

State Environmental Quality Review
**Notice of Completion of Draft
 and
 Notice of SEQR Hearing**

Lead Agency: Town of Fishkill Town Board

Project Number:

Address: Town of Fishkill Town Hall
 870 Route 52
 Fishkill, NY 12524

Date: 2/16/23

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. (and local law # N/A if any)

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Comments are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until Wednesday 3/15/23. A public hearing on the Draft EIS will be held on Weds 3/15/23 at 7 PM (date and time) at Fishkill Town Hall 870 Rt 52 Fishkill, NY 12524 (place).

Name of Action:

Adoption of the Town of Fishkill Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU)

Description of Action:

The CPU Committee is a group of people from the community who created an updated plan for the future of the Town of Fishkill. The concept for the plan was an outline based on the goals, objectives and actions recommended in the Fishkill Comprehensive Plan adopted on September 23, 2009, including updates on accomplishments since the 2009 plan was adopted; and the creation and launch of community survey questionnaire, with an online platform and distributed paper copies, which concluded in spring of 2022. The survey results provided input from the community resulting in the Committee's updated goals, objectives and strategies as expressed in the Draft CPU. The CPU, the updated plan for Fishkill, focuses on community connections, including pedestrian, transit and traffic improvements; better design of the built environment, including a look at what lands may remain for development; infrastructure needs including water supply and wastewater treatment systems; and the need for great places for people to enjoy and live in, with an eye toward ensuring economic and social diversity. The priorities of conserving critical lands, preserving special and significant environmental resources; and the emphasis on the stewardship of historic and scenic resources will continue as important themes in the Town's future. Following SEQRA review, agency referrals and review, and public hearings, the CPU will be revised and adopted.

Location: (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.)

The Town of Fishkill Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) addresses the entirety of the Town of Fishkill, located in southwestern Dutchess County NY. The Town's relationship to adjoining communities and its corresponding school districts is described in the CPU. The CPU, related documents and maps are available at the Town of Fishkill website at <https://www.fishkill-ny.gov/> via the Comprehensive Plan Update page.

Potential Environmental Impacts:

The impacts and mitigation section of the DGEIS reviews each of the broader goals of CPU as stated in each of CPU sections A. through K. The possible effects or impacts of each of the broader goals is discussed by elaborating on one or two key objectives and the more specific strategies in each of CPU sections A. through K. For example, section A's focus on how to CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES is intended to create safer, more convenient and healthier ways for people in the Fishkill community to travel whether on foot or bike, by transit or in a car or other vehicle. It is acknowledged that adoption of the CPU would commit the Town to pursue objectives with specific strategies for remedies to traffic congestion and safety, including a prioritized listing of specific lengths of sidewalks to be planned, designed, approved and ultimately funded and constructed in areas of town with established neighborhoods and business areas. While the impact of adopting these strategies would be beneficial, including health benefits, this section of the DGEIS notes that construction of sidewalks, for example, would also involve land disturbance impacts. Each individual sidewalk project would involve site specific review under the SEQRA. One of potential costs of implementing a sidewalk construction program would be mitigated by the phased approach outlined in the CPU. One of the benefits of an adopted CPU document with a specific list of strategies is that it opens avenues for funding and mitigating the effects of land development by pointing to sections of sidewalks that would be needed in developed areas and areas where construction is proposed.

The implementation of the goals, objectives and strategies in CPU sections A. through K., would have primarily beneficial impacts to the Town. The topics of each sections A. through K. are listed below.
 #A CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES; #B. PROMOTE GOOD DESIGN OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT;
 #C. CREATE GREAT PLACES FOR PEOPLE AND ANIMALS; #D. ENSURE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIVERSITY;
 #E. CONSERVE CRITICAL LANDS; #F. PRESERVE SPECIAL, SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES;
 #G. EMPHASIZE SCENIC AND HISTORIC STEWARDSHIP; #H. RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS;
 #I. CREATE AND ENHANCE GATEWAYS; #J. COORDINATE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
 and #K. WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES. Refer to the impacts and mitigation section of the DGEIS for elaboration on how the adoption of the CPU is likely to have beneficial impacts, no direct impacts, or would lead to projects that would involve subsequent site-specific review under the SEQRA .

A copy of the Draft / Final EIS may be obtained from:

Contact Person: Becki Tompkins, Town Clerk

Address: Fishkill Town Hall, 870 Rt 52,
Fishkill, NY 12524

Telephone Number: (845) 831-7800

A copy of this notice must be sent to:

Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway Albany, New York 12233-1750

Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of Azem Albra, Supervisor, Town of Fishkill

Any person who has requested a copy of the Draft / Final EIS

Any other involved agencies

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Copies of the Draft EIS must be distributed according to 6NYCRR 617.12(b).