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## Appendix A – Response to the Public Comments

**Prepared by the Department of Environmental Conservation – October 2008**

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### Verbal Comments from the April 30, 2008 Meeting

Several comments were voiced about the Draft Revision of the Catskill Park State Land Master Plan. They haven't been included in the summary below unless they are relevant to the Windham High Peak Wild Forest.

**COMMENT:** Are more trails possible in the future?

**RESPONSE:** New trails are being implemented in this amendment of the Unit Management Plan.

**COMMENT:** Bike specific destination area should have inter-weaving trails with various levels of difficulty, and other routes, rather than a one-way hike up and down a mountain.

**RESPONSE:** The proposed trails in this UMP amendment have been evaluated as multiuse, or shared-use, trails for hiking, mountain bicycling and cross-country skiing, not solely as mountain bicycling trails.

### Written Comments

Written comments were received from eleven correspondents, seven of whom were speaking for organizations or government agencies. Several letters shared similar comments which have been consolidated below. All comment letters are attached to this summary of comments and responses.

**COMMENT:** Oppose the operation of mountain bicycles and snowmobiles in the Windham High Peak Wild Forest.

**RESPONSE:** The policies that guide management and use, on Forest Preserve classified as Wild Forest, recognize the recreational use of snowmobiles and mountain bicycles on trails so designated in the CPSLMP as appropriate or conforming uses. The UMP Amendment doesn't propose to designate snowmobile trails in the Wild Forest. The designation of trails for use by hiking, mountain bicycling and X-C skiing are also considered appropriate recreational uses for areas classified as Wild Forest and will be implemented through this UMP Amendment.

**COMMENT:** Support for the proposals in the Draft UMP Amendment, and support for the proposals in the Draft UMP Amendment, except for shared mountain bicycle and hiking on the Escarpment Trail, from its northern end to the Elm Ridge Trail junction

**RESPONSE:** Broad support for the proposed amendments was voiced at the meeting on April 30 at the Windham Town Hall and in the written comments. Several individuals stated their willingness to volunteer their labor on the new trail construction. The comments

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opposed to mountain bicycle trail designation on the Escarpment Trail, as proposed in the draft amendment, included one with overall support of the draft amendment and one opposed to mountain bike designation on any of the trails. The portion of the Escarpment Trail in question is relatively short and will intersect new trails for hiking, mountain bicycling and cross-country skiing, consistent with Action 6 in “A. Facility Development and /or Removal” of the 1994 Windham High Peak Wild Forest Unit Management Plan.

**COMMENT:** No analysis has been made of the potential impacts of mountain bike use in the Windham High Peak Wild Forest. One of these potential impacts is the greater potential for the introduction of invasive species to the interior portion of the forest. Bicycles are a much greater vector for invasive species transmission than feet.

**RESPONSE:** The trails proposed by the advocates for an expanded multi-use trail system were analyzed for their potential impacts as discussed on page 7 in **A. Facility Development or Removal, Action 7**. The analysis of **Alternative A** identified site conditions that weren't suitable for locating a trail because of potential negative impacts on wildlife habitat, poor soil drainage, and a relatively unique plant community. The potential introduction of undesirable plant species, or invasive exotic plant species, was one of the factors considered to protect the dwarf shrub bog, where no invasive exotic plants were observed.

Mountain bike use has been identified as an appropriate recreational use in Wild Forests in the Catskill Forest Preserve Public Access Plan, the 2008 Catskill Park State Land Master Plan and the Wild Forest Principles. Hiking and mountain bicycling have similar impacts on trails, including soil compaction and damage to vegetation. Regular monitoring of trail conditions and rehabilitation of trail sections needing repair are important maintenance activities. The relative impacts of the two activities have been debated and studied with various conclusions.

During the past seven years no reports of conflicts between hikers and mountain bicyclists were received by the Forest Preserve Managers or passed on to Forest Rangers patrolling the Windham High Peak Wild Forest. It's possible that conflicts may occur but kiosks will advise all trail users of the shared uses of the trails. Mountain bicyclists will be encouraged to adopt the “Rules of the Trail” promoted by the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), and yield right of way to all other trail users. New trail registers will attempt to monitor the number and types of users.

New trails increase the potential transmission of invasive exotic plants into areas of the forest that previously haven't been traversed regularly by foot traffic or mountain bicycles. Several sources offer guidance to prevent the spread of invasive exotic plants and provide the following recommended practices.

