

Notice of Public Hearing



Pursuant to New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 57-0121(13), notice is hereby given that the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 on the matter of the Supplemental Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments.

Proposed Action:

Supplemental Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SDGEIS) for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments

SEQRA Classification: Type I Action

A Positive Declaration was adopted on April 15, 2015.

A Final Scope was issued on February 17, 2016.

A Notice of Completion for the SDGEIS was adopted on March 16, 2022.

Lead Agency: Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission

Location: Central Pine Barrens in the Towns of Brookhaven, Riverhead and Southampton and Villages of Quogue and Westhampton Beach

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Project Description:

Pursuant to the regulations of Article 8 of the State Environmental Conservation Law, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as found in 6 NYCRR Part 617, a Supplemental Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SDGEIS) has been prepared for the proposed action. The public may provide comments in person or remotely via Zoom. Please see the Commission website for the meeting agenda and Zoom information.

A SDGEIS has been prepared for the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments. Amendments are proposed in three Plan chapters in Volume 1 of the Plan including Chapter 4: Review Procedures and Jurisdiction, Chapter 5: Standards and Guidelines for Land Use and Chapter 6: Pine Barrens Credit Program. Amendments in Chapter 4 clarify definitions based on past resolutions and policies of the Commission and review as well as add definitions of projects that achieve the threshold for a Development of Regional Significance. Amendments in Chapter 5 reorganize and consolidate similar provisions, refine clearing and open space requirements and a requirement to set aside open space on project sites already cleared of natural vegetation. Chapter 6 amendments codify past practices and clarify application processes. The majority of amendments are ministerial changes.

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A hybrid in person and remote via Zoom public hearing on the SDGEIS is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in person at Riverhead Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, NY, 11901 and remotely via Zoom format, as per NY State Executive Order requirements.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary.

The deadline to submit written comments to the Commission is May 31, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Copies of the SDGEIS are available on the Commission website at <https://pb.state.ny.us/> and for public inspection at the Commission office, 624 Old Riverhead Road, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978; in public libraries of, Hampton Bays, Longwood, Riverhead, Westhampton Beach and Quogue; and in the Town Clerk and Village Clerk offices including Brookhaven Town Hall, Riverhead Town Hall and Southampton Town Hall, and Village of Quogue and Village of Westhampton Beach.

A public hearing will be held in person and remotely via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at Riverhead Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York 11901. Materials and the Zoom meeting link and information are posted on the Commission's website at: <https://pb.state.ny.us/>.