

**TOWN OF NEW PALTZ TOWN BOARD**  
INTERESTED AGENCY REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN FLOODPLAIN LAWS

**TO:** See attached list of Interested Agencies

<b>Name of Action</b>	<b>AMENDMENT TO Chapter 82, “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION”; AMENDMENT TO SECTION 140-19, “FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT” OF Chapter 140 “ZONING CODE”; and AMENDMENT TO SECTION 121-21, “STREETS” OF Chapter 121 “SUBDIVISION OF LAND” of the Code of the Town of New Paltz (“Floodplain Laws of the Town”)</b>
<b>Agency</b>	Town of New Paltz Town Board
<b>Location</b>	Town of New Paltz Floodway Districts
<b>RESPONSE DATE REQUESTED</b>	<u>Comments Requested no later than ten (10) Days from the Date of this Mailing</u>

This notice is issued pursuant to a request from the Town of New Paltz Town Board for any comments from Interested Parties hereafter identified regarding proposed amendments to the Floodplain Laws of the Town.

**REVIEW STATUS:** The Proposed Amendments to the Town Code were determined to be an Unlisted Action in its SEQRA review and the Town Board established itself as Lead Agency on October 5, 2015. Since the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz was the sole Involved Agency for the proposed action, the Town Board therefore proceeded with an uncoordinated SEQRA review which concluded with a determination of a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance of the above referenced Proposed Amendments of the Town Code on October 22, 2015.

The above referenced Proposed Amendments and SEQRA documentation were forwarded to the Ulster County Planning Board as a GML 239-m referral, which the County Planning Board reviewed at their meeting on November 4, 2015.

The Town Board wishes to consider these Proposed Amendments at their regularly scheduled meeting on or before December 17, 2015 and therefore wishes to solicit review and comment from all interested agencies to inform their decision of this matter.

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:** The intent of amending Chapter 82, “Flood Damage Prevention”, Section 140-19, “Floodplain District” of the Town Zoning Code and Chapter 121, “Subdivision of Land” is to remove certain restrictions limiting repairs, reconstruction and new additions to existing structures located within special flood hazard areas (i.e., lands subject to flooding as mapped by FEMA and within the Town’s FW, FF and GF Floodway Zoning Districts). Enforcement of the Code as written regarding cumulative improvements and substantial damage and substantial repairs were not found to be reasonably enforceable by the Town Building Department.

All new construction must continue to comply with the FEMA standards for construction within flood prone areas and fully comply with the standards and requirements of the NYS Uniform fire Prevention and Building Code.

Additionally, the proposed amendment will remove specific requirements for access to properties that are located within and/or adjacent to FEMA regulated floodplain areas within the Town.

Agency responses / comments are requested no later than 10 dates from the date of mailing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:                      Rosanna Mazzaccari, Town Clerk  
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Copies of this Notice were mailed or delivered with the “redline markup” of those pertinent parts of the existing floodplain law sections proposed to be amended on November \_\_\_, 2015 to the following interested agencies:

***Interested Agencies:***

Federal Emergency Management Agency / Region II, Mitigation Division –  
26 Federal Plaza,  
New York, NY 10278-0002

US Fish and Wildlife Service –  
70 East Sunrise Highway  
Valley Stream, NY 11581

US Army Corps of Engineers, New York District –  
26 Federal Plaza, Room 2113  
New York, NY 10278

New York State Department of Transportation, Region 8 –  
6 Burnett Blvd.  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation –  
Floodplain Management Section  
625 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, NY 12233-3504

Ulster County Department of Planning  
Ulster County Department of Health  
Ulster County Department of Public Works

New Paltz Fire Department  
New Paltz Rescue Squad  
New Paltz Police Department