- Avoid moving through patches of undesirable vegetation
- Wash boots before going to a new area, clean equipment and clothing
- Wash mud from bicycles
- Maintain trailheads free of undesirable vegetation
- Post information at kiosks about how to prevent the spread of undesirable vegetation

These practices will be adopted to the extent possible. None of the guidelines attribute a greater potential to spread seeds of invasive exotic plants to bicycles.

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**COMMENT:** Illegal ATV access and use may increase through improvements to Trail #4.

**RESPONSE:** Forest Rangers patrol the area and interact with Forest Preserve recreationists and neighboring landowners, and often receive information about illegal ATV use on the area. If a Forest Ranger observes illegal ATV use, the person involved in that activity may receive a ticket and face penalties in a Justice Court. Typically, a neighboring landowner who operates an ATV on Forest Preserve will cease that activity if advised of the rules and regulations concerning its use, and the Forest Ranger promises to enforce them with tickets. Additionally, signs are posted that warn against illegal ATV use where Trail #4 crosses the boundary line between private land and Forest Preserve.

The illegal use on Trail #4 has been observed for several years, and no sign of recent activity is apparent. It's not anticipated that improving the trail for hiking, mountain bicycling or cross-country skiing will increase the use by ATV's, and if it does, there may be more chance of it being observed and reported to the Forest Rangers for enforcement of the regulation against their use.

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to six feet. During trail construction, activities such as excavation will be timed to avoid wet and muddy conditions. When trees or branches are cut for a trail clearing, they will be pulled beyond it and lopped to lie flat on the ground to hasten their decay. Stream crossings will be used that have low, stable banks, firm stream bottom and gentle approach slopes. They will be at right angles to the stream and construction will be during periods of low or normal flow. Stream bank stabilizing structures will be made of natural materials such as rock or wooden timbers and natural materials will be used to blend the structure into the natural surroundings.

The parking area construction and expansion projects will incorporate the use of Best Management Practices. The parking areas are located away from streams and on relatively flat, stable and well drained sites.

There will be some pruning of branches and a limited amount of tree cutting required for clearing of trails and construction of new portions of existing trails and parking areas. All tree cutting activities will be in compliance with Commissioner Policy LF-91-2, on Cutting, Removal or Destruction of Trees and Other Vegetation on Forest Preserve Lands. All construction will take place during periods of low to normal rainfall, avoiding wet, muddy conditions. Trail improvements will involve the use of hand tools. Some gravel may be added to surfaces as needed. Regular monitoring of trail conditions will minimize user impacts such as compaction to soil and damage to vegetation.

**If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed, and identify comment period (not less than 30 days from date of publication in the ENB)**

For Further Information:

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

Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation

Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

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# Appendix C

## State Environmental Quality Review

### FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

**Purpose:** The full EAF is designed to help applicants and agencies determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The question of whether an action may be significant is not always easy to answer. Frequently, there are aspects of a project that are subjective or unmeasurable. It is also understood that those who determine significance may have little or no formal knowledge of the environment or may not be technically expert in environmental analysis. In addition, many who have knowledge in one particular area may not be aware of the broader concerns affecting the question of significance.

The full EAF is intended to provide a method whereby applicants and agencies can be assured that the determination process has been orderly, comprehensive in nature, yet flexible enough to allow introduction of information to fit a project or action.

**Full EAF Components:** The full EAF is comprised of three parts:

- Part 1:** Provides objective data and information about a given project and its site. By identifying basic project data, it assists a reviewer in the analysis that takes place in Parts 2 and 3.
- Part 2:** Focuses on identifying the range of possible impacts that may occur from a project or action. It provides guidance as to whether an impact is likely to be considered small to moderate or whether it is a potentially-large impact. The form also identifies whether an impact can be mitigated or reduced.
- Part 3:** If any impact in Part 2 is identified as potentially-large, then Part 3 is used to evaluate whether or not the impact is actually important.

#### DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE -- Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

Identify the Portions of EAF completed for this project:     Part 1                       Part 2                       Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF (Parts 1 and 2 and 3 if appropriate), and any other supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each impact, it is reasonably determined by the lead agency that:

- A. The project will not result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, is one which **will not** have a significant impact on the environment, therefore **a negative declaration will be prepared.**
- B. Although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect for this Unlisted Action because the mitigation measures described in PART 3 have been required, therefore **a CONDITIONED negative declaration will be prepared.\***
- C. The project may result in one or more large and important impacts that may have a significant impact on the environment, therefore **a positive declaration will be prepared.**

\*A Conditioned Negative Declaration is only valid for Unlisted Actions

#### Windham High Peak Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment

Name of Action

#### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Name of Lead Agency

**Paul Trotta**

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

**Regional Forester**

Title of Responsible Officer

**Paul Trotta**

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

**Frank Parks**

Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)

**February 11, 2008**

Date

**PART 1--PROJECT INFORMATION**  
**Prepared by Project Sponsor**

NOTICE: This document is designed to assist in determining whether the action proposed may have a significant effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form, Parts A through E. Answers to these questions will be considered as part of the application for approval and may be subject to further verification and public review. Provide any additional information you believe will be needed to complete Parts 2 and 3.

It is expected that completion of the full EAF will be dependent on information currently available and will not involve new studies, research or investigation. If information requiring such additional work is unavailable, so indicate and specify each instance.

NAME OF ACTION <b>Windham High Peak Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment</b>		
LOCATION OF ACTION (INCLUDE STREET ADDRESS, MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY) <b>Route 23, Towns of Windham, Cairo, Durham, and Jewett, Greene County</b>		
NAME OF APPLICANT/SPONSOR <b>New York State Department of Environmental Conservation</b>		BUSINESS TELEPHONE <b>(607)652-7365</b>
ADDRESS <b>65561 State Highway 10</b>		
CITY/PO <b>Stamford</b>	STATE <b>NY</b>	ZIP CODE <b>12167-9503</b>
NAME OF OWNER (IF DIFFERENT) <b>N/A</b>		BUSINESS TELEPHONE <b>( )</b>
ADDRESS		
CITY/PO	STATE	ZIP CODE
DESCRIPTION OF ACTION <b>Amend the Windham High Peak Wild Forest Unit Management Plan for designation of multiple use trails for hiking, mountain bicycling, and cross country skiing. This will include layout, design, and construction activities. Expansion of trailhead parking will include design and construction activities.</b>  <b>Both of these actions will require minor tree cutting within the guidelines of LF-91-2, Policy for Cutting and Removal of Trees in the Forest Preserve.</b>		

**Please Complete Each Question--Indicate N.A. if not applicable**

**A. SITE DESCRIPTION**

Physical setting of overall project, both developed and undeveloped areas.

1. Present Land Use:  Urban  Industrial  Commercial  Residential (suburban)  Rural (non-farm)  
 Forest  Agriculture  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Total acreage of project area: <u>4,250</u> acres.	PRESENTLY	AFTER COMPLETION
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	acres	acres
Meadow or Brushland (Non-agricultural)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Forested	<u>4,228</u> acres	<u>4,228</u> acres
Agricultural (Includes orchards, cropland, pasture, etc.)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Wetland(Freshwater or tidal as per Articles 24,25 of ECL)	<u>22</u> acres	<u>22</u> acres
Water Surface Area	_____ acres	_____ acres
Unvegetated (Rock, earth or fill)	_____ acres	_____ acres
Roads, buildings and other paved surfaces	_____ acres	_____ acres
Other (Indicate type) _____	_____ acres	_____ acres

3. What is predominant soil type(s) on project site? Halcott and Willowemoc
- a. Soil drainage:  Well drained 25 % of site  Moderately well drained 60 % of site.  
 Poorly drained 15 % of site

