

# 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>							
City of Beacon							
Name of Action or Project: Local Law concerning bulk regulations in the Fishkill Creek Development District							
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Fishkill Creek Development District in the City of Beacon, Dutchess County							
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The proposed local law amends Chapter 223, Section 41.14, Subsection A of the Code of the City of Beacon to reduce the minimum size of a parcel in the Fishkill Creek Development District from four acres to two acres.							
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: City of Beacon		Telephone: 8145-383-5000					
		E-Mail: Beaconcityclerk@cityofbeacon.org					
Address: 1 Municipal Plaza							
City/PO: Beacon		State: NY	Zip Code: 12509				
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.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NO	YES						
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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:			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <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?		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <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: _____		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?		<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: _____		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?  If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?  If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?		<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?		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
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: _____		<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?		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <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		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
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	

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: _____ _____ _____	<b>NO</b>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>  <input type="checkbox"/>
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: _____ _____ _____	<b>NO</b>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>  <input type="checkbox"/>
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: _____ _____ _____	<b>NO</b>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YES</b>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b> Applicant/sponsor name: <u>City of Beacon</u> Date: <u>1/10/18</u> Signature: <u>By its ATorney, Keane &amp; Beane, P.C., Drew Victoria Gamils</u>		

**CITY OF BEACON  
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**Narrative of Purpose for Legislative Enactment of  
“Local Law to amend Chapter 223, Section 41.14, Subsection A of the Code of the  
City of Beacon, concerning Bulk Regulations in the Fishkill Creek Development  
(FCD) District”**

Short Environmental Assessment Form – Question #1

The purpose of this local law is to amend the Zoning Code of the City of Beacon to reduce the minimum size required for a parcel in the Fishkill Creek Development (FCD) District from four acres to two acres. The City Council is currently considering various changes to the City’s Zoning Code to address the City’s needs and concerns in relation to sustainable development. The local law amending Section 223-41.14 to set the minimum size of an FCD site to four acres will help to achieve the purpose of the FCD District to encourage the development and/or redevelopment of undeveloped or underutilized industrial properties along the Fishkill Creek. By reducing the minimum size required, more projects may be approved or constructed as FCD projects. The adoption of this local law will not impact any environmental resources in the City. All Fishkill Creek development proposals will require concept plan approval by the City Council and site plan approval by the Planning Board.

**Agency Use Only [If applicable]**

<b>Project:</b>	FCD- Bulk Regulations
<b>Date:</b>	January 16, 2018

***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?"

	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
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"/>

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#### **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 City Council is currently considering various changes to the City's Zoning Code to address the City's needs and concerns in relation to sustainable development. The local law amending Section 223-41.14 to set the minimum size of a Fishkill Creek Development District site from four acres to two acres will help to achieve the purpose of the FCD District to encourage the development and/or redevelopment of undevelopment or underutilized industrial properties along the Fishkill Creek. By reducing the minimum size required, more projects may be approved or constructed as FCD projects. However, sites will not automatically be included in the FCD District. The City Council will be required to pass a local law amending the City's Zoning Map to rezone parcels to include them in the FCD District. This will require the City Council to hold a public hearing and consider SEQRA. All Fishkill Creek development proposals are still required to obtain concept plan approval by the City Council and site plan approval by the Planning Board. Each individual project will be subject to SEQRA. Therefore, the proposed action will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

<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.	
City of Beacon City Council	Janaury 16, 2018
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Randy Casale	Mayor
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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