

**NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF RED HOOK**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) for proposed amendments to the Town’s Zoning Law, Subdivision Law and Comprehensive Plan to implement the proposed Centers and Greenspaces Plan, has been continued from June 10th, 2010 to July 7th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. local time, at the Red Hook High School gymnasium, 103 West Market Street, Red Hook, NY 12571. Written comments will be accepted until the close of business on July 19th, or ten days after the close of the public hearing, whichever is later. The Notice of Completion of Draft Generic EIS and Notice of SEQRA Hearing is set forth below.

All reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. In such a case, please notify the Town Clerk in advance at Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571, or by phone 845-758-4606 so that arrangements can be made.

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State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

Notice of Completion of Draft Generic EIS

and

Notice of SEQR Hearing

Lead Agency: Town Board of the Town of Red Hook

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

Date: May 11, 2010

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.

The Planning Board has determined that the proposed action is a Type I action under SEQRA. A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Comments on the Draft GEIS and Comprehensive Plan amendments are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until the close of business on June 21st, or 10 days after the close of the public hearing, whichever is later. A public hearing on the Draft GEIS and Comprehensive Plan amendments will be held on June 10th, 2010 at the Red Hook High School gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Red Hook High School is located at 103 West Market Street, Red Hook, NY 12571.

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 DGEIS evaluates the Proposed Action and nine (9) alternatives at a generic level. The DGEIS indicates that there were no potential significant adverse impacts identified for the Proposed Action. The DGEIS 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 Draft GEIS may be obtained from:

Contact Person: Sue T. Crane, Supervisor
Address: Town Board of the Town of Red Hook
7340 South Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571
Telephone: 845.758.4600

Copies of the DGEIS 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 DGEIS at <http://redhook.org>. Copies of the DGEIS may be purchased for a fee to cover the cost of reproduction.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, dated June 10th, 2010.

Sue McCann
Town Clerk
Town of Red Hook