- b. If any agricultural land is involved, how many acres of soil are classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System? N/A Acres (see 1NYCRR 370).
4. Are there bedrock outcroppings on project site?  YES  NO  
 a. What is depth to bedrock? (in feet) 1.5 to 5
5. Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes:  0-10% 10 %  10-15% 15 %  
 15% or greater 75 %
6. Is project substantially contiguous to, or contain a building, site, or district, listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places?  YES  NO
7. Is project substantially contiguous to a site listed on the Register of National Natural Landmarks?  YES  NO
8. What is the depth of the water table? 2.5 -6 (in feet)
9. Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer?  YES  NO
10. Do hunting, fishing or shell fishing opportunities presently exist in the project area?  YES  NO
11. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identified as threatened or endangered?  
 According to: Natural Heritage Database  
 Identify each species: N/A
12. Are there any unique or unusual land forms on the project site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, other geological formations?)  YES  NO  
 Describe: Rock outcrops are fairly common along the Escarpment Trail on Windham High Peak and a Dwarf Shrub Bog is located within the boundary of the Wild Forest.
13. Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?  YES  NO  
 If yes, explain Residents and non-residents use the Wild Forest for outdoor activities that include hiking, hunting, mountain bicycling and other forms of unconfined outdoor activity.
14. Does the present site include scenic views known to be important to the community?  YES  NO
15. Streams within or contiguous to project area: Bowery Creek and Batavia Kill  
 a. Name of Stream and name of River to which it is tributary Bowery Creek (Hudson River) Batavia Kill(Mohawk River)
16. Lakes, ponds, wetland areas within or contiguous to project area:  
 a. Name: H-8 (Type 2 Wetland)  
 b. Size (in acres): 21.6
17. Is the site served by existing public utilities?  YES  NO  
 a. If YES, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection?  YES  NO  
 b. If YES, will improvements be necessary to allow connection?  YES  NO
18. Is the site located in an agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304?  YES  NO
19. Is the site located in or substantially contiguous to a Critical Environmental Area designated pursuant to Article 8 of the ECL, and 6 NYCRR 617?  YES  NO
20. Has the site ever been used for the disposal of solid or hazardous wastes?  YES  NO

## B. Project Description

1. Physical dimensions and scale of project (fill in dimensions as appropriate).
- a. Total contiguous acreage owned or controlled by project sponsor 4,250 acres.
- b. Project acreage to be developed: 0.5 acres initially; 0.5 acres ultimately.
- c. Project acreage to remain undeveloped 4,249.5 acres.
- d. Length of project, in miles: 12 (if appropriate)
- e. If the project is an expansion, indicate percent of expansion proposed N/A %
- f. Number of off-street parking spaces existing 40 ; proposed 70



21. Will project result in an increase in energy use?  YES  NO  
 If yes, indicate type(s) \_\_\_\_\_
22. If water supply is from wells, indicate pumping capacity N/A gallons/minute.
23. Total anticipated water usage per day 0 gallons/day.
24. Does project involve Local, State or Federal funding?  YES  NO  
 If yes, explain: **State funding for salaries, equipment and materials to implement the projects in the Unit Management Plan amendment.**

**25. Approvals Required:**

	YES	NO	TYPE	SUBMITTAL DATE
City, Town, Village Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
City, Town, Village Planning Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
City, Town Zoning Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
City, County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other Local Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other Regional Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
State Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NYS DEC Commissioner</b>	<b>?</b>
Federal Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**C. Zoning and Planning Information**

1. Does proposed action involve a planning or zoning decision?  YES  NO  
 If Yes, indicate decision required:  
 Zoning amendment  Zoning variance  New/revision of master plan  Subdivision  
 Site plan  Special use permit  Resource management plan  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the zoning classification(s) of the site? Forest Preserve - Wild Forest
3. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the present zoning?

**Forest Preserve - Wild Forest**

4. What is the proposed zoning of the site? Forest Preserve - Wild Forest
5. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the proposed zoning?

**Forest Preserve - Wild Forest**

6. Is the proposed action consistent with the recommended uses in adopted local land use plans?  YES  NO
7. What are the predominant land use(s) and zoning classifications within a ¼ mile radius of proposed action?

**Residential and recreation/open space**

8. Is the proposed action compatible with adjoining/surrounding land uses with a ¼ mile?  YES  NO
9. If the proposed action is the subdivision of land, how many lots are proposed? N/A  
 a. What is the minimum lot size proposed? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Will proposed action require any authorization(s) for the formation of sewer or water districts?  YES  NO
11. Will the proposed action create a demand for any community provided services (recreation, education, police, fire protection)?  YES  NO  
 a. If yes, is existing capacity sufficient to handle projected demand?  YES  NO
12. Will the proposed action result in the generation of traffic significantly above present levels?  YES  NO  
 a. If yes, is the existing road network adequate to handle the additional traffic.  YES  NO

**D. Informational Details**

Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify your project. If there are or may be any adverse impacts associated with your proposal, please discuss such impacts and the measures which you propose to mitigate or avoid them.

