

**TOWN OF AMSTERDAM TOWN BOARD**

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Circulation to Involved Agencies

RE: State Environmental Quality Review  
Notice of Intent to Declare Lead Agency  
Adoption of Zoning Amendments  
Battery Energy Storage Systems  
Town of Amsterdam NY 12010

Dear Involved Agency:

The Town Board is considering adopting a local law that would enact certain changes to the Town's Zoning Law relating to battery energy storage systems (BESS). Small-scale BESS, defined generally as BESS with storage capacity of 600 kW or less, would be allowed as accessory uses in all zoning districts, in accordance with a new set of supplementary regulations, which also would be enacted; utility-scale BESS (600 kW capacity or more) would be defined as a Prohibited Use; and certain other changes relating to energy storage systems and public utility stations or structures would also be enacted. A copy of the proposed local law text is attached hereto.

The Town of Amsterdam Town Board is initiating the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process and has prepared Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form. Based on a review of 6 NYCRR Part 617.4, the Town Board determined that the proposed project is a type 1 action under SEQR requiring a coordinated review to be conducted.

Your agency has been identified as a potentially involved and/or interested agency. On July 24, 2024, the Town of Amsterdam Town Board adopted a resolution on stating their intent to serve as lead agency for the environmental review of this action. We welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed action and would request that you inform us of any permits or other authorizations that will be required from your agency.

In addition, please let us know if you have any objections to the Town of Amsterdam Town Board acting in the capacity of Lead Agency. If no response is received from your agency regarding lead agency determination within 30 days of the date of this letter, the Town Board will assume lead agency status for this action.

Sincerely,

Tom DiMezza, Supervisor  
Town of Amsterdam

Attachments: List of Involved Agencies  
Part 1 Full Environmental Assessment Form  
Proposed text amendments  
Town of Amsterdam Zoning Map