## STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA") NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ("DGEIS")

## WINSTON FARM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TOWN OF SAUGERTIES ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

**Date:** May 21, 2025

**Lead Agency:** Town Board of the Town of Saugerties

Address: 4 High Street

Saugerties, NY 12477

This notice is issued pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (State Environmental Quality Review Act) and the implementing regulations therefore at 6 NYCRR Part 617.

A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("DGEIS"), last revised April 30, 2025, has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below.

**Notice of Public Hearing:** A public hearing on the DGEIS will be held at the Frank D. Greco Memorial Senior Center, 207 Market Street, Saugerties, NY, 12477 at 6:00 PM on June 18 and July 16, 2025, during which public comments will be accepted. Written comments on the DGEIS will be accepted until July 28, 2025 at 3:00pm.

Name of Action: Winston Farm Planned Development District

**Location:** 119 Augusta Savage Road, NYS Route 212,

Mower Hill Road and NYS Route 32

Town of Saugerties Ulster County, New York

**SEQR Classification:** Type 1

**Description of Action:** The proposal is to rezone the project site, known locally as Winston Farm, consisting of eleven contiguous, predominantly vacant parcels totaling 840 +/- acres as a Planned Development District (PDD). The goal of the PDD is to establish a flexible, well-informed planning and regulatory tool that guides future development, protects the public health, safety, and welfare of the existing community, and welcomes new residents, visitors, and businesses in a way that is respectful of available resources and the carrying capacity of the land.

The PDD offers an alternative to conventional zoning and subdivision controls, allowing for more efficient and context-sensitive land use. It also takes advantage of the site's strategic location near Exit 20 of the New York State Thruway (I-87), which provides convenient access to major employment centers, community services, and regional destinations. A wide range of permitted uses will allow Winston Farm the flexibility to adapt to evolving market conditions and community needs, ensuring long-term economic and social viability.

The guiding principles of the Winston Farm PDD are as follows:

- To establish a vibrant, mixed-use economic hub with regional appeal, offering a wide range of development opportunities across residential and non-residential sectors.
- To create a walkable, well-connected district with multimodal access and a strong emphasis on visual and physical connectivity for all users.
- To preserve and enhance natural resources, promoting environmental sustainability and contributing to the overall quality of life for residents and visitors.

Winston Farm is located west of the Village of Saugerties near the intersection of New York State (NYS) Route 32 and NYS Route 212 (Saugerties-Woodstock Road) at Exit 20 of NYS Thruway Interstate 87 (I-87). The project site comprises eleven largely undeveloped parcels totaling ± 840 acres located at 119 Augusta Savage Road, NYS Route 212, Mower Hill Road, and NYS Route 32. The site is currently zoned General Business (GB), Moderate Density Residential (MDR), and Hamlet Residential (HR), and is also subject to the Gateway Overlay (GO), Aquifer Protection Overlay (APO), and Sensitive Area Overlay (SAO) districts.

The Winston Farm parcels straddle the Beaver Kill, a stream that flows north into the Kaaterskill Creek and ultimately into the Hudson River in Catskill, NY. The terrain is generally flat between the Beaver Kill and Route 32, with elevations increasing westward through a series of ridges. Most of the site drains toward the Beaver Kill, while portions of the higher elevations to the west drain toward unnamed tributaries of the Beaver Kill.

**Availability of Document:** Copies of the DEIS are available for public review at:

- Town of Saugerties Clerks Office 4 High Street, Saugerties, NY 12477
- Saugerties Public Library 91 Washington Ave, Saugerties, NY 12477
- Online at the Town of Saugerties website: https://saugerties.ny.us/other/winston-farm

**Contact Person:** Lisa Stanley, Saugerties Town Clerk

**Address:** 4 High Street

Saugerties, NY 12477 (845) 246-2800

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**DEIS Distribution:** A copy of this notice has been provided to the following involved and interested agencies:

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Town of Saugerties Highway Department Raymond Mayone, Superintendent 4 High Street Saugerties, New York 12477 United States Army Corps of Engineers New York District Attn: Regulatory Branch, Room 1937

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New York, New York 10278-0090

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Village of Saugerties Wastewater Department

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