

# 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: Prohibition on Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer System Law			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Applies to the entire Town of New Paltz			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Add a new law as Chapter 136 of the Town Code to regulate discharges to the Town's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) and avoid the introduction of pollutants that can not be introduced into stormwater, to provide the legal authority to carry out monitoring and inspection procedures, and to promote public awareness of the hazards involved in the improper discharge of pollutants into the MS4. The establishment of this Law will comply with the requirements of the NYS DEC Stormwater SPDES General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 regulations).			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Town of New Paltz Town Board		Telephone: 845-255-0604	
		E-Mail: supervisor@townofnewpaltz.org	
Address: P. O. Box 550, 52 Clearwater Drive			
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"/>
			YES <input checked="" 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:			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____ _____	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?  b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?  c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?  If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?  If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?  b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?  b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES  b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES _____ _____	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<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><b>NO</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>YES</b></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: _____          _____          _____</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p><input 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: _____          _____          _____</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>YES</b></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>Neil Bettez, Town Supervisor</u> Date: <u>October 27, 2016</u></p> <p>Signature: _____</p>		

Summary Description of the Intent  
of the  
PROHIBITION ON ILLICIT DISCHARGES, ACTIVITIES AND CONNECTIONS TO  
SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS LAW

The proposed "PROHIBITION ON ILLICIT DISCHARGES, ACTIVITIES AND CONNECTIONS TO SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM", would add a new Chapter 136 to the Town Code for the purpose of regulating connections to, and controlling the introduction of pollutants into, the Separate Storm Sewer System of the Town of New Paltz in order to comply with the requirements of the NYS DEC SPDES General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (GP-0-15-003).

The intent of the local law is regulate discharges to the Town of New Paltz Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) and avoid the discharge of pollutants into the MS4 to the maximum extent practicable, as required by federal and state law, since such systems are not designed to accept, process or discharge non-stormwater waste. The law establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the MS4, prohibits Illicit Connections, Activities and Discharges to the MS4, establishes legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance and monitoring procedures necessary to ensure compliance, and promotes public awareness of the hazards involved in the improper discharge of pollutants into the MS4.

The action is anticipated to have a beneficial impact on surface water and groundwater resources by eliminating or reducing the discharge of pollutants into the MS4. No adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.

- 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.
- 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

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Name of Lead Agency

Neil Bettez

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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Date

Town Supervisor

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Title of Responsible Officer

Engineer for the Town

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

*Kim B. Clowson, PE*

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