY OF RENSSELAER

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## AGENDA COMMON COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

1. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2021
2. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING SIGNAGE ON A PORTION OF BROADWAY - OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER
3. RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO OVERSEE THE UPDATING OF STREET PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND PLACEMENT OF NON-PARKING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES - CITY ENGINEER
4. A RESOLUTION TASKING THE CITY OF RENSSELAER RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A COMMUNITY DOG PARK IN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER – RECREATION DEPARTMENT
5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$48,715.18 IN FORFEITURE FUNDS AND \$6,076.87 IN INVESTIGATION FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND AMENDING THE 2021-22 ADOPTED RENSSELAER CITY BUDGET – POLICE DEPARTMENT
6. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEQRA DETERMINATION BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER

# 1

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of establishing a Local Law to Amend Section 121-71 of the City Code relative to Emergency Actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 9 of the year 2021, attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and a Public Hearing having been conducted so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED**, that proposed Local Law No. 9 of the year 2021 is hereby approved as to form and effect; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of same with the office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporation Counsel

APPROVED!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leahey	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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John DeFrancesco	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

**CITY OF RENSSELAER**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF THE YEAR 2021.**

**A Local Law to Amend Section 121-71  
of the Code of the City of Rensselaer,  
New York, Relative to Emergency  
Actions**

**Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:**

**ARTICLE I. INTENT**

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 9 of 2021, and shall amend Section 121-71 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relating to Emergency Actions. This Local Law amends and supersedes all previously adopted Local Laws concerning such Section of the Code of the City of Rensselaer. The purpose of this Local Law is to update such Section of the City Code so as to be in conformity with the Laws of the State of New York and specifically detail Emergency Actions and Procedures to be followed in the City of Rensselaer in Emergency Situations.

**ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York, hereby amends Section 121-71 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, New York, so as to read as follows:

**§ 121-71. Emergency actions.**

As delegated pursuant to Title IV, Section 79 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, whenever the chief officer, at any stage of the investigations and inspections authorized under the provisions of this code, in particular, Article VI of this Chapter (Property Maintenance Requirements), or pursuant to New York State Actions and Proceedings Law, Sections 1307, 1308, 1309, or 1392, finds that a violation of this code exists which, in his or her opinion, requires immediate action to abate a direct hazard or immediate danger to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of a building or of the public at large, he or she may, without prior notice or hearing, issue an emergency order citing the violation and directing applicable City Officers and/or Employees to take such action as may be necessary to remove or abate the hazard or danger. A copy of such emergency order shall be provided to the City Mayor before issuance. Such emergency order may include

an order to vacate and to authorize entry upon such property to effectuate the necessary removal or abatement of the imminent hazard or danger. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, such an emergency order shall be effective immediately, and shall be complied with immediately or as otherwise provided by the chief officer. Any cost incurred by the City in effectuating the aforementioned removal or abatement shall be a charge against the appropriate responsible party, and against the real property itself. The chief officer shall file in his or her records an affidavit stating with fairness and accuracy the items of expense and date such expenses were incurred, and provide a copy of same to the City Mayor, City Common Council, City Treasurer, City Assessor and City Clerk.

### ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

**1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 9 of 2021 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by Elective Chief Executive Officer.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 9 of 2021 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*, Mayor Michael Stammel, and was deemed duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**3. (Final adoption by referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 202\_\_ of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*, \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_. Such Local Law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

#2

By Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL AS A WHOLE \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING SIGNAGE ON A PORTION OF BROADWAY - OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer has asked the City Engineer to reevaluate the results and recommendations of traffic and parking signage study, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has provided updated recommendations at the Common Council's request, and has now made recommended changes to the signage and parking patterns on a portion of Broadway so as to better serve the City of Rensselaer residents, and

**WHEREAS**, such signage changes would require on the 800 and 900 Blocks of Broadway that "No Parking" take place from 9:00 am to Noon on the East side of the street on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the same on the West side of the street on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer is further advised that the Mayor, Police Chief and DPW Commissioner all concur in the proposed signage changes, and

**WHEREAS**, such proposed signage changes appear appropriate as to form and effect, and a Public Hearing having been conducted so as to consider public comments on such proposed signage changes,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Rensselaer hereby approves the aforementioned signage changes.

