

# Short Environmental Assessment Form

## Part 1 - Project Information

### Instructions for Completing

**Part 1 - Project Information.** The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

<b>Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: Adoption of the Renewal of Transfer Station Lease with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Clearwater Road, approximately 500 feet east Town Highway Garage Facility and west of the old closed Town Landfill			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The adoption of a renewal of a lease with the UCRRA to provide for continuing the operation of the regional Transfer Station, allowing the collection and transfer of solid waste produced in the County of Ulster, subject to the restrictive conditions of the lease agreement regarding materials to be processed through the facility and in strict compliance with the operation, regulatory compliance with present and future regulations and permitting criteria and authority of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The lease runs for a period of 10 years, terminating on September 30, 2026.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:  Town of New Paltz		Telephone: 845-255-0604 E-Mail: supervisor@townofnewpaltz.org	
Address: P. O. Box 550, 52 Clearwater Road			
City/PO: New Paltz		State: New York	Zip Code: 12561
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Host Community Benefit and Traffic Safety compensation funded by the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		4.5 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		0 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		189.4 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Town Hall, Highway and Recycle Center</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland			



<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?          If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____          _____          _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?          If Yes, describe: _____          The lease site adjoins lands used as the Town Landfill which was permanently closed in 1997          _____          _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?          If Yes, describe: _____          No hazardous waste of record. However groundwater monitoring continues at the site as a requirement of the previous landfill closure.          _____          _____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b></p>		
<p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Town of New Paltz Town Board</u></p>		<p>Date: <u>Spetember 22, 2016</u></p>
<p>Signature: <u><i>Neil Bettez</i></u></p>		<p><u>Neil Bettez, Town Supervisor</u></p>

Project:

Date:

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project:

Date:

### Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The proposed action is the adoption of a lease renewal for an existing operating regional solid waste Transfer Station. No land disturbance is proposed and no moderate or large potential significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified for this proposed action and therefore a Part 3 explanation is required.

<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.	
Town of New Paltz Town board	September 22, 2016
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Neil Bettez	Town Supervisor
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
	David B. clouser, PE / Town Engineer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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