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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION: PURPOSE, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF ACTION**

### **1.1 Introduction**

Pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the proposed action discussed in this Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) is the adoption of the 2010 Rockland County Comprehensive Plan. The Rockland County Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint for the County’s future that will provide guidance for future planning and zoning municipal actions and serve as the basis for all County government planning and development issues for the next 30 years. The plan will create a framework for future capital expenditure decisions by County government. It will also provide general recommendations on future County land use issues and policies to implement these strategies, address key matters under direct County jurisdiction, and identify specific land use and zoning conflicts among municipalities that should be resolved to allow for better functioning of zoning regulations.

### **1.2 Location of Project**

The 2010 Rockland County Comprehensive Plan (the “proposed action” and/or “project”) is a comprehensive plan for the the entire County of Rockland, located in southern New York State (see *Figure 1: Regional Location Map*). The county has a total land area of 176 square miles and about 298,545 inhabitants. It is bordered to the northwest and west by Orange County, to the south by Bergen County, New Jersey, and to the east by the Hudson River. Westchester and Putnam Counties are located across the river to the east and northeast, respectively. The eastern boundary of Rockland County comprises nearly 40 miles of scenic river coastline. The County includes five towns and 19 incorporated villages, as well as eight school districts and numerous special districts that provide fire protection, water supply and other services. Land uses within the project area are predominately single-family residential, commercial and industrial, as well as open space/recreation.

### **1.3 Project Description**

The proposed action is a Comprehensive Plan (“Plan”) for Rockland County that addresses the many interrelated land use, socioeconomic, environmental, infrastructure and transportation issues confronting the County. The Plan is intended to build on and be consistent with existing town and village plans. The County’s Plan will provide general recommendations on future County land use issues and policies to implement these strategies, address key matters under direct County jurisdiction and identify specific land use and zoning conflicts among municipalities that should be resolved to allow for better functioning of zoning regulations.

FIGURE 1: PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Source: BFJ Planning, Rockland County Planning

The goal of the Plan is to present existing conditions, describe current challenges, and provide an action plan for achieving the Plan's vision and stated goals and objectives. The chapters of the Plan are as follows:

- 1.0 Vision, Goals and Objectives
- 2.0 Demographics
- 3.0 Aging Population
- 4.0 Regional Setting
- 5.0 Land Use and Zoning
- 6.0 Transportation
- 7.0 Natural and Environmental Resources
- 8.0 Open Spaces and Recreation
- 9.0 Historic and Cultural Resources
- 10.0 Housing
- 11.0 Economic Development
- 12.0 Infrastructure
- 13.0 Services and Information Resources
- 14.0 Recommendations (Future Land Use Plan)

## 2.0 FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM – PART 1

Part 1 of this Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) evaluates the potential for environmental impacts to be created by the adoption of the 2010 Rockland County Comprehensive Plan by the Rockland County Legislature. This action is generic in nature, not site-specific, and does not directly result in physical changes to the environment. Part 1 of the Full EAF is designed for a site specific action rather than area-wide or generic proposals. As a result, many of the questions in Part 1 are not relevant to the proposed 2010 Rockland County Comprehensive Plan and have been answered “not applicable” or “NA.”

# PART 1--PROJECT INFORMATION

Prepared by Project Sponsor

NOTICE: This document is designed to assist in determining whether the action proposed may have a significant effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form, Parts A through E. Answers to these questions will be considered as part of the application for approval and may be subject to further verification and public review. Provide any additional information you believe will be needed to complete Parts 2 and 3.

It is expected that completion of the full EAF will be dependent on information currently available and will not involve new studies, research or investigation. If information requiring such additional work is unavailable, so indicate and specify each instance.

Name of Action 2010 Rockland County Comprehensive Plan

Location of Action (include Street Address, Municipality and County)

Rockland County, NY

Name of Applicant/Sponsor Rockland County Legislature

Address Allison-Parris County Office Building, 11 New Hempstead Rd

City / PO New City State NY Zip Code 10956

Business Telephone (845) 638-5269

Name of Owner (if different) N/A

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / PO \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Action:

The proposed action discussed in this Full EAF is the adoption of the 2010 Rockland County Comprehensive Plan. The Rockland County Comprehensive Plan update is a blueprint for the County's future that will provide guidance for future planning and zoning municipal actions and serve as the basis for all County government planning and development issues for the next 30 years. The plan will create a framework for future capital expenditure decisions by County government. It will also provide general recommendations on future County land use issues and policies to implement these strategies, address key matters under direct County jurisdiction, and identify specific land use and zoning conflicts among municipalities that should be resolved to allow for better functioning of zoning regulations.



Please Complete Each Question--Indicate N.A. if not applicable

### A. SITE DESCRIPTION

Physical setting of overall project, both developed and undeveloped areas.

1. Present Land Use:  Urban  Industrial  Commercial  Residential (suburban)  Rural (non-farm)  
 Forest  Agriculture  Other Recreational, institutional

2. Total acreage of project area: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. 176 sq. miles

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	PRESENTLY	AFTER COMPLETION
Meadow or Brushland (Non-agricultural) <u>Unknown</u>	_____ acres	_____ acres
Forested <u>Includes Upland Forests (area unknown)</u>	_____ acres	_____ acres
Agricultural (Includes orchards, cropland, pasture, etc.)	<u>475</u> acres	<u>475</u> acres
Wetland (Freshwater or tidal as per Articles 24,25 of ECL)	<u>8,000</u> acres	<u>8,000</u> acres
Water Surface Area	<u>3,392</u> acres	<u>3,392</u> acres
Unvegetated (Rock, earth or fill) <u>Unknown</u>	_____ acres	_____ acres
Roads, buildings and other paved surfaces	<u>8,925</u> acres	<u>8,925</u> acres
Other (Indicate type) <u>Vacant land</u>	<u>8,349</u> acres	<u>8,349</u> acres

3. What is predominant soil type(s) on project site? N/A

- a. Soil drainage:  Well drained \_\_\_\_\_% of site  Moderately well drained \_\_\_\_\_% of site.  
 Poorly drained \_\_\_\_\_% of site

- b. If any agricultural land is involved, how many acres of soil are classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System? N/A acres (see 1 NYCRR 370).

4. Are there bedrock outcroppings on project site?  Yes  No

- a. What is depth to bedrock variable (in feet)

5. Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes: N/A

0-10% \_\_\_\_\_%  10- 15% \_\_\_\_\_%  15% or greater \_\_\_\_\_%

6. Is project substantially contiguous to, or contain a building, site, or district, listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places?  Yes  No

7. Is project substantially contiguous to a site listed on the Register of National Natural Landmarks?  Yes  No

8. What is the depth of the water table? N/A (in feet)

9. Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer?  Yes  No

10. Do hunting, fishing or shell fishing opportunities presently exist in the project area?  Yes  No

11. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identified as threatened or endangered?  Yes  No

According to:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, NYSDEC.

Identify each species:

See attached Appendix I. DEC Listed Animal and Plant Species in Rockland County

12. Are there any unique or unusual land forms on the project site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, other geological formations?)

Yes  No

Describe:

Hudson River coastline area, the Highlands - occupied by Harriman and Bear Mountain State Parks, and the Palisades Ridge that runs east/west along High Tor State Park and South Mountain County Park, and along the Hudson River.

13. Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?

Yes  No

If yes, explain:

Various parks, open space and recreation areas throughout the County (e.g. Harriman and Bear Mountain State Parks, other State parks, County parks, local parks, & National Natural Landmarks, incl. Iona Island, Hook Mountain, Nyack Beach State Park & PIP System).

14. Does the present site include scenic views known to be important to the community?  Yes  No

Scenic Hudson River coastline views along the eastern portion of the County, views from various mountains, such as the Highlands Mountains, and Palisades Sill.

15. Streams within or contiguous to project area:

Various streams throughout county.

a. Name of Stream and name of River to which it is tributary

N/A

16. Lakes, ponds, wetland areas within or contiguous to project area:

Various lakes and ponds throughout county, including Breakneck Pond, Congers Lake, Cranberry Lake, part of Hessian Lake, Lake Boyce, Lake Bullowa, Lake Deforest, part of Lake Kanawauke, Lake Sebago, Lake Tappan, Lake Wanoksink, Lake Welch, Pine Meadow Lake, Rockland Lake, Swartout Lake, Tompkins Lake Various, and others. Various wetland areas are also located throughout county, including freshwater & tidal wetlands.

b. Size (in acres):

