

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

Pursuant to subdivision 617.7(a) of the SEQRA regulations, the Commission has determined that the proposed action may include the potential for at least one significant adverse environmental impact potentially occurring due to:

- A potential substantial change in the use or intensity of use of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in the capacity to support existing uses and
- The potential creation of a material conflict with a community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.

Change in Use or Intensity of Use of Land: Land use development in the Central Pine Barrens may be directly and irreversibly impacted by potential additional constraints on locations in which actual construction and disturbance can occur. This may result in more intensive development on portions of project sites than that which previously occurred due to proposed guidance which provides greater specificity than currently in regard to areas which should be protected as open space or avoided during development. The action may alter the pattern and design of future development within the Compatible Growth Area somewhat from what was contemplated under the original 1995-era land use development requirements in the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan. As such, the action may potentially result in changes in the patterns of development use in the future of existing undeveloped land. This may include farm land and future open space configurations. Accordingly, future land use development occurring in the Central Pine Barrens pursuant to the proposed amendments may also result in changes to existing transportation systems from what would have occurred if the proposed amendment action were not undertaken.

Material Conflict with a Community's Current Plans or Goals: The proposed action has the potential to conflict with existing hamlet, neighborhood or similar plans within those portions of the towns and villages which comprise the Compatible Growth Area of the Central Pine Barrens, and which are subject to future development, and may also potentially conflict with plans undertaken at the county level.

Impact on Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs): The Central Pine Barrens is a CEA and contains within it multiple other Suffolk County and Town-designated CEAs. However, although the proposed amendments contemplated under the action would be implemented in regard to developable land within the Compatible Growth Area portions of these CEAs, overall the effects are considered to be minor or beneficial because the proposed action is designed to provide increased environmental protection to the resources for which these CEAs were created.

See Attached Positive Declaration

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: Type 1 Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information
See Attached Positive Declaration

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission _____ as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.d).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: Adoption of Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments

Name of Lead Agency: Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: John W. Pavacic

Title of Responsible Officer: Executive Director

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:  Date: 4/15/15

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer) _____ Date: _____

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

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