

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 27, 2022

6:00 PM

Held Remotely

Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives **Committee**

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2. ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO ALBANY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NOS. 2 AND 3
3. AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN ALBANY COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

6:00 PM

Held Remotely

Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives
Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: William Reinhardt, Beroro T. Efekoro, Frank J. Commisso, Samuel I. Fein, Patrice Lockart, Matthew J. Miller, Jeff S. Perlee, Victoria Plotsky and Merton D. Simpson

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. LOCAL LAW NO. "M" FOR 2021: A LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE CUTTING, REPLACING AND PRESERVATION OF FOREST LANDS BY COUNTY AUTHORITIES

This Local Law was withdrawn.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. "M" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE CUTTING, REPLACING AND PRESERVATION OF FOREST LANDS BY COUNTY AUTHORITIES

This Resolution was withdrawn.

4. LOCAL LAW NO. "A" FOR 2022: A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT ("STAGE ACT")

A motion was made to move this Local Law forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A LITTLE ART GALLERY ON THE ALBANY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL IN DELMAR

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REGARDING MITIGATION MEASURES AT THE WATERVLIET SHAKER HISTORIC DISTRICT

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. DETERMINATION THAT THE SOLAR INSTALLATION AT 897
WATERVLIET-SHAKER ROAD (THE RADAR TOWER) PROJECT IN
THE TOWN OF COLONIE WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

DANIEL P. MCCOY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



COUNTY OF ALBANY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSERVATION AND PLANNING
112 STATE STREET – ROOM 1310
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207-2021
(518) 447-5670

May 25, 2022

Hon. Andrew Joyce
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Please find enclosed a Request for Legislative Action to be considered at the June Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee meeting.

In accordance with NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, following the public hearing held on May 24, 2022, the proposed additions to Albany County Agricultural Districts must be approved by the County Legislature. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 447-5670.

Sincerely,

Laura DeGaetano
Sr. Natural Resource Planner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-3361, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Approval of modifications to Agricultural Districts - Annual Review

Date: 5/25/2022
 Submitted By: Laura DeGaetano
 Department: Economic Development, Conservation and Planning
 Title: Sr. Natural Resource Planner
 Phone: 518-447-5670
 Department Rep.
 Attending Meeting: Laura DeGaetano

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.
Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets 25AA

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: Click or tap here to enter text.
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.
Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes No
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 206
Date of Adoption: 7/12/21

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

In accordance with Agriculture and Markets Law, following the hearing held May 24, 2022, the proposed additions to Agricultural Districts must be approved by the County Legislature.



Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Recommendations of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Annual Agricultural District Review 2022

Prepared by Laura DeGaetano – Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning March 2022

Pursuant to Article 25-AA section 303-b of NYS Agricultural and Markets Law, the Albany County Legislature established an annual review period beginning on February 1 during which property owners may apply to add land to any of the County's three Agricultural Districts. On behalf of the County Legislature, the County Office of Natural Resource Conservation conducted a review of all landowner applications for inclusion in a District. The findings of this review, which relied on information provided by the landowner, analysis of aerial photos, and in some cases, a field assessment of the subject parcels, have been reviewed by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. Based on this review, the following report and recommendations are submitted for consideration by the County Legislature.

A total of eight (8) parcels were submitted for consideration to be included in Albany County Agricultural Districts during the 30-day annual review period beginning February 1, 2022. Of the parcels submitted, all were found to be consistent with the intent of agricultural districting and are recommended for inclusion in the appropriate Agricultural District.

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New Scotland	61.-3-4.1	63.5	3	ADD	Hay/Veg/Poultry
Guilderland	60.00-2-1.2	20	3	ADD	Equine/Hay
Rensselaerville	124.-1-8 124.-1-7 124.-1-10	13.8 37.90 7.40	2 2 2	ADD ADD ADD	Hay
Total Acres Added		297.7			

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.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Annual review of proposed additions to Albany County Agricultural Districts			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Agricultural Districts #2, #3			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Pursuant to Article 25-AA section 303-b of NYS Agricultural and Markets Law, the Albany County Legislature established an annual review period beginning on February 1 during which property owners may apply to add land to any of the County's three Agricultural Districts. A total of eight parcels totaling 297.7 acres are recommended for inclusion in the Districts. This action would modify the Albany County Agricultural District Boundaries to include the subject parcels (see attached narrative and map).			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Albany County Legislature		Telephone: 518-447-7168 E-Mail: andrewcjoyce@gmail.com	
Address: 112 State St. Room 710			
City/PO: Albany		State: NY	Zip Code: 12207
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			

<p>5. Is the proposed action,</p> <p>a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?</p> <p>b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?</p> <p>If Yes, identify: _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?</p> <p>b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?</p> <p>c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?</p> <p>If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?</p> <p>If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?</p> <p>If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>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?</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>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?</p> <p>b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?</p> <p>If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	