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leahy	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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John DeFrancesco	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporation Counsel

Approved by:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

By Alderperson:

CASEY

Seconded by Alderperson:

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO OVERSEE THE UPDATING OF STREET PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND PLACEMENT OF NON-PARKING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES - CITY ENGINEER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer is mandated to follow the requirements of the National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) and 17 NYCRR Chapter V for street pavement markings and the placement of all non-parking traffic control devices on City Streets in the City of Rensselaer, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 107 of the City Charter the Common Council sits as Highway Commissioners with authority to designate the City Engineer to oversee the updating of street pavement markings and the placement of non-parking traffic control devices on City Streets, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer is the City Official trained for such duties and is fully familiar with MUTCD and 17 NYCRR Chapter V relative to required street pavement markings and the placement of non-parking traffic control devices, and has been designated by the City Council by prior Resolution to oversee such duties, and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has noted concerns relative to the fading of school crosswalk pavement markings, lack of "Slow Down" markings on streets near school crossings, the lack of "Stop for Pedestrians" signs at many crosswalks, and the lack of school crossing signage at many applicable intersections, and

**WHEREAS**, good cause appearing for directing the City Engineer to oversee the correction of the aforementioned issues,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is hereby directed that the City Engineer oversee the updating of street pavement markings and placement of non-parking traffic control devices as noted above.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this     day of             , 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

#4

By Alderperson : JAMES CASEY

Seconded by Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION TASKING THE CITY OF RENSSELAER RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A COMMUNITY DOG PARK IN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER – RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer Common Council believes the residents of the City of Rensselaer would benefit from the creation of a Community Dog Park for our Rensselaer Community, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer Common Council has noted the successful creation and operation of Community Dog Parks in many surrounding municipalities, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer Recreation Department would appear to be the appropriate City Department to oversee such a community activity in the City of Rensselaer.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Rensselaer hereby tasks the City of Rensselaer Recreation Department with coordinating with other City of Rensselaer Departments so as to investigate and report to the Common Council on the feasibility of creating a Community Dog Park for the benefit of our City residents.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

#5

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$48,715.18 IN FORFEITURE FUNDS AND \$6,076.87 IN INVESTIGATION FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND AMENDING THE 2021-22 ADOPTED RENSSELAER CITY BUDGET – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Rensselaer Police Department has received \$41,715.18 in forfeiture funds and \$6,076.87 in investigation funds to be spent on police operations providing much needed services to the residents of the City of Rensselaer by increasing the Police Department contractual lines,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council, on behalf of the City of Rensselaer and the Rensselaer Police Department, is desirous of accepting such funds,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Rensselaer hereby accepts the aforementioned Funds, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2021-22 Rensselaer City Adopted Budget shall be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

**2021-22 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>REVENUE LINE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>REVISED</b>
A.0000.2770 Other Unclassified Revenue	\$60,000.00	\$54,792.05	\$114,792.05
<b>EXPENDITURE LINES</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>REVISED</b>
A.3120.7407 State Seized Funds	\$0	\$6,076.87	\$6,076.87
- Contractual			
A.3120.7408 Federal Seized Funds	\$0	\$48,715.18	\$48,715.18
- Contractual			

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporation Counsel

SO APPROVED!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor



#6

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEQRA DETERMINATION BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer is required to make a SEQRA determination for the project/matter referenced in the attachment hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, a careful and complete review of such project/matter has been made by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached SEQRA Determination is appropriate for approval and adoption;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Rensselaer Common Council has determined that this Project is an unlisted action pursuant to the requirements of the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Common Council is an involved agency pursuant to SEQRA for the review of this unlisted action, and that the Common Council hereby determines that a coordinated review of lead agency status is not required by the SEQRA regulations, and that the Common Council further declares itself to be the lead agency for the review of this unlisted action;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Common Council as lead agency hereby approves the Short Environmental Assessment Forms Parts 1 through 3 and determines that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that no environmental impact statement will be required for this project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the applicable City of Rensselaer staff are directed to file the SEQRA documents and this resolution as required by the SEQRA regulations.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporation Counsel

SO APPROVED!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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John DeFrancesco	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result	4845-5128-6714, v. 1			

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION DECLARING PHASE I: NOMINATION STUDY FOR THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA PROGRAM COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RENSSELAER PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR DESIGNATION AS A NEW YORK STATE BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit a Grant Application for the New York State Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Area Program (BOA), approved and adopted by the City of Rensselaer Common Council on February 15, 2017, a Draft Nomination Plan was prepared (a copy of which is available for review by the Public at the Office of the City Clerk during normal business hours), and same appears appropriate for approval, and a public hearing having been held on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 pm at City Hall, and no credible objections having been made thereat; and

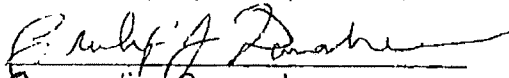
**WHEREAS**, such work for the projects has been completed successfully according to the New York State Department of State Office of Planning, who recommends that the City Common Council accept such work and declare such Projects complete; and

