

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.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Town of Woodstock			
Name of Action or Project:			
A Local Law Creating Art III of Chap 14 of the Town of Woodstock Code to Minimize and Prevent Dangerous Interactions Between Humans and Bears			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Town of Woodstock, entirety			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
The Town Board finds that conflicts between people and bears are a danger to the people of Woodstock and the Town, and that such conflicts are primarily caused by the outdoor storage of food and food waste, whether intentional or unintentional. This proposed Local Law seeks to refine the Town's Animals regulations (Chapter 14) to reduce those conflicts, keeping both residents and wildlife safe, pursuant to the recommendations of the Bear Task Force throughout 2024 and 2025. The proposed Local Law prohibits the intentional feeding of black bears and requires incidental feeding to be remedied. The proposed Local Law involves no physical disturbance of land, no construction or site alteration, and no adverse impact on any environmental resource; it is a purely regulatory measure governing human behavior. The proposed Local Law is consistent with the Town of Woodstock Comprehensive Plan (adopted November 20, 2018), which identifies preservation of natural resources and protection of wildlife habitat as overriding community priorities, and which calls for effective enforcement of local laws as one of its two most critical recommendations.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone: 845.679.2113	
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Address:			
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City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:
Woodstock		NY	12498
1. <u>Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?</u>		NO	YES
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.		☐	☒
2. <u>Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency?</u>		NO	YES
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		☒	☐
3. a. <u>Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?</u>		_____ N/A acres	
b. <u>Total acreage to be physically disturbed?</u>		_____ acres	
c. <u>Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?</u>		_____ acres	
4. <u>Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:</u>			
☒ Urban ☒ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☒ Commercial ☒ Residential (suburban)			
☒ Forest ☒ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify):			
☒ Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. <u>A permitted use under the zoning regulations?</u>	☐	☐	☒
b. <u>Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?</u>	☐	☒	☐
6. <u>Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?</u>	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
7. <u>Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?</u>	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	☒	☐	
8. a. <u>Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?</u>	NO	YES	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☒	☐	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	☒	☐	
9. <u>Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?</u>	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	☒	☐	
10. <u>Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?</u>	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	☒	☐	
11. <u>Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?</u>	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	☒	☐	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	☒	☐	
13. a. <u>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?</u>	NO	YES	
	☒	☐	
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: _____ _____ _____			

14. <u>Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site</u> Check all that apply: ☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional ☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban		
15. <u>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?</u>	NO	YES
	☒	☐
16. <u>Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?</u>	NO	YES
	☒	☐
17. <u>Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?</u> If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	NO	YES
	☒	☐
	☐	☐
	☐	☐
18. <u>Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?</u> If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO	YES
	☒	☐
19. <u>Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</u> If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
	☒	☐
20. <u>Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</u> If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
	☒	☐
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Anula Courtis, Town Supervisor, Town of Woodstock</u> Date: <u>July 6, 2026</u> <u>Signature</u> _____ Title: <u>Town Supervisor</u>		