N/A

17. Is the site served by existing public utilities?  Yes  No
- a. If YES, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection?  Yes  No N/A
- b. If YES, will improvements be necessary to allow connection?  Yes  No N/A
18. Is the site located in an agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304?  Yes  No
19. Is the site located in or substantially contiguous to a Critical Environmental Area designated pursuant to Article 8 of the ECL, and 6 NYCRR 617?  Yes  No  
 Upper Grand View and environs in Orangetown, Palisades slope area, Sparkill Creek area, & pier area of Piermont
20. Has the site ever been used for the disposal of solid or hazardous wastes?  Yes  No  
 Small amount

B. Project Description\*

1. Physical dimensions and scale of project (fill in dimensions as appropriate).
- a. Total contiguous acreage owned or controlled by project sponsor: < 10% acres.
- b. Project acreage to be developed: N/A acres initially; N/A acres ultimately.
- c. Project acreage to remain undeveloped: N/A acres.
- d. Length of project, in miles: N/A (if appropriate)
- e. If the project is an expansion, indicate percent of expansion proposed. N/A %
- f. Number of off-street parking spaces existing N/A ; proposed N/A
- g. Maximum vehicular trips generated per hour: N/A (upon completion of project)?
- h. If residential: Number and type of housing units:
- |            | One Family | Two Family | Multiple Family | Condominium |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Initially  | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u>      | <u>N/A</u>  |
| Ultimately | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u>      | <u>N/A</u>  |
- i. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: N/A height; N/A width; N/A length.
- j. Linear feet of frontage along a public thoroughfare project will occupy is? N/A ft.
2. How much natural material (i.e. rock, earth, etc.) will be removed from the site? N/A tons/cubic yards.
3. Will disturbed areas be reclaimed  Yes  No  N/A
- a. If yes, for what intended purpose is the site being reclaimed?
- N/A
- b. Will topsoil be stockpiled for reclamation?  Yes  No
- c. Will upper subsoil be stockpiled for reclamation?  Yes  No
4. How many acres of vegetation (trees, shrubs, ground covers) will be removed from site? N/A acres.

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5. Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally-important vegetation be removed by this project?

Yes  No

6. If single phase project: Anticipated period of construction: N/A months, (including demolition)

7. If multi-phased:

a. Total number of phases anticipated N/A (number)

b. Anticipated date of commencement phase 1: N/A month N/A year, (including demolition)

c. Approximate completion date of final phase: N/A month N/A year.

d. Is phase 1 functionally dependent on subsequent phases?  Yes  No

8. Will blasting occur during construction?  Yes  No

9. Number of jobs generated: during construction N/A ; after project is complete N/A

10. Number of jobs eliminated by this project N/A .

11. Will project require relocation of any projects or facilities?  Yes  No

If yes, explain:

N/A

12. Is surface liquid waste disposal involved?  Yes  No

a. If yes, indicate type of waste (sewage, industrial, etc) and amount N/A

b. Name of water body into which effluent will be discharged N/A

13. Is subsurface liquid waste disposal involved?  Yes  No Type N/A

14. Will surface area of an existing water body increase or decrease by proposal?  Yes  No

If yes, explain:

N/A

15. Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain?  Yes  No

16. Will the project generate solid waste?  Yes  No

a. If yes, what is the amount per month? N/A tons

b. If yes, will an existing solid waste facility be used?  Yes  No

c. If yes, give name N/A ; location N/A

d. Will any wastes not go into a sewage disposal system or into a sanitary landfill?  Yes  No N/A

e. If yes, explain:

N/A

17. Will the project involve the disposal of solid waste?  Yes  No

a. If yes, what is the anticipated rate of disposal? N/A tons/month.

b. If yes, what is the anticipated site life? N/A years.

18. Will project use herbicides or pesticides?  Yes  No

19. Will project routinely produce odors (more than one hour per day)?  Yes  No

20. Will project produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels?  Yes  No

21. Will project result in an increase in energy use?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate type(s)

N/A

22. If water supply is from wells, indicate pumping capacity N/A gallons/minute.

23. Total anticipated water usage per day N/A gallons/day.

24. Does project involve Local, State or Federal funding?  Yes  No

If yes, explain:

The project is funded by Rockland County.

