Six-Year Bar Graph by Municipality

Figure 5 displays letters issued the County Planning Department by municipality over the last six years. More than half of the municipalities saw a decrease in the number of GML's referred to the Planning Department in 2022 over the previous year, which may signify a leveling out after the record high of 2021, due to the reopening after the COVID-19 pandemic. From 2017 to 2018, the largest source of applications, referrals from Ramapo and Orangetown, were relatively stable. The numbers started to rise again in 2019, before dropping to nearly half the previous year in 2020. Whereas Ramapo rebounded to numbers unseen since 2014, Orangetown returned to similar numbers as 2018. While Spring Valley saw an extremely large jump in applications in 2018, the number also dropped by nearly half in 2019 and further again in 2020, although it is still much larger than years past. In 2022, Spring Valley jumped back up, making it the municipality with the second-most submissions this year. Consistently, three of the five towns within Rockland County normally have had some of the highest number of submissions of General Municipal Law reviews, generally reflecting the larger land area of these municipalities. As noted above, the Town of Ramapo tops the list with 166 submissions, which is about 38 more than their six-year average. The Town of Orangetown, with 82 applications submitted in 2022, had 16 less than their six-year average. While not in the top three for submissions this year, The Town of Clarkstown had 62 development applications in 2022, only one more than their six-year average. In addition, the Village of Wesley Hills submitted their highest number of applications (21) in the past 40 years. The Village of Grand View-on-Hudson only submitted one application, tying their record low set in 2010, 2012, and 2013.

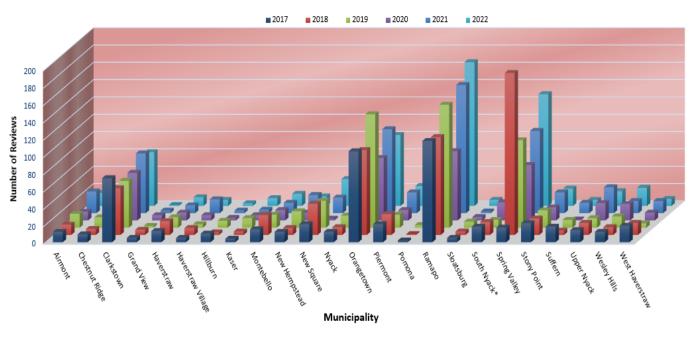


Figure 5. Six-Year Total GML Review Letters Issued by Municipality (2017-2022)

*The Village of South Nyack was dissolved and became a hamlet of the Town of Orangetown effective April 1, 2023 Source: GML Access database maintained by the Rockland County Planning Department, Land Use Unit Prepared by Rockland County Planning Department January 2023