

**RESOLUTION #__ (2022) – Lead Agency Designation and Negative Declaration of
Environmental Significance – Dryden Rail Trail Phase 2 Project -Route 13 Pedestrian
Bridge**

WHEREAS,

- A. The proposed action involves the construction of a pedestrian bridge to carry the Dryden Rail Trail over State Route 13 in the Town of Dryden. This involves a 110 foot steel bridge with ADA-compliant ramps and trail approaches on each side of the highway connecting to Monkey Run Road and Hallwoods Road. The project carries a Federal Project Identification Number 3950.71, and
- B. The proposed project, is an unlisted action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 6 NYCRR Part 617, and
- C. A Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 was submitted, along with a Design Report, and
- D. The Town Board, on January 20, 2022, declared itself lead agency for the project. The Town Planning Department, on behalf of the Town Board, contacted potential involved agencies on January 25, 2022, and they agreed to the Town of Dryden Town Board serving as Lead Agency on this matter, and
- E. The Town Board has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1, revised and dated 2-17-22, and Parts 2 and 3, prepared by town’s Planning staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Town of Dryden Town Board hereby reaffirms itself as lead agency to coordinate the environmental review of the proposed actions, as described above, and
- 2. The Town Board of the Town of Dryden, based upon (i) its thorough review of the EAF, Part 1 and 2, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and future construction activities, and its environmental review, (ii) its thorough review of the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and (iii) its review of the EAF, Part 3, including the reasons noted thereon (which reasons are incorporated herein as if set forth at length), hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQRA for the above referenced proposed action, and determines that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required, and
- 3. The Responsible Officer of the Town Board of the Town of Dryden is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution.