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Ray Burger, Planning Director  
Town of Dryden  
93 East Main St.  
Dryden, NY 13053

**Re: Review Pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of New York State General Municipal Law**

**Proposed Action: Local Law to establish Billboard Overlay District and accompanying regulations**

Dear Mr. Burger:

This letter acknowledges your referral of the proposed action identified above for review by the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of the New York State General Municipal Law.

We have determined the proposed action will have no significant county-wide or inter-community impact.

We do, however, have the following comments on the proposed action:

- A portion of the proposed Billboard Overlay is in the Distinctive Viewshed of Distinctive View No. 10 of the [Tompkins County Scenic Resources Inventory](#). Distinctive View No. 10 is located on Monkey Run Trail in the Town of Dryden. As proposals are submitted in the overlay, we may recommend viewshed analyses with the intent to help preserve and protect scenic resources.
- We encourage the Town to establish lighting standards for billboards; we suggest requiring the use of LEDs and shielding to help minimize adverse human and ecological impacts.

We look forward to receiving notification on the final action taken by your municipality within 30 days of decision, as required by State law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Borgella".

Katherine Borgella, AICP  
Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability