

Memorandum

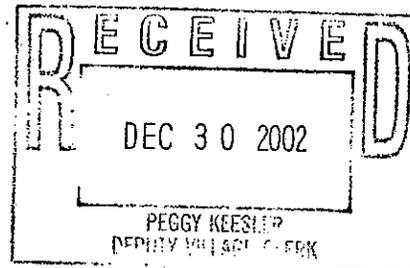
To: Village Board of Trustees
Rick Herbek, Village Manager
Seymour Waldman, Village Attorney

From: Frank Fish *FF*

Subject: 2002 Comprehensive Plan: EAF Part 2

Date: December 23, 2002

Attached please find Part 2 of the SEQR Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), which evaluates the potential environmental impacts of a project. As such, it is useful in helping to determine whether a negative declaration or positive declaration can be made for an action. In completing the EAF, we have not noted any significant adverse environmental impacts, as listed in Part 2 of the Form. If the Village Board agrees with this assessment, the Village would be in a position to discuss a negative declaration for the Plan; I will bring a draft of the negative declaration to the meeting on January 6th.



**VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON
2002 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM – PART 2**

- Developing an expanded maintenance plan for existing Village parks and recreation areas;
- Identifying the need for additional recreational facilities in the Village and exploring sources of funding and possible locations for such facilities; and
- Proceeding with the creation of a new waterfront park using the Village-owned property along the Hudson River, north of the Croton Yacht Club.

Q.15: Impact on Transportation

The Plan's recommendations are expected to have a beneficial impact on vehicular traffic through the Village and to improve the walkability of the Village. These recommendations include the following:

- Expanding the sidewalk improvement program to focus on areas of the Village where walking is most prevalent (commercial districts, near schools, and train station).
- Expanding and improving on pedestrian links (trails, sidewalks, crosswalks) throughout the Village
- More stringent enforcement of Village law requiring property owners to maintain sidewalks in front of homes
- Exploring traffic calming and access management strategies along Routes 9A and 129
- Exploring traffic calming mechanisms along collectors and residential streets where traffic speeding and volume are problems
- Exploring ways to improve access to public transportation, such as by working with Bee-Line Bus Service to improve service frequency, installing bicycle racks at the train station, and exploring feasibility of installing bicycle lanes on the major routes to the train station.

Q.19: Impact on Growth and Character of a Community or Neighborhood

The Plan's recommendations have been developed to enable the Village to achieve its goals of preserving Croton's traditional qualities, strengthening its existing assets, and protecting its resources. These recommendations, as described above and in Part I of this EAF, focus on preserving the Village's historic and architectural heritage; improving the appearance of its residential and commercial areas; improving access to its waterfront and upland parks and recreation facilities; making the Village more pedestrian-friendly; and preserving its natural resources. The Plan also recommends exploring affordable housing mechanisms, to enable the Village to retain its economic diversity and ensure that housing is available to a range of income groups. As such, the Plan's recommendations are expected to have a beneficial impact on the character of Village neighborhoods and on the Village as a whole.

	1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
c Construction or expansion of a sanitary landfill.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Construction in a designated floodway.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Will there be an effect to any unique or unusual land forms found on the site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, geological formations, etc.)

NO YES

c Specific land forms:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Impact on Water

3. Will Proposed Action affect any water body designated as protected? (Under Articles 15, 24, 25 of the Environmental Conservation Law, ECL)

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

c Developable area of site contains a protected water body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from channel of a protected stream.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Extension of utility distribution facilities through a protected water body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Construction in a designated freshwater or tidal wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. Will Proposed Action affect any non-protected existing or new body of water?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

c A 10% increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Construction of a body of water that exceeds 10 acres of surface area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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6. Will Proposed Action alter drainage flow or patterns, or surface water runoff?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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| C Proposed Action would change flood water flows | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Proposed Action may cause substantial erosion. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Proposed Action is incompatible with existing drainage patterns. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Proposed Action will allow development in a designated floodway. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Other impacts: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Please see attached explanation. The Plan recommends studying the existing stormwater drainage system to identify areas of improvement.

IMPACT ON AIR

7. Will Proposed Action affect air quality?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| C Proposed Action will induce 1,000 or more vehicle trips in any given hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Proposed Action will result in the incineration of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Emission rate of total contaminants will exceed 5 lbs. per hour or a heat source producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Proposed Action will allow an increase in the amount of land committed to industrial use. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Proposed Action will allow an increase in the density of industrial development within existing industrial areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| C Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

IMPACT ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS

8. Will Proposed Action affect any threatened or endangered species?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| C Reduction of one or more species listed on the New York or Federal list, using the site, over or near the site, or found on the site. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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C The Proposed Action would disrupt or prevent installation of agricultural land management systems (e.g., subsurface drain lines, outlet ditches, strip cropping); or create a need for such measures (e.g. cause a farm field to drain poorly due to increased runoff).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Other impacts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IMPACT ON AESTHETIC RESOURCES

11. Will Proposed Action affect aesthetic resources? (If necessary, use the Visual EAF Addendum in Section 617.20, Appendix B.)

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

C Proposed land uses, or project components obviously different from or in sharp contrast to current surrounding land use patterns, whether man-made or natural.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Proposed land uses, or project components visible to users of aesthetic resources which will eliminate or significantly reduce their enjoyment of the aesthetic qualities of that resource.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Project components that will result in the elimination or significant screening of scenic views known to be important to the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Other impacts:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please see attached. The proposed Plan is anticipated to have a beneficial impact on visual and aesthetic resources.

IMPACT ON HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

12. Will Proposed Action impact any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

C Proposed Action occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any facility or site listed on the State or National Register of historic places.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Any impact to an archaeological site or fossil bed located within the project site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Proposed Action will occur in an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NYS Site Inventory.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION

15. Will there be an effect to existing transportation systems?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| c Alteration of present patterns of movement of people and/or goods. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Proposed Action will result in major traffic problems. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Other impacts: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Please see attached explanation. The Plan contains several recommendations to improve the traffic patterns and flow throughout the Village, and to make the Village more pedestrian-friendly

IMPACT ON ENERGY

16. Will Proposed Action affect the community's sources of fuel or energy supply?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| c Proposed Action will cause a greater than 5% increase in the use of any form of energy in the municipality. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Proposed Action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two family residences or to serve a major commercial or industrial use. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

NOISE AND ODOR IMPACT

17. Will there be objectionable odors, noise, or vibration as a result of the Proposed Action?

NO YES

Examples that would apply to column 2

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| c Blasting within 1,500 feet of a hospital, school or other sensitive facility. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Odors will occur routinely (more than one hour per day). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Proposed Action will produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels for noise outside of structures. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Proposed Action will remove natural barriers that would act as a noise screen. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c Other impacts: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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C Proposed Action will set an important precedent for future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Proposed Action will create or eliminate employment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C Other impacts:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please see attached. Many of the Plan's recommendations are designed to preserve and enhance the character of the Village.

20. Is there, or is there likely to be, public controversy related to potential adverse environment impacts?
 NO YES

If Any Action in Part 2 Is Identified as a Potential Large Impact or If you Cannot Determine the Magnitude of Impact, Proceed to Part 3