

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT
DRAFT SCOPING OUTLINE FOR
Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)
For the Town of Fishkill Comprehensive Plan Update

Name of Action: Town of Fishkill Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU)

SEQR Status: Type 1

Lead Agency: Fishkill Town Board

I. COVER SHEET

- A. Draft GEIS
- B. Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU)
- C. Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York
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- F. Date of Acceptance by Lead Agency
- G. Date of Public Hearing; and Date for Submittal of Public comments

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III. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

IV. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project will involve the evaluation of the impacts of adoption of the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) on land use, infrastructure, and environmental issues. The Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statements (Draft GEIS or DGEIS) will include the following project description elements:

- A. Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update
- B. Purpose, Public Need and Benefits
- C. Social and Economic Considerations

The purpose of the GEIS will be to examine the potential impacts and effects of the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU). The purpose of presenting the proposed action, impacts and mitigation in a Generic EIS is that it allows a broader, more general outlook on proposed action that addresses the entire community and does not involve site specific land development and disturbance.

This Draft Outline is prepared in accordance with 6NYCRR 617.10 regarding Generic Environmental Impact Statements.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

This section will include a brief description of the environmental setting and existing conditions of the Town of Fishkill.

VI. IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

This Draft outline provides the framework of the issues of potential significance for assessment of the project impacts. Each section will describe potential impacts of the proposed action and identification of measures proposed to mitigate impacts.

- A. **GOAL: CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES** (traffic concerns, patterns, assessment and improvement; sidewalks; improvements to encourage safety and convenience for pedestrians, commuters, bicyclists and drivers; more and better transit; connect streets and neighborhoods for circulation and safety)
- B. **GOAL: PROMOTE GOOD DESIGN OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT** (smart growth, better design, and compact, mixed-use development; explore existing capacity and possible connections with the existing sewer/wastewater systems; review current land use, development potential, underutilized lands and reframing future potential use, new use designations, reclamation needs)
- C. **GOAL: CREATE GREAT PLACES FOR PEOPLE AND ANIMALS** (Design/create new recreational facilities and/or revitalize existing parks; prepare a recreation assessment/plan; Prepare/adopt a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) focused on the Hudson River shoreline, and public access)
- D. **GOAL: ENSURE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIVERSITY** (provide a full range of housing types and sizes, accommodate varied needs, focus on seniors, affordability, using energy efficient design and materials)
- E. **GOAL: CONSERVE CRITICAL LANDS** (Protect and preserve large open spaces, use conservation easements and other mechanisms, conservation planning techniques, including Critical Environmental Area (CEA) designations)
- F. **GOAL: PRESERVE SPECIAL, SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES** (adopt and implement the Town of Fishkill proposed New York State Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2), protect groundwater and surface water; and improve stormwater quality)
- G. **GOAL: EMPHASIZE SCENIC AND HISTORIC STEWARDSHIP** (Protect the scenic beauty of ridgelines, aesthetic and cultural quality of scenic roads, historic and archaeological structures and sites,)
- H. **GOAL: RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS** (about natural resource conservation efforts and “smart growth” principles that contribute to quality of life)
- I. **GOAL: CREATE AND ENHANCE GATEWAYS** (Preserve and enhance the rural, community and scenic character of Routes 9D and 9, and the other entrances to the Town)
- J. **GOAL: COORDINATE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
- K. **GOAL: WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES**

III. REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES TO BE CONSIDERED

The following project alternatives will be discussed:

- A. Alternative: Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) with Code Amendments: This alternative would refocus the CPU to include specific recommendations for code amendments, which would be inconsistent with the existing CPU approach and priorities. This would result in a deferred adoption of the CPU, and deferred implementation of the specific goals, objectives and strategies that are spelled out in the CPU, which do not involve identified, specific code amendment proposals.
- B. No-Action Alternative – The No-Action Alternative will address the potential impact of development resulting from future growth under current zoning, current land use patterns, and without the benefit of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) . Planning and development would then be guided by the adopted 2009 Comprehensive Plan and without the more varied, specific and detailed goals, objectives and strategies set forth in the 2022 draft CPU.

IV. OTHER GEIS COMPONENTS

- A. **Unavoidable Adverse Impacts that Cannot be Mitigated** – This section will summarize all the impacts for which mitigation is either not available/feasible or not sufficient to completely mitigate the impact. The potential significance of these impacts will also be discussed.
- B. **Growth-Inducing Impacts** – The entire GEIS will evaluate the potential future cumulative growth impacts of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- C. **Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources** - Future development within the Study Area will consume local, regional, and perhaps national resources that may be permanently committed to the development. Land is an example of a commitment of a resource but is not necessarily irreversible and irretrievable. Energy consumption or the use of construction materials made from natural resources are typically irreversible and irretrievable resources.
- D. **Preliminary List of Appendices**
 - Draft Comprehensive Plan Update, dated November __ 2022*
 - SEQRA documents
 - Correspondence
 - Town of Fishkill Survey Questionnaire launched on Survey Monkey March 23, 2022, results tabulated May 10, 2022
 - CPU Maps:
 - Comprehensive Plan Objectives (CPU), dated 9/12/22, revised 10/19/22
 - Map 2 Proposed Recreation Zoning District, dated March 2009
 - Wetlands Floodplains and Waterbodies Map, dated 10/5/21
 - Aquifer Protection Overlay(AQO) Zone map, dated 9/7/21
 - Community Resources Map, dated 10/13/21
 - Historical and Cultural Resources Map, dated 8/2/21, revised 10/29/21
 - Town of Fishkill Zoning Map Revised 8/22/18 Annotated to Highlight MF (Multifamily Residential Districts) and Development, Markups dated 10/6/21

E. Documents Incorporated by Reference

- Town of Fishkill Comprehensive Plan, Adopted September 23, 2009
- Code of the Town of Fishkill
- Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County (DC) Communities, DC Department of Planning & Development, approved March 2000

*The Draft CPU and ??? Appendices ??? will be available on the Town of Fishkill website