

State Environmental Quality Review  
**POSITIVE DECLARATION**  
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft EIS  
Determination of Significance

**Project Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

The \_\_\_\_\_ as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below may have a significant impact on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared.

**Name of Action:**

**SEQR Status:** Type 1

Unlisted

**Scoping:** No  Yes  If yes, indicate how scoping will be conducted:

**Description of Action:**

**Location:** (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.)

**Description of Action – continued**

As a solution to the inadequacies of the current public safety communication system, an early a report (1998) proposing the use of a digital, trunked 800-megahertz (MHz) microwave system was presented to the County. This proposal included the relocation and/or construction of several new communication towers in the County. The magnitude of this proposal prompted the County Board of Representatives to issue this positive declaration and declare that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be prepared. Though the findings of this initial study served as the basis for the positive declaration, it is not currently considered the proposed action for the Tompkins County Public Safety Communication Project.

The Proposed Project is the construction and operation of a public safety communications system using 800 MHz frequencies and digital, trunked technology. As a part of the Project, opportunities to collaborate with the New York State Office of Technology's Statewide Wireless Network will also be explored. The Proposed Project will result from a system proposed by a wireless vendor in response to a County-issued, performance-based Request for Proposals.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

**For Further Information:**

Contact Person:

Address:

Telephone Number:

**A copy of this notice must be sent to:**

Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-1750

Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_

Any person requesting a copy

All Involved agencies

Applicant (If any)

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