**E. Verification**

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Paul Trotta Date February 11, 2008

Signature Paul Trotta Title Regional Forester

**If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.**

**PART 2 - PROJECT IMPACTS AND THEIR MAGNITUDE**

**Responsibility of Lead Agency**

**General Information (Read Carefully)**

- In completing the form the reviewer should be guided by the question: Have my responses and determinations been **reasonable**? The reviewer is not expected to be an expert environmental analyst.
- The **Examples** provided are to assist the reviewer by showing types of impacts and wherever possible the threshold of magnitude that would trigger a response in column 2. The examples are generally applicable throughout the State and for most situations. But, for any specific project or site other examples and/or lower thresholds may be appropriate for a Potential Large Impact response, thus requiring evaluation in Part 3.
- The impacts of each project, on each site, in each locality, will vary. Therefore, the examples are illustrative and have been offered as guidance. They do not constitute an exhaustive list of impacts and thresholds to answer each question.
- The number of examples per question does not indicate the importance of each question.
- In identifying impacts, consider long term, short term and cumulative effects.

**Instructions (Read carefully)**

- Answer each of the 20 questions in PART 2. Answer **Yes** if there will be **any** impact.
- Maybe** answers should be considered as **Yes** answers.
- If answering **Yes** to a question then check the appropriate box(column 1 or 2)to indicate the potential size of the impact. If impact threshold equals or exceeds any example provided, check column 2. If impact will occur but threshold is lower than example, check column 1.
- Identifying that an Impact will be potentially large (column 2) does not mean that it is also necessarily **significant**. Any large impact must be evaluated in PART 3 to determine significance. Identifying an impact in column 2 simply asks that it be looked at further.
- If reviewer has doubt about size of the impact then consider the impact as potentially large and proceed to PART 3.
- If a potentially large impact checked in column 2 can be mitigated by change(s) in the project to a small to moderate impact, also check the **Yes** box in column 3. A **No** response indicates that such a reduction is not possible. This must be explained in Part 3.

**IMPACT ON LAND**

1. Will the Proposed Action result in a physical  NO  YES change to the project site?

**Examples** that would apply to column 2

Any construction on slopes of 15% or greater, (15 foot rise per 100 foot of length), or where the general slopes in the project area exceed 10%.  
 Construction on land where the depth to the water table is less than 3 feet.  
 Construction of paved parking area for 1,000 or more vehicles.

Construction on land where bedrock is exposed or generally within 3 feet of existing ground surface.  
 Construction that will continue for more than 1 year or involve more than one phase or stage.

1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact be Mitigated by Project Change
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> es <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Excavation for mining purposes that would remove more than 1,000 tons of natural material (i.e., rock or soil) per year. Construction or expansion of a sanitary landfill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Construction in a designated floodway.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts <b>Trailhead parking expansion, new trail construction</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> es <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Will there be an effect to any unique or unusual land forms found on the site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, geological) Specific land forms: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact be Mitigated by Project Change
<b>IMPACT ON WATER</b>			
3. Will Proposed Action affect any water body designated as protected? (Under Articles 15, 24, 25 of the Environmental Conservation Law, ECL) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2			
Developable area of site contains a protected water body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from channel of a protected stream.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Extension of utility distribution facilities through a protected water body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Construction in a designated freshwater or tidal wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Will Proposed Action affect any non-protected existing or new body of water? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2			
A 10% increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Construction of a body of water that exceeds 10 acres of surface area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Will Proposed Action affect surface or groundwater quality or quantity? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2			
Proposed Action will require a discharge permit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action requires use of a source of water that does not have approval to serve proposed (project) action.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action requires water supply from wells with greater than 45 gallons per minute pumping capacity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Construction or operation causing any contamination of a water supply system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will adversely affect groundwater.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Liquid effluent will be conveyed off the site to facilities which presently do not exist or have inadequate capacity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action would use water in excess of 20,000 gallons per day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact be Mitigated by Project Change	
Proposed Action will likely cause siltation or other discharge into an existing body of water to the extent that there will be an obvious visual contrast to natural conditions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will require the storage of petroleum or chemical products greater than 1,100 gallons.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will allow residential uses in areas without water and/or sewer services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action locates commercial and/or industrial uses which may require new or expansion of existing waste treatment and/or storage facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____				
<b>6. Will Proposed Action alter drainage flow or patterns, or surface water runoff?</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2				
Proposed Action would change flood water flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action may cause substantial erosion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action is incompatible with existing drainage patterns.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will allow development in a designated floodway.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON AIR</b>				
<b>7. Will Proposed Action affect air quality?</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2				
Proposed Action will induce 1,000 or more vehicle trips in any given hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will result in the incineration of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Emission rate of total contaminants will exceed 5 lbs. per hour or a heat source producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will allow an increase in the amount of land committed to industrial use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will allow an increase in the density of industrial development within existing industrial areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS</b>				
<b>8. Will Proposed Action affect any threatened or endangered species?</b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2				
Reduction of one or more species listed on the New York or Federal list, using the site, over or near the site, or found on the site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Removal of any portion of a critical or significant wildlife habitat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Application of pesticide or herbicide more than twice a year, other than for agricultural purposes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____				

