

F. Roeliff Jansen Community Library – Green Building Site Preparation (W374)

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- Grantee:** Roeliff Jansen Community Library (the “Library”)
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$93,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of site preparation for a new library.
- Project Location:** 9091 Route 22, Copake, Columbia County
- NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** Capital District Empire Zone
- Project Completion:** June 2009
- Grantee Contact:** Carol Briggs, Library Director
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- Project Team:** Project Management Javier Roman-Morales
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Project Description:

Background

The Roeliff Jansen Community Library was established as the Hillsdale Library in 1913. In 1925, it moved to its present location on Route 23 in downtown Hillsdale. Established as an association library, it was funded by patrons, friends and government contributions. By 1988, the Library’s by-laws were amended to include all persons living within the Taconic Hills School District, also known as the Roe Jan community. In 1991, the Library defined its service area as the Towns of Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, which collectively encompass a population of 7,000 residents and thousands of weekend visitors.

The Project

For many years, the Library has been unable to support community events, literacy programs, trainings sessions, or any of the programs most libraries with space provide. Quiet areas, meeting rooms, climate controls, work areas, and sitting areas are virtually non-existent. In order to cope with the limited space, the board of directors purchased a plot of land in Copake, a mile from the Library, and launched a campaign to fund the construction of a 7,500-square-foot green library and cultural center.

This project consisted of the 2008 phase green building site preparation, which includes excavation and envelope protection; septic system; driveway; backfill; drainage; utility ditches; rough grade; and parking lot. The overall costs of the new library are projected to be approximately \$2.5 million. Construction management is being provided by Lagonia Construction (Philmont, New York). The project will be built in accordance with the plans

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and specifications provided by architect Ken Best of Drummey, Rosane, Anderson, Inc. (Windsor, Connecticut).

Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Site preparation	\$298,000	ESD Grant	\$93,000	31%
		The New York State Library Construction Program	\$110,000	37%
		Donations	\$25,000	8%
		Capital Campaign Fund	\$70,000	24%
Total Project Costs	\$298,000	Total Project Financing	\$298,000	100%

Environmental Review:

The Town of Copake Planning Board, as lead agency, has completed an environmental review of the proposed project, pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This review found the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. ESD staff reviewed the supporting materials and concurs. It is recommended that the Directors make a Determination of No Significant Effect on the Environment.

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2009-2010 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.

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RESOLVED, that based on the material submitted to the Directors with respect to the Roeliff Jansen Community Library - Green Building Site Preparation Project, the Corporation hereby determines that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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