

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

Notice of Completion of Final Generic EIS

Lead Agency: Town Board of the Town of Red Hook

Address: Town Hall
7340 South Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571

Date: February 23, 2011

SEQR Classification: Type I

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.

A Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below.

Name of Actions: Proposed adoption of amendments to Chapter 143 entitled Zoning and Chapter 120 entitled Subdivision of Land of the Code of the Town of Red Hook and the *Comprehensive Plan*.

Description of Actions: The Town Board has proposed adoption of amendments to the Town of Red Hook Zoning Law, Subdivision Law and Comprehensive Plan to implement the proposed Centers and Greenspaces Plan. The amendments will create two new zoning districts (the Agricultural Business District and the Traditional Neighborhood Development District), will replace the Town's existing cluster regulations with provisions for conservation subdivisions, and will add a new section on open space incentive zoning, in addition to other incidental changes necessitated by these amendments. In order to encourage village-scale density within the Traditional Neighborhood Development District, the law eliminates the density bonus for provision of central water in the R1 and R1.5 Districts. The amendments are designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of Town residents and to bring the Town's Zoning Law and Subdivision Law into conformance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, *Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities* pursuant to Chapter 17-3 of the Town Code, and with recent changes to New York State Town Law.

To prepare the proposed amendments, the Town Board, working with the Villages of Red Hook and Tivoli, appointed an 11-member Intermunicipal Task Force comprised of representatives from each of the three municipalities' Planning Boards and Zoning Boards along with additional appointees from each of the municipalities, including one member from the Town's Conservation Advisory Committee. The Task Force worked for over three years to create the Centers and Greenspaces Plan and the proposed amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Laws. In preparing the proposed amendments, the Task Force sought out the preferences and priorities of townspeople through five community meetings and workshops, two meetings held specifically for landowners in

the proposed Agricultural Business District, numerous meetings with individual stakeholders representing various interests in the community, and more than 200 Task Force meetings, workshops, and forums, including meetings with Town and Village Boards, committees and organizations to solicit their input.

Location: Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, NY

Potential Environmental Impacts:

The proposed action may result in impacts on Land Use, Zoning and Public Policy, Agricultural Resources, Water Resources, Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecology, Transportation, Community Services and Infrastructure, Cultural and Historic Resources, Community Character, and Economic and Fiscal Considerations. The FGEIS evaluates the Proposed Action and nine (9) alternatives at a generic level. The FGEIS indicates that there were no potential significant adverse impacts identified for the Proposed Action. The FGEIS did not, nor could it, evaluate potential site-specific impacts that may result from development of parcels based on the proposed Zoning Law amendments. As such, future site-specific environmental impact assessments of development proposals may be required to identify environmental impacts of the site-specific conditions of the development program.

A Copy of the Final GEIS may be obtained from:

Contact Person: Sue T. Crane, Supervisor
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Red Hook, NY 12571
Telephone: 845.758.4600

Copies of the FGEIS are available from the Town Clerk, and at the Red Hook Public Library and Tivoli Free Library for viewing. The Town of Red Hook Web Site contains downloadable electronic versions of this Notice and the full FGEIS at <http://www.redhook.org>.

A Copy of this Notice and Final GEIS Filed With:

Supervisor Sue T. Crane

Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (Lead Agency)

Town of Red Hook Town Clerk

Town of Red Hook Planning Board

Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development
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Red Hook Public Library
7444 S. Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571

Tivoli Free Library
P.O. Box 400
86 Broadway
Tivoli, NY 12583

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Permits
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

NYS Department of State (Coastal Management and Local Government)
123 William Street
New York, NY 10038-3804

A Copy of this Notice Filed With: (Interested Agencies wishing to obtain paper copies of the FGEIS, please notify the Contact Person above.)

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Town of Red Hook Agriculture and Open Space Advisory Committee

Town of Red Hook Conservation Advisory Council

Town of Red Hook Economic Development Committee

Town of Red Hook Farmland Protection Committee

Town of Red Hook Design Review/Hamlet Committee

Town of Red Hook Greenway and Trails Committee

Town of Red Hook Recreation Commission

Town of Red Hook Water Board

Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee

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