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)? If Yes, briefly describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ _____		
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"/>
<p>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Hon. Andrew C. Joyce</u> Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____ Title: <u>Chairman</u></p>		

Project: _____
 Date: _____

**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"/>

Project: _____
 Date: _____

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

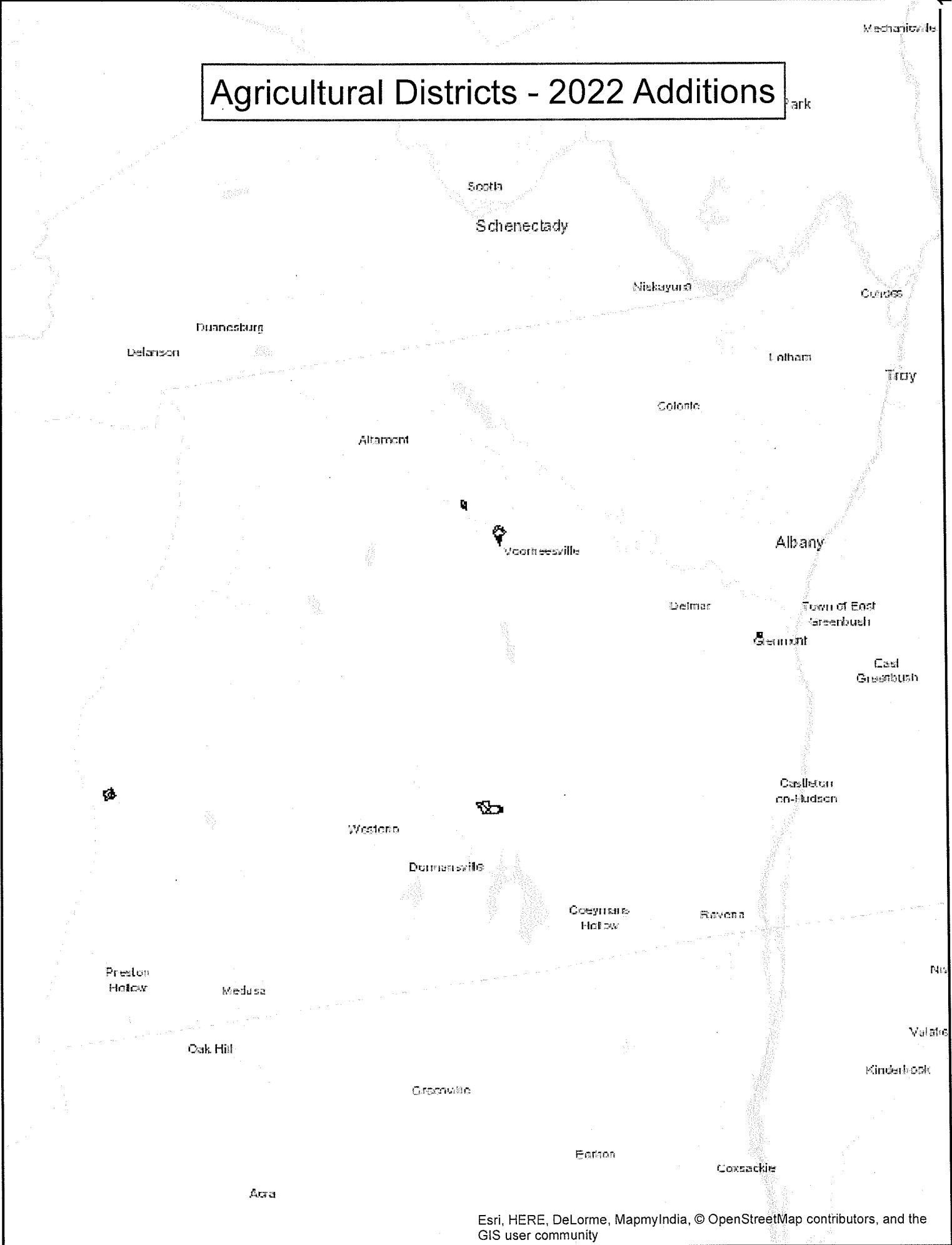
For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify 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 proposed modification of Albany County Agricultural Districts will result in an additional 297.7 acres included within the district boundary. The findings of this review, relied on information provided by the landowner, analysis of aerial photos, and in some cases, a field assessment of the subject parcels, and review by the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. The recommended additions below were found to be consistent with the intent of agricultural districting as described in NYS Agricultural and Markets Law 25AA and compatible with the goals and objectives of the Agricultural Districts Law. Based on the information and analysis conducted, the modification of the agricultural district boundary was found not to have any significant adverse environmental impacts.