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			Yes	No
<p>9. Will Proposed Action substantially affect non-threatened or non-endangered species?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2  Proposed Action would substantially interfere with any resident or migratory fish, shellfish or wildlife species.  Proposed Action requires the removal of more than 10 acres of mature forest (over 100 years of age) or other locally important vegetation.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND RESOURCES</b>				
<p>10. Will Proposed Action affect agricultural land resources?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2  The Proposed Action would sever, cross or limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc.)  Construction activity would excavate or compact the soil profile of agricultural land.  The Proposed Action would irreversibly convert more than 10 acres of agricultural land or, if located in an Agricultural District, more than 2.5 acres of agricultural land.  The Proposed Action would disrupt or prevent installation of agricultural land management systems (e.g., subsurface drain lines, outlet ditches, strip cropping); or create a need for such measures (e.g. cause a farm field to drain poorly due to increased runoff).  Other impacts _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON AESTHETIC RESOURCES</b>				
<p>11. Will Proposed Action affect aesthetic resources? (If necessary, use the Visual EAF Addendum in Section 617.20, Appendix B.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2  Proposed land uses, or project components obviously different from or in sharp contrast to current surrounding land use patterns, whether man-made or natural.  Proposed land uses, or project components visible to users of aesthetic resources which will eliminate or significantly reduce their enjoyment of the aesthetic qualities of that resource.  Project components that will result in the elimination or significant screening of scenic views known to be important to the area.  Other impacts _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES</b>				
<p>12. Will Proposed Action impact any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2  Proposed Action occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any facility or site listed on the State or National Register of historic places.  Any impact to an archaeological site or fossil bed located within the project site.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Proposed Action will occur in an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NYS Site Inventory.

Other impacts \_\_\_\_\_

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION</b>				
13. Will Proposed Action affect the quantity or quality of existing or future open spaces or recreational opportunities? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 The permanent foreclosure of a future recreational opportunity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
A major reduction of an open space important to the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts <b>It will increase recreational opportunities</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS</b>				
14. Will Proposed Action impact the exceptional or unique characteristics of a critical environmental area (CEA) established pursuant to subdivision 6NYCRR 617.14(g)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 Proposed Action to locate within the CEA?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quality of the resource?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will impact the use, function or enjoyment of the resource?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION</b>				
15. Will there be an effect to existing transportation systems? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2 Alteration of present patterns of movement of people and/or goods.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will result in major traffic problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IMPACT ON ENERGY</b>				
16. Will Proposed Action affect the community's sources of fuel or energy supply? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				
<b>Examples</b> that would apply to column 2				



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Proposed Action will replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures or areas of historic importance to the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Development will create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will set an important precedent for future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Proposed Action will create or eliminate employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other impacts _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

20. Is there, or is there likely to be, public controversy related to potential adverse environment impacts?

NO  YES

**If Any Action in Part 2 Is Identified as a Potential Large Impact or  
If you Cannot Determine the Magnitude of Impact, Proceed to Part 3**

**Part 3 - EVALUATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPACTS**

Responsibility of Lead Agency

Part 3 must be prepared if one or more impact(s) is considered to be potentially large, even if the impact(s) may be mitigated.

Instructions

Discuss the following for each impact identified in Column 2 of Part 2:

- Briefly describe the impact.
- Describe (if applicable) how the impact could be mitigated or reduced to a small to moderate impact by \_\_\_\_\_ project change(s).
- Based on the information available, decide if it is reasonable to conclude that this impact is **important**.

To answer the question of importance, consider:

- The probability of the impact occurring
- The duration of the impact
- Its irreversibility, including permanently lost resources of value
- Whether the impact can or will be controlled
- The regional consequence of the impact
- Its potential divergence from local needs and goals
- Whether known objections to the project relate to this impact.