



Economic Development & Tourism Committee

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Committee Meeting

~Minutes~

Monday, July 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Board Room

Economic Development and Tourism Members: Chairperson Legg; Legislators Handel, True, Thorington, Bulich, Lanuto

PLEASE NOTE: No person shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor during any session of this Legislature unless a request therefore has been submitted prior to commencement of the meeting to a duly elected member of this body who represents the district in which the person making such request is a bonafide resident.

Call to Order

Chairperson Legg called the Economic Development & Tourism to order at 6:15 p.m.

and stated, "James, I would like you to present whatever you have."

Mr. Hannahs stated, " Think we're good. I know I have a jam-packed agenda for you tonight, so I won't take too much of your time, but the few things: I want to do a little bit of a debrief after Rev 250. First, thank you to the legislature for the support. It was a really successful event despite the pressing heat. We still had about 200 people show up for the ceremony, and initial reports are at least 1,600 to 2,000 people that showed up for the festivities itself, and it had 30 vendors throughout the night. So, it was a really successful event and so thank you again to the legislature for making that happen, as well as support from the tourism side of the department. Patty and her team worked really hard for months to put something of that size together. So, I just want to give them props on the record. The only item I have for you this evening is regarding Cementon. So, you'll remember last month, my consultants from EDR came in to do a presentation briefly, just about the progress of where we're at, what's to be expected going into 2027 in June, when we plan to wrap that project up and so, this is the acceptance of the final draft scoping document; which is essentially just an abstract of the larger GEIS so, if you want to look at sort of a high-level overview of what the steps are and the scope of work throughout that whole process, this is a really great document to refer back to without digging too deep into what will be a likely 1,700-page document. So, I'd be happy to answer any questions about that and finally, I just want to give a plug this week for an open house that we're holding on Thursday the 16th for our Brownfield EPA Coalition assessment. As you'll recall, we partnered with Columbia County and the Hunter Foundation to assess potentially contaminated sites throughout both counties, and we're doing sort of our first open house general informational session Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. So, highly suggest or encourage anybody who's interested in that to show up. We'll also be opening up our web page that evening for additional properties. (Mr. Groden stated, "Where is the meeting?") It's gonna be on zoom. So we sent out an invite today from the corporation email. If anybody's interested, I'd be happy to send it to you directly, but you can also find it on the Brownfield site on the website. Any questions? Thank you very much."

Chairperson Legg stated, "No questions for James; we're going to head right into the single proposed action item."

Proposed Action Items:

1. Capital Project #163 - Cementon Redevelopment - Adoption of Final Scoping Document for General Environmental Impact Statement

RESULT: Moved for Adoption

MOVER: *Legislator Sherry True*

SECONDER: *Legislator Michael Bullich*

AYES: *Legislator Legg, Legislator Handel, Legislator True, Legislator Thorington, Legislator Bullich, Legislator Lanuto, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon*

NOES:

ABSENT: *Chairman Linger*

Adjournment

On motion made by Legislator Handel, seconded by Chairman Legg and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Resolution No.

Capital Project #163 - Cementon Redevelopment - Adoption of Final Scoping Document for General Environmental Impact Statement

WHEREAS, the Greene County Legislature (“Greene County”) proposes to analyze and prepare a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“GEIS”) for a Conceptual Master Plan to explore potential future redevelopment opportunities in an area on approximately 1,700 acres, known as the Cementon Redevelopment Area (“the Project Site), located in the Town of Catskill, Greene County, New York, east of the New York State (“NYS”) Thruway corridor, south of the Village of Catskill, and north of NYS 23A (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Greene County completed a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”) Part 1, and supporting materials, regarding the Project pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its regulations promulgated thereto at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (collectively referred to as “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2025, Greene County commenced a coordinated SEQRA review of the Project, and the Greene County Legislature unanimously adopted Resolution No. 335-25 as a Notice of Intent to serve as SEQRA Lead Agency for the Project after preparation of a FEAF Part 1, to classify the Project as a Type I action, and authorized the distribution of the FEAF Part 1 to Involved and Interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 5, 2025, Greene County’s Notices of Intent to serve as SEQRA Lead Agency for the Project were mailed via certified mail to Involved and Interested agencies including a copy of the FEAF Part 1, requesting any objections to Greene County serving as SEQRA Lead Agency within the requisite thirty (30) day comment period and advising these agencies of its intent to issue a Positive Declaration and have a GEIS prepared;

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2026, after receiving no objections from Interested or Involved Agencies to whom the NOI was mailed, within the requisite thirty (30) day comment period, the Greene County Legislature unanimously adopted Resolution No. 67-26 declaring Greene County as the Lead Agency for the Project pursuant to SEQRA, classifying the Project, which involves the preparation of a Conceptual Master Plan, as a Type I action defined in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.4(b)(6), determining that the Project may result in one or more potential significant adverse environmental impacts relating to the future possible development scenarios for the Project, thus warranting the issuance of a positive declaration and the preparation of a GEIS pursuant to SEQRA; and confirming that it would, circulate this resolution to the Involved and Interested agencies identified in the FEAF Part 1 and intent to issue a positive declaration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.8 of the SEQRA regulations, Greene County is required to undertake a scoping process in order to focus the GEIS on the potentially significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Project and to eliminate consideration of those impacts that are deemed irrelevant or not significant; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2026, the Greene County Legislature prepared Parts 2 and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment (FEAF), issued a Positive Declaration and prepared a draft GEIS (“dGEIS”) Scoping Document; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2026, Greene County directed staff to circulate the January 21st and April 15th resolutions, a Positive Declaration and the dGEIS Scoping Document as required by 6 N.Y.C.R.R §§ 617.8 and 617.10 to Interested and Involved Agencies and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, Greene County made the dGEIS Scoping Document available for public review on the Greene County website: ; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2026, a notice of a Positive Declaration, availability of the Draft GEIS Scoping Document, a notice of the Scoping Document comment period (through May 22, 2026) and notice of a Project Open House was posted in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB).

WHEREAS, on May 4th, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Greene County sponsored an Open House at Catskill Senior Services Center at 15 Academy Street, Catskill, NY 12414 to collect community input on the dGEIS Scoping Document; and

WHEREAS, on May 20th, 2026, the Greene County Legislature unanimously adopted Resolution No. 195-26 amending Resolution No. 158-26 for Capital Project #163, extending the Scoping Document comment period to May 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Greene County collected comments from Interested and Involved Agencies and the public until May 29th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, after completion of a public comment period which ran from April 16, 2026, to May 29, 2026, and holding an Open House on the Draft Scoping Document on May 4th, 2026, Greene County has received a Final Scoping Document pursuant to SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Greene County hereby ratifies and confirms actions taken to date by Greene County have been in compliance with SEQRA requirements to declare itself Lead Agency, issue a Positive Declaration for the Project in relation to the development of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement for a Conceptual Master Plan as a Type I action pursuant 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.4(b)(6) of the SEQRA regulations and to develop a Scoping Document related to the Project pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.8 SEQRA scoping regulations and 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.10 the SEQRA GEIS regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.8 of the SEQRA regulations, Greene County accepts the Final Scoping Document that has been prepared for the Project and directs that copies of the document be provided to Involved and Interested agencies, as well as individuals requesting a copy and posted to the Greene County website: ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Greene County further directs that a notice of this Resolution shall be filed and circulated to the extent required by any applicable ordinance, statute or regulation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Greene County further authorizes and directs that staff, agents, employees, and consultants undertake any such other and further action as may be necessary to meet the obligations set forth in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Meeting History:

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ATTACHMENTS:

None