

# W145532-040925 - Freedom of Information Law Request

## Message History (3)

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✉ On 4/28/2025 12:59:14 PM, New York DEC FOIL Center wrote:

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Law Request :: W145532-040925

**Body:**

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of 4/9/2025, Reference # W145532-040925

Date: 04/28/2025

Dear Matthew Austin,  
In response to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request seeking:

*I am writing to request access to all records related to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) determination for the construction of a new police training facility/shooting range at 379 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo, NY.*

*In a bond resolution in Buffalo Common Council Item 25-379, the City of Buffalo Comptroller, stated that "The appropriate environmental review has been undertaken pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and a final determination has been made pursuant to SEQRA with respect to the proposed police training/shooting range facility to be located at 379 Paderewski Drive."*

*I have already submitted a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to the City of Buffalo's Office of Strategic Planning for documents related to the SEQRA determination, but their response indicated, "The Office of Strategic Planning has no records on file pertaining to the requested information."*

*As a result, I am now seeking the following records from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC):*

- 1) Documents detailing the classification of the project under SEQRA.*
- 2) The SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), including Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3, or the Short EAF (SEAF) if the project was classified as an unlisted action.*
- 3) Any Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or related assessments conducted for the project.*
- 4) Documents identifying the project's coordinating agencies.*
- 5) Records showing the project's determination of significance under SEQRA.*
- 6) The final SEQRA determination, along with any supporting documentation.*
- 7) Records of public notices, public comments, and responses related to the SEQRA review.*

*I respectfully request that these records be provided in electronic format.*

*Thank you for your time and attention to this request. Please confirm receipt of this request at your earliest convenience, and if you have any questions or need further clarification, feel free to contact me.*

Please be advised that a diligent search of the files maintained by DEC produced no responsive records.

If you believe you have been unlawfully denied access to responsive records, you have the right to appeal. Any such appeal must be submitted in writing and within thirty (30) days of the date of this email. Appeals must be directed to:

FOIL Appeals Officer  
Office of General Counsel  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway, 14th Floor  
Albany, NY 12233-1500

Your FOIL request is now closed. For further assistance, please call 716 851-7201 and reference FOIL #W145532-040925, or simply

reply to this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Region 9 FOIL Coordinator

✉ On 4/9/2025 9:25:54 AM, New York DEC FOIL Center wrote:

Dear Matthew:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request. Your request has been received and is being processed. Your request was received in this office on 4/9/2025 and given the reference number FOIL #W145532-040925 for tracking purposes. You may expect the Department's response to your request no later than **5/7/2025**.

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You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the FOIL Center.

[Click here to login to the FOIL Center.](#)

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Record Access Office

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Track the issue status and respond at:

[https://newyorkdec.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\\_rs/RequestEdit.aspx?rid=145532](https://newyorkdec.govqa.us/WEBAPP/_rs/RequestEdit.aspx?rid=145532)

 On 4/9/2025 9:25:51 AM, Matthew Austin wrote:

Request Created on Public Portal