

Project :

Date :

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: ☐ Type 1 ☐ Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: ☐ Part 1 ☐ Part 2 ☐ Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the _____ as lead agency that:

☐ A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

☐ B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

☐ C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action:

Name of Lead Agency:

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Title of Responsible Officer:

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

For Further Information:

Contact Person:

Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

The action involves the reclassification of lands and does not involve any specific development plans, therefore the potential impacts for the maximum development that could be realized on the reclassification areas must be considered.

Impacts on Land

Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of the land surface of the proposed site. The magnitude of the impacts on land will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet, which exists on approximately 12 acres of the area. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater, which is present in the areas. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface, which exist on approximately 16 acres of the area. The proposed action may that would allow a greater intensity of development could result in land uses that involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material, construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).

Impact on Geological Features

The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual landforms on the site. The magnitude of the impacts on geological features will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time.

Areas of rock outcroppings exist in these areas, including some visible from NYS Route 9N. The proposed change would allow a significant increase in potential development intensity and change the regulatory threshold for further Agency review of projects.

Impacts on Surface Water

The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies. The magnitude of the impacts to surface water will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time.

The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body. There are approximately 13 acres of wetlands in the proposed map amendment areas. The proposed action could create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments; cause soil erosion or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies;

may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action. The proposed map amendment area contains a class C(t) stream and is located immediately upstream of Lake Vanare.

Impacts to Ground Water

The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. The magnitude of the impacts on groundwater will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time.

There are no public water or sewer facilities that serve the area. The proposed action may require new water supply wells or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells, and may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater. There is a mapped aquifer immediately adjacent to this area. The aquifers are mapped at 250k scale, so it may extend into the proposed map amendment areas.

Impact on Plants and Animals

The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. The magnitude of the impacts on plants and animals will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time. The proposed action may result in the conversion of undeveloped forest to areas residential and commercial development.

Impact on Agricultural Resources

The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. The magnitude of the impacts on agricultural resources will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time. There are no apparent agricultural uses in the area currently but there is approximately 19.4 acre of prime agricultural soils in the area. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System

Impact on Aesthetic Resources

The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. The magnitude of the impacts on aesthetic resources will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time. The area involves part of NYS Route 9N that is part of the Dude Ranch Trail Scenic Byway. Several undeveloped portions of the proposed map amendment areas are visible from publicly accessible vantage points, including a State highway travel corridors that is a designated State Scenic Byways. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points, both seasonally and year-round; by residents, including travel to and from work, and by visitors engaged in recreational or tourism-based activities. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the Scenic Byway.

Impact on Open Space and Recreation

The proposed action may result in a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. The magnitude of the impacts on open space and recreation will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or “ecosystem services”, provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat. The proposed action may result in open space loss of an area that is not open to public recreational access, but does contribute to the open space character of the Scenic Byway. One objective of the current classification of Rural Use is to prevent strip development along major travel corridors in order to enhance the aesthetic and economic benefit derived from a park atmosphere along these corridors.

Impact on Critical Environmental Areas

The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical area (CEA).

There is a highway CEA in the areas pursuant to § 810 of the APA Act that would be eliminated from highway CEA if land is reclassified as proposed. The wetlands in the area are also CEA's pursuant to § 810 of the APA Act and would remain so is the area were reclassified. However, if the area were developed to its maximum potential, the wetland could be negatively impacts due to an increase in development adjacent to the wetlands and an increase in stormwater runoff. The magnitude of the impacts on will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time.

Impact on Transportation

The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. The magnitude of the impacts on transportation will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time. The area is located approximately 5 miles from the nearest Hamlet area. The proposed action may induce to traffic and extend sprawl development patterns outside the existing hamlet center leading to more vehicle miles traveled.

Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light

The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. The magnitude of the impacts on noise, odors and light will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time.

The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of residences. The noise level could change dramatically if the action leads to an increase commercial or industrial uses in these areas. The action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area , increase light shining onto adjoining properties, and lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.

Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. The magnitude of the impacts on human health will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time.

The proposed action result in an increase in development in the areas and an associated in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.

Consistency with Community Character

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. The magnitude of the impacts on community character will depend on future development that would result from the proposed action, which is unknown at this time.

The proposed action result in an increase in development in the areas, which may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire). The proposed action may result in a change to character of these areas that is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape, which is currently developed to a low level of intensity.