**WHEREAS**, it also appearing appropriate that the City of Rensselaer Planning Department be authorized to submit an application to the New York State Department of State to become a designated Brownfield Opportunity Area in order to become eligible for Phase II and Phase III funding through the BOA program;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That said work detailed above be hereby accepted by the City, and Phase I be declared complete;
2. That the Mayor be authorized and directed to execute a notice of completion as to the subject Project;
3. That the City of Rensselaer Planning Department be authorized to submit an application to the New York State Department of State to become a designated Brownfield Opportunity Area in order to become eligible for Phase II and Phase III funding through the BOA program.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this 9 day of September, 2021

  
Corporation Counsel

SO APPROVED!

  
Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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John DeFrancesco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	7 Aye	0 No	0 Abstain	0 Absent
Result	PASSED			

# Short Environmental Assessment Form

## Part 1 - Project Information

### Instructions for Completing

**Part 1 – Project Information.** The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: Rensselaer Urban Core Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination Plan and Designation			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Rensselaer Urban Core BOA study area within the City of Rensselaer, as shown on the attached Boundary Map.			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The City of Rensselaer in Rensselaer County, New York has received funding through the NYS Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program. This program enables municipalities and community-based organizations to develop a vision for redevelopment in areas with numerous brownfields, vacant, and underutilized sites and to prepare implementation strategies to guide the successful reuse of those properties. This study represents the City's goal to request that the Secretary of State nominate a 192-acre part of Downtown Rensselaer as a BOA, helping encourage new private and public investments and providing the City with future planning and funding tools to promote property cleanup and reuse.  The final Rensselaer Urban Core BOA Nomination Study, which is planning document that forms the basis for the request for designation to the Secretary of State, is available for public review at the Office of City Clerk, City Hall, 62 Washington Street. This BOA Nomination Study does not obligate the City or any other parties to fund, approve, endorse, or implement any specific land use or physical building and site changes discussed in the BOA study.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: City of Rensselaer		Telephone: 518-462-4839 E-Mail: ketura.vics@rensselaerny.gov	
Address: 62 Washington Street			
City/PO: Rensselaer		State: NY	Zip Code: 12144
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

	NO	YES	N/A
5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?  b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?  b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO	YES
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>		
Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Michael Stammel</u> Date: <u>September 13, 2021</u>		
Signature: <u><i>Michael Stammel</i></u> Title: <u>Mayor</u>		

Project:	Rensselaer Urban Core BOA
Date:	September 15, 2021

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept “Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?”

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### *Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance*

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The City of Rensselaer has completed a planning process with the NYS Department of State (DOS) to assess the highest and best uses of vacant, abandoned, and underutilized properties within a 192-acre area identified by the City as a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA). The resulting Nomination Study, as a planning document, represents the City's goal for the DOS to designate the 192-acre part of Downtown Rensselaer as a BOA, helping encourage new private and public investments and providing the City with future planning and funding tools to promote property cleanup and reuse.

The BOA Program will help the City of Rensselaer mitigate the damaging effects of both perceived and real contamination and the discouragement of investment on a variety of brownfield properties. As the process moves forward, the City expects to prepare implementation plans to attain redevelopment funding support so both the private and public sector will hit the ground running as individual properties or clusters of sites are proposed for viable, sustainable new uses.

This Nomination Study is the first of two steps in the BOA Program. For the Urban Core BOA, the Nomination Plan involves a baseline of demographic, land use, ownership, and potential brownfield site data, along with a detailed analysis of up to three Subareas targeted by the City for redevelopment. The Nomination Plan also includes a community-wide visioning process that created redevelopment goals and objectives based on local economic and social conditions. The Plan analyzes the characteristics of the more than 30 brownfield and underutilized sites so the City and stakeholders can prioritize those sites for reuse, in conjunction with the underlying redevelopment vision, goals, and objectives.

The Plan's adoption, and the potential designation of the BOA by the DOS, does not obligate the City or State of New York to any future public funding or other support for any specific land or building use changes or other site-altering projects that would be subject to additional environmental review processes, as applicable.

<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.	
City of Rensselaer <small style="text-align: center;">Name of Lead Agency</small>	September 15, 2021 <small style="text-align: center;">Date</small>
Michael Stammel <small style="text-align: center;">Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency</small>	Mayor <small style="text-align: center;">Title of Responsible Officer</small>
<small style="text-align: center;">Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency</small>	<small style="text-align: center;">Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)</small>