25. Approvals Required:

			Type	Submittal Date
City, Town, Village Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
City, Town, Village Planning Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
City, Town Zoning Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
City, County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
Other Local Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
Other Regional Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
State Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____
Federal Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	_____	_____
			_____	_____
			_____	_____

C. Zoning and Planning Information

1. Does proposed action involve a planning or zoning decision?  Yes  No

If Yes, indicate decision required:

- |   |   |   |                                      |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning variance    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New/revision of master plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site plan        | <input type="checkbox"/> Special use permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource management plan               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other       |

2. What is the zoning classification(s) of the site?

Varies by Town or Village.

3. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the present zoning?

N/A

4. What is the proposed zoning of the site?

N/A

5. What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the proposed zoning?

N/A

6. Is the proposed action consistent with the recommended uses in adopted local land use plans?

Yes

No

Varies

Generally consistent.

7. What are the predominant land use(s) and zoning classifications within a ¼ mile radius of proposed action?

Rockland County includes five towns and 19 incorporated villages that each contain their own respective zoning classifications. Land uses within the County are predominately open space/recreation, single-family residential, commercial and industrial, as well as institutional.

8. Is the proposed action compatible with adjoining/surrounding land uses with a ¼ mile? N/A

Yes

No

9. If the proposed action is the subdivision of land, how many lots are proposed? N/A

a. What is the minimum lot size proposed? N/A

10. Will proposed action require any authorization(s) for the formation of sewer or water districts?  Yes  No

11. Will the proposed action create a demand for any community provided services (recreation, education, police, fire protection)?

Yes  No

a. If yes, is existing capacity sufficient to handle projected demand?  Yes  No

N/A

12. Will the proposed action result in the generation of traffic significantly above present levels?  Yes  No

a. If yes, is the existing road network adequate to handle the additional traffic.  Yes  No

N/A

**D. Informational Details**

Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify your project. If there are or may be any adverse impacts associated with your proposal, please discuss such impacts and the measures which you propose to mitigate or avoid them.

**E. Verification**

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Rockland County Legislature Date 3/19/10

Signature 

Title Principal, BFJ Planning as consultant to the Lead Agency

If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.



**Appendix I. DEC-Listed Animal and Plant Species in Rockland County**

Species	Year Last Documented	Protection Status	Species	Year Last Documented	Protection Status
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<i>Mammals</i>		
Allegheny Woodrat	2003	State, Endangered

<i>Dragonflies and Damselflies</i>		
Gray Petaltail	2006	State, Special Concern

<i>Birds</i>					
American Bittern	2000-2005	State, Special Concern	Osprey	2000-2005	State, Special Concern
Bald Eagle	2008	State, Threatened	Peregrine Falcon	2007	State, Endangered
Common Nighthawk	2000-2005	State, Special Concern	Pied-Billed Grebe	1982	State, Threatened
Cooper's Hawk	2000-2005	State, Special Concern	Red-Shouldered Hawk	2000-2005	State, Special Concern
Golden-Winged Warbler	2000-2005	State, Special Concern	Sharp-Skinned Hawk	2000-2005	State, Special Concern
Least Bittern	2005	State, Threatened	Whip-poor-will	2000-2005	State, Special Concern
Northern Goshawk	2000-2005	State, Special Concern			

<i>Reptiles</i>					
Bog Turtle	1977	State, Endangered; Federal, Threatened	Fence Lizard	1952	State, Threatened
Eastern Box Turtle	1990-1999	State, Special Concern	Spotted Turtle	1990-1999	State, Special Concern
Eastern Hog-Nosed Snake	1990-1999	State, Special Concern	Timber Rattlesnake	2006	State, Threatened
Eastern Wormsnake	2005	State, Special Concern	Wood Turtle	1990-1999	State, Special Concern

<i>Amphibians</i>		
Eastern Spadefoot	1998	State, Special Concern
Jefferson Salamander	1990-1999	State, Special Concern
Marbled Salamander	1990-1999	State, Special Concern
Northern Cricket Frog	1944	State, Endangered
Southern Leopard Frog	N/A	State, Special Concern

<i>Fish, Mussels, and Clams</i>		
Banded Sunfish	1936	State, Threatened
Ironcolor Shiner	1936	State, Special Concern
Lake Chubsucker	N/A	State, Threatened
Mud Sunfish	1936	State, Threatened
Shortnose Sturgeon	2004	State, Endangered; Federal, Endangered
Brook Floater	1994	State, Threatened

