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Appendix B
Short Environmental Assessment Form

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			
Name of Action or Project: <p style="text-align: center;">Zoning Law Amendments re Section 706</p>			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): <p style="text-align: center;">Town of Dryden, NY</p>			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: <p style="text-align: center;">Amending the Town of Dryden Zoning Law to change the standard in Section 706: Green Neighborhood Development, Additional Density to reflect a more current standard instead of the 2009 LEED standard.</p>			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: <p style="text-align: center;">Town of Dryden (Ray Burger, Planning</p>		Telephone: 6078448888 ext 213	
Director)		E-Mail: rburger@dryden.ny.us	
Address: <p style="text-align: center;">93 East Main Street</p>			
City/PO: <p style="text-align: center;">Dryden</p>		State: <p style="text-align: center;">NY</p>	Zip Code: <p style="text-align: center;">13053</p>
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? See Attachment 1			NO
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.			YES
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency?			NO
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			YES
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?			
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____ _____	NO	YES	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?			
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?			
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO	YES	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? [If Yes, does the existing system have capacity to provide service? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES] If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO	YES	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? [If Yes, does the existing system have capacity to provide service? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES] If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO	YES	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places? b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO	YES	
13. a. 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? 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: _____ _____ _____	NO	YES	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. 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?	NO	YES	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES _____ _____	NO	YES	

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____	NO	YES
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Town of Dryden, Ray Burger</u> Date: _____		
Signature: _____		

Part 2 - Impact Assessment. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 2. Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept “Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?”

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	x	
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	x	
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	x	
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	x	
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	x	
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	x	
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies? b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	x	
	x	
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	x	
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	x	

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	x	
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	x	

Part 3 - Determination of significance. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 3. For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

See Attachment A

- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Dryden Town Board

Name of Lead Agency

Jason Leifer

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Date

Town Supervisor

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Attachment 1

to SEQR SEAF Part 1 for Zoning Law Section 706 amendments

The proposed changes intend to amend the Town of Dryden Zoning Law to change the standard in Section 706: Green Neighborhood Development, Additional Density to reflect the most current standard. The current law references the LEED 2009 standard and this is no longer the current standard. LEED standards are periodically updated and the law will function better if references follow the state of the art rather than remain static. The intent of Section 706 is to award additional density to projects that achieve a higher standard in green building and sustainable design. As standards evolve the Town statutes should reference the contemporary standards. The environmental impact of this change is to promote building projects that meet a higher standard of energy efficiency and sustainability.

Attachment A to SEQR SEAF Part 3
Zoning Law Section 706 Amendments

The proposed changes amend the Town of Dryden Zoning Law to change the LEED standard in “Section 706: Green Neighborhood Development, Additional Density” to reflect the most current standard instead of the 2009 LEED standard. The employment of Section 706 awards additional density to projects that achieve a higher standard in green building and sustainable design. As standards evolve the Town statutes will now reference the contemporary standards.

This change promotes building projects that meet a higher standard of energy efficiency and sustainability and thus have a positive environmental impact. For this reason the amendments to Section 706 of the Zoning Law are not anticipated to have any significant adverse environmental impact.