

NOTICE
SEQR: LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION

TOWN OF CAMBRIA

Town Board

Date: January 5, 2015

This notice is filed pursuant to Part 617 6NYCRR, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA)

The Town Board is proposing to adopt a Local Law:

Regarding: The Cambria Comprehensive Plan

Description & Location of Action: The project is the adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan, which will affect all areas of the Town.

An electronic copy of the Plan is available electronically on the Town of Cambria's website. The link can be found on the "New Updates" page:

Town of Cambria website: www.townofcambria.com/updates.asp

As the most local agency with permitting authority (and the only permitting/approval agency), the Town Board wishes to declare Lead Agency and conduct a coordinated review of the proposal.

There are no other potential permitting/approval agencies, but the following are Interested Agencies:

(check each)

- Town Board
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Highway Department, Superintendent
- Building Department, Building Inspector
- Water District
- Sewer District
- County Highway Department, Commissioner of Public Works
- County Health Department
- State Department of Environmental Conservation
- State Department of Transportation
- State Department of Health
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Others: Adjoining communities
- County Planning Board
- School District(s)
- Fire Company
- Others (Federal, State, County): NYS Dept. of Agricultural and Markets

A preliminary review of the proposed action indicates that it is a SEQR Type:

Unlisted Action
 Type I Action (justification: Comprehensive Plan that affects entire Town)

The attached Full Environmental Assessment form has been completed by the Town.

Please notify us within thirty (30) days, by 2/10/15, if your agency objects to our acting as lead agency, otherwise we will proceed with our review and determination of significance. Any information or concerns should be mailed to the below address. If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no specific concerns about the action.

A public hearing on the Plan is being held on 1/8/15 at 8:00 pm in the Cambria Town Hall.

For further information (or a hard copy of the Plan, if you have not received one) please contact:

Contact person: Andrew C. Reilly or Ellen Parker
Wendel
140 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 201
Buffalo, NY 14228
Phone: 716-688-0766

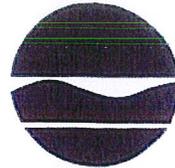
Mailing list: Town of Cambria
Niagara County Water District
Niagara County Sewer District
Niagara County Economic Development
NYS DEC
NYS DOT
Town of Newfane
Town of Wilson
Town of Lewiston
Town of Wheatfield
Town of Pendleton
Town of Lockport
NYS Dept. of Agricultural and Markets
School Districts: Starpoint, Wilson, Niagara Wheatfield, Newfane, Lockport

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Permits, Region 9**

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Joe Martens
Commissioner

January 20, 2015

Mr. Andrew C. Reilly
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Dear Mr. Reilly:

**SEQR LEAD AGENCY SOLICITATION
CAMBRIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
TOWN OF CAMBRIA, NIAGARA COUNTY**

This Department has received the Town of Cambria's SEQR Lead Agency solicitation letter for the above-noted project. No discretionary Department approval has been identified for this proposal. Therefore, according to 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), the Department is not an "involved" agency and has no comment regarding the SEQR Lead Agency designation.

However, for future proposed development associated with the newly adopted plan, please coordinate with this Department so that any permits or environmental concerns can be identified and addressed responsibly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Mark Passuite of my staff or me at 716/851-7165.

Respectfully,

David S. Denk
Regional Permit Administrator

MFP:

ecc: Honorable Wright H. Ellis, Supervisor, Town of Cambria

**State Environmental Quality Review
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act – SEQR) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Cambria Town Board has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: Comprehensive Plan adoption

SEQR Status: Type 1 action

Description of Action: Complete update to the Town of Cambria Comprehensive Plan

Location: Town of Cambria, Niagara County, NY

Reasons Supporting This Determination: During review of this project, the Cambria Town Board identified the relevant areas of environmental concern which are analyzed below:

1. The project is the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan which has no direct physical impact on Environmental resources. Therefore, in Part 1 of the EAF only sections A., B., C., F., and G. were applicable, and many of the potential project impact categories in Part 2 of the EAF were determined as having "No Impact". Where they were indicated as having an impact, it was determined that the impact would be positive (improving environmental conditions).
2. The Comprehensive Plan adoption will set an important precedent for future projects, as it guides future zoning and land use decisions. The Plan also has recommendations that will improve quality of life factors and economic conditions, and brings the Town into alignment with State and Regional Plans.
3. The adoption of the Plan will provide actions that will allow the Town to improve and protect the character of the community.
4. The Plan helps to direct where certain patterns of development can occur and does recommend changing zoning to not allow over development in the Agricultural areas of the Town (reducing potential impacts to agriculture).
5. This Plan includes recommendations that would improve the aesthetics of future development, and directs development away from rural areas and areas of historic importance.
6. In completing this environmental analysis, the Town acknowledges that any future project proposed in the Town, will need to have its own SEQR evaluation. This Plan can assist with that environmental analysis.

The Cambria Town Board, therefore, concludes that the project will not adversely affect the natural resources of the State and/or the health, safety and welfare of the public and is consistent with social and economic consideration. In reaching this decision, the Cambria Town Board carefully considered all "Criteria" for Determination of Significance listed in the SEQR Regulations (6 NYCRR 617.7).

For Further Information:

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