<i>Plants</i>					
American Strawberry-Bush	1894	State, Endangered	Midland Sedge	1998	State, Endangered
American Waterwort	1936	State, Endangered	Minute Duckweed	1900	State, Endangered
Angled Spikerush	1936	State, Endangered	Nodding Pagonia	1871	State, Endangered
Basil Mountain-Mint	2000	State, Endangered	Northern Bog Violet	N/A	State, Endangered
Bicknell's Sedge	N/A	State, Threatened	Northern Gamma Grass	N/A	State, Threatened
Big Shallbark Hickory	N/A	State, Threatened	Orange Fringed Orchid	1870	State, Endangered
Blunt-Lobe Grape Fern	N/A	State, Endangered	Ovate Spikerush	N/A	State, Endangered
Button Sedge	1916	State, Endangered	Rattlebox	1994	State, Endangered
Carey's Smartweed	N/A	State, Threatened	Reflexed Sedge	2003	State, Endangered
Catfoot	1938	State, Endangered	Riverbank Quillwort	1936	State, Endangered
Clustered Sedge	2001	State, Threatened	Rough Avens	N/A	State, Endangered
Coast Violet	N/A	State, Endangered	Salt-Marsh Spikerush	2003	State, Threatened
Comb-Leaved Mermaid-Weed	1924	State, Threatened	Salt-Meadow Grass	1966	State, Endangered
Culver's-Root	N/A	State, Threatened	Saltmarsh Aster	2008	State, Threatened
Eastern Grasswort	2000	State, Threatened	Saltmarsh Bulrush	1999	State, Endangered
Fairy Wand	1857	State, Threatened	Scarlet Indian-Paintbrush	N/A	State, Endangered
Featherfoil	2008	State, Threatened	Showy Aster	2000	State, Threatened
Few-Flowered Panic Grass	N/A	State, Endangered	Slender Blue Flag	N/A	State, Threatened
Frank's Sedge	2006	State, Endangered	Small Whorled Pagonia	1887	State, Endangered; Federal, Threatened
Glaucous Sedge	1959	State, Endangered	Small-Flowered Crowfoot	2003	State, Threatened
Glomerate Sedge	1959	State, Endangered	Smooth Bur-Marigold	N/A	State, Threatened
Golden Corydalis	N/A	State, Threatened	Smooth Cliff Brake	N/A	State, Threatened
Green Milkweed	2000	State, Threatened	Southern Dodder	1997	State, Endangered
Green Parrot's-Feather	1924	State, Endangered	Spongy Arrowhead	2008	State, Threatened
Heartleaf Plantain	1936	State, Threatened	Spotted Pondweed	1892	State, Threatened
Hudson River Water-Nymph	N/A	State, Endangered	Stiff Cowbane	1951	State, Endangered
Hyssop-Skullcap	1993	State, Endangered	Stiff-Leaf Goldenrod	2000	State, Threatened
Large Twayblade	1956	State, Endangered	Straw Sedge	1938	State, Endangered
Lesser Bladderwort	N/A	State, Threatened	Swamp Lousewort	N/A	State, Threatened
Long's Bittercress	2008	State, Threatened	Swamp Smartweed	1956	State, Endangered
Marsh Straw Sedge	1995	State, Threatened	Terrestrial Starwort	1998	State, Threatened

<i>Plants (Continued)</i>		
Thicket Sedge	1998	State, Threatened
Torrey's Mountain-Mint	2000	State, Endangered
Troublesome Sedge	1957	State, Threatened
Violet Wood-Sorrel	2005	State, Threatened
Virginia Bunchflower	1953	State, Endangered
Virginia Snakeroot	2003	State, Endangered
Virginia Three-Seeded Mercury	1954	State, Endangered
Water Pigmyweed	2003	State, Endangered
Weak Stellate Sedge	N/A	State, Threatened
Wild Hydrangea	1957	State, Endangered
Wild Potato-Vine	1968	State, Endangered
Willdenow's Sedge	N/A	State, Threatened
Woodland Agrimony	1918	State, Threatened
Woodland Rush	1954	State, Endangered
Wooly Lip-Fern	1954	State, Endangered
Yellow Flatsedge	1993	State, Endangered
Yellow Wild Flax	N/A	State, Threatened

Notes: According to Section 182.2 of 6 NYCRR Part 182, *endangered* species are any native species in imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in New York State; *threatened* species are any native species likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future in New York State; and *special concern* species are any native species for which a welfare concern or risk of endangerment has been documented in New York State.