<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.
Albany County Legislature	
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Hon. Andrew C. Joyce	Chairman
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

PRINT FORM

Agricultural Districts - 2022 Additions





Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

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Prepared by Laura DeGaetano – Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning March 2022

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	124.-1-7	37.90	2	ADD	
	124.-1-10	7.40	2	ADD	
Total Acres Added		297.7			

RESOLUTION NO. 206

ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO ALBANY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NOS. 1 AND 3

Introduced: 7/12/21

By Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee:

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law mandates the annual review of agricultural districts, and

WHEREAS, In connection with such review, a proposal for the modification of Agricultural District Nos. 1 and 3 has been submitted by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and

WHEREAS, The recommendations include adding 20.8 acres of actively viable farm land in the Towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, and Knox, and

WHEREAS, In conducting such review, Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law requires this Honorable Body to hold a public hearing, which public hearing was held remotely with participation instructions available on the Albany County website at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 for the purpose of receiving the comments of any interested persons regarding the proposed modifications, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the following proposed modifications to the Albany County Agricultural Districts submitted by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and filed with the Albany County Clerk are hereby approved and adopted:

Town	Tax Map No.	Acres	Ag District
Guilderland	62.00-2-65.1	4.10	3
	62.00-2-65.2	7.80	
New Scotland	84.-1-15.2	5	3
Knox	35.-2-7	3.9	1

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of the modifications shall be submitted to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets along with a certified copy of this resolution, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 7/12/21



DANIEL P. MCCOY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COUNTY OF ALBANY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
CONSERVATION AND PLANNING
112 STATE STREET – SUITE 810
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207-2021
(518) 447-5670

June 6, 2022

Honorable Andrew Joyce
Chairman, Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

I am requesting that the County Legislature approve the submittal of a request for funding to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on behalf of the Frontier Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club and Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club of Middleburgh Inc. This funding will be utilized for the purpose of maintaining New York State designated snowmobile trails in Albany County. The state funding will be passed through to the snowmobile clubs to conduct trail maintenance. There is no cost to the County and administrative responsibility is minimal.

Enclosed please find the completed Request for Legislative Action. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 447-5670.

Sincerely,

Laura DeGaetano
Sr. Natural Resource Planner

cc Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-3362, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Authorization to apply for NYS Snowmobile trails Grant-in-Aid Program

Date: 5/25/2022

Submitted By: Laura DeGaetano

Department: Economic Development, Conservation and Planning

Title: Sr. Natural Resource Planner

Phone: 518-447-5670

Department Rep.

Attending Meeting: Laura DeGaetano

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- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline 9/1/2022

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: 100%

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.

Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 249

Date of Adoption: 8/9/21

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

There are over 22 miles of snowmobile trails in Albany County that are maintained by various snowmobile clubs. Existing trails and proposed new trails are eligible for funding from NYS OPRHP. The County sponsors the annual Grant-in-Aid application to allow the clubs to submit one comprehensive application rather than have a duplicate administrative processes. In the 2021-2022 season, the grant program awarded \$12, 756 for trail maintenance in Albany County. We will be notified of the amount of funding available for this year in the fall as the awards are based on a percentage of the revenue the state receives from permits. This is a pass-through grant to the trail maintenance organizations. There is no cost to the county and minimal clerical/administrative responsibility.

RESOLUTION NO. 249

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 8/9/21

By Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee:

WHEREAS, The Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning has requested approval to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on behalf of the Frontier Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club and Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club of Middleburgh, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining designated snowmobile trails in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The Natural Resource Planner has indicated that existing snowmobile trails and proposed new trails in Albany County are eligible for maintenance funding at no cost to the County from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the County will be notified of the amount of funding available later this year, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on behalf of the Frontier Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club and Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club of Middleburgh for the purpose of maintaining designated snowmobile trails in Albany County at no cost to the County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

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.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Snowmobile trail update			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Berne and Knox, Albany County , NY			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Trail rerouting and GPS update of snowmobile trail C7B necessated by a change in landowner permissions.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Albany County		Telephone: 518-447-5670 E-Mail: laura.degaetano@albanycountyny.gov	
Address: 112 State St. ROom 1310			
City/PO: Albany		State: NY	Zip Code: 12207
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"/>
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:			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 12.5 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ >1 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ N/A acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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: _____		<input checked="" 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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input checked="" 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: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____		<input checked="" 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?		<input checked="" 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: _____ _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban </p>		
<p>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?</p>	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?</p>	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?</p> <p>If Yes, briefly describe:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	NO	YES
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p>		
<p>Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Laura DeGaetano</u> Date: <u>May 23, 2022</u></p>		
<p>Signature: <u>Laura DeGaetano</u> Title: <u>Sc. Natural Resource Planner</u></p>		

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project:

Date:

***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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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Project:

Date:

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.

- 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.
- 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.

Albany County Legislature

Name of Lead Agency
Andrew Joyce

Date
Chairman

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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