

State Environmental Quality Review
Notice of Completion of ~~Draft~~ Final EIS

Project Number N/A

Date: July 14, 2011

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.

A Draft or Final (check one) ^{Generic} Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted by the Town Board of the Town of Nassau as lead agency, for the proposed action described below.

If a Draft EIS: Comments on the Draft EIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until N/A

Name of Action:

Adoption of Town of Nassau Comprehensive Plan

Description of Action:

Action is adoption of proposed Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Nassau by the Town Board. The proposed Comprehensive Plan, draft dated February 15, 2011, describes the Town of Nassau including but not limited to the Town's environmental setting, natural and cultural resources, land use, population and governmental services. The proposed Comprehensive Plan also contains policies, goals, and objectives for the protection, growth and enhancement of the Town of Nassau.

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

Action applies to entire Town of Nassau outside of incorporated Villages with respect to land use matters and the entire Town with respect to governmental services. The Town of Nassau is located in Rensselaer County. The business address for the Town government is the same as that for the lead agency contact person below.

Potential Environmental Impacts:

As a result of the analysis conducted as part of the DGEIS, the GEIS concludes that adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. In fact, the Comprehensive Plan by intent and design promotes environmental protection in Nassau. Thus, adoption of the Plan and its subsequent implementation will result in an overall beneficial environmental impact. Implementation of the Plan will afford greater protection to the Town's environment and natural resources than is afforded under existing Town laws and regulations. These beneficial impacts will result from among other things: improving governmental operational efficiency, enhancing protection to the Town's water resources, expanding conservation and open space efforts, and prohibiting specific categories of economic development that can threaten the environment and preservation of the Town's rural residential character. It is important to note that the action of adopting the Comprehensive Plan, by itself, will cause absolutely no change in environmental conditions. However, the GEIS looks to the future, and analyzes the potential impact of what implementation of each policy means in terms of environmental impacts as if each policy will be carried out. Even with this higher level of scrutiny, the GEIS concludes that there are no significant adverse environmental impacts associated even with the full implementation of each and every goal and objective contained in the Plan. Certain minor impacts have been identified with full implementation of certain objectives. These include minor impacts and a few identified moderate impacts associated with open space, water and wetland resources, soils, ecosystem resources, visual character, energy consumption, historic and cultural resources, agriculture, noise, odors, health and transportation. However, the GEIS also concludes that the benefits of the implementation of the objectives stated in the proposed Comprehensive Plan outweigh those minor or moderate impacts that have been identified in the GEIS.

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

Contact Person: David Fleming, Town Supervisor

Address: 29 Church Street, P.O. Box 587, Nassau, NY 12123

Telephone Number: 518-766-3559

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~~ Town of Nassau

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

Any other involved agencies

Environmental Notice Bulletin, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750

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