

TOWN OF AMSTERDAM TOWN BOARD

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Amsterdam, NY 12010
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December 19, 2024

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 Prospective Involved or Interested Agency:

The Town Board is considering adopting a local law that would enact certain changes to the Town's Zoning Law relating to utility-scale solar energy systems. The proposed text amendments would limit these developments to the Town's M-1 Manufacturing zoning district and enact certain other changes to the applicable use-specific standards in the Town's zoning law, including, without limitation, provisions relating to visual impacts, decommissioning plans, use of Town roadways, etc. Certain other changes relating to 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 December 18, 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

Zoning Text Amendments Relating to Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems

Town of Amsterdam, New York State Environmental Quality Review

Potential Involved and/or Interested Agencies

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