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Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.

From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 6:05 PM
To: Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.
Subject: Fw: Communication to Council: re Kingston Point Park SEQR
Attachments: Short Environmental Assessment Form 2-Kingston Point Phase 2_signed.pdf; Short EAF Part 1-Kingston Point Phase 2_signed.pdf; Letter to Common Council_ KPP Phase 2 SEQR.pdf

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From: Noble, Julie <JulieLNoble@kingston-ny.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 4:12:35 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc: Noble, Steve <SNoble@kingston-ny.gov>; Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>; Graves-Poller, Barbara <BGraves@kingston-ny.gov>; Timbrouck, Lynsey <ltimbrouck@kingston-ny.gov>; Schultheis, John <jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov>; Dennis Larios (dmlarios@blengineers.com) <dmlarios@blengineers.com>
Subject: Communication to Council: re Kingston Point Park SEQR

Good afternoon,

Please find a communication to Council, as well as associated documentation, attached.

Thanks,
Julie

Julie L. Noble
City of Kingston
Project Manager
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March 27, 2025

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Kingston Point Park Phase 2 Improvements SEQR

Dear President Shaut,

I would like to request the following for placement on the Laws and Rules Committee agenda for April.

The City has received funding from NYS DOS to restore and improve a variety of park assets and amenities at Kingston Point Park. The project includes raising the eastern end of the current parking lot and installation of drainage to improve the functionality and long-term resiliency of the parking area at Kingston Point Park. The proposed parking area will contain 53 spaces including 4 handicap parking spaces, will include conversion of the tidally flooded, westerly portion of the existing lot to a freshwater wetland that will allow for vegetation and wildlife to flourish and will include improving pedestrian access to Kingston Rotary Park and the dog park adjacent to the softball field, as well as miscellaneous site improvements.

After reviewing 6 NYCRR 617, my office, with the Consultant, has preliminarily identified that the Project is an Unlisted action under SEQR, is not on the Type I or Type II lists and doesn't require a coordinated review. We have prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form summarizing that there are no significant environmental impacts that may result from the project. As such, I am recommending that the Common Council would be the Lead Agency and I am further recommending that the Council makes a negative declaration for the project.

If there are any questions, John Schultheis will be present at the April Finance meeting to speak to this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Noble

Julie L. Noble
Project Manager

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Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.
Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	☑	☐
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	☑	☐
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	☑	☐
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	☑	☐
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	☑	☐
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	☑	☐
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	☑	☐
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	☑	☐
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	☑	☐
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	☑	☐
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	☑	☐
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	☑	☐

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Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

☑ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

City of Kingston Common Council

Name of Lead Agency	Date
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Julie L. Noble

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Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information

Name of Action or Project:

Kingston Point Park Improvements

Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):

53 Delaware Ave, Kingston, NY. Location is a parking lot on the South side of Delaware Ave and across the street from Kingston Point Beach.

Brief Description of Proposed Action:

Raising the eastern end of the current parking lot and installation of drainage to improve the functionality and long-term resiliency of the parking area at Kingston Point Park. The proposed parking area will contain 53 spaces including 4 handicap parking spaces. Conversion of the tidaly flooded, westerly portion of existing lot to a freshwater wetland that will allow for vegetation and wildlife to flourish. Improving pedestrian access to Kingston Rotary Park and the dog park adjacent to the softball field, and miscellaneous site improvements.

Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 845-481-7339
Julie Noble, City of Kingston	E-Mail: julielnoble@kingston-ny.gov

Address:

467 Broadway

City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Kingston	NY	12401

	NO	YES
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.	☑	☐
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYS DOS, NYS DEC, NYS OPHRP, City of Kingston Common Council, US Army Corps of Engineers	☐	☑

3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 84.7 acres
   b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 1.37 acres
   c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 95.27 acres

4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:

5. ☐ Urban ☐ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☑ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban)
   ☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☑ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify):
   ☑ Parkland

	NO	YES	N/A
5. Is the proposed action,			
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	☐	☑	☐
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	☐	☑	☐

	NO	YES
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	☐	☑

	NO	YES
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		
If Yes, identify:	☑	☐

	NO	YES
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	☑	☐
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☑
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	☐	☑

	NO	YES
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:		
Not applicable.	☐	☐

	NO	YES
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		
If No, describe method for providing potable water:		
The public restrooms at Kingston Rotary Park will maintain their connection to City of Kingston's public water supply. No proposed actions for this project include the need for additional connections or water usage.	☑	☐

	NO	YES
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:		
Not applicable. The proposed project does not involve the generation of any wastewater that needs to be conveyed or treated.	☑	☐

	NO	YES
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	☑	☐
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	☐	☑

	NO	YES
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	☐	☑
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	☐	☑
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:		
Approximately 20,000 square feet in area of former asphalt parking lot that is a tidal flooding zone will be converted into a freshwater wetland, that will eventually adjoin with the existing wetlands (ACOE, NYS DEC) adjacent to the project area. There will be a slight disturbance in one existing wetland to remove a section of guard rail. The soil disturbance will be limited to the removal of the guard rail's posts; this will be less than 100 square feet of disturbance.		

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:

☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional

☑ Wetland ☐ Urban ☑ Suburban

	NO	YES
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered? Northern Long-eared Bat, Sh...	☐	☑
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	☐	☑
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	☑	☐
If Yes,		
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	☑	☐
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?	☐	☑
If Yes, briefly describe: Stormwater runoff from the proposed improved parking area will be less than the existing runoff conditions. Yet, the parking lot runoff will be conveyed into the proposed wetland to avoid any ponding in the parking area.		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	☑	☐
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	☑	☐
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: There is a former landfill site from the 1970's just South of the proposed project (now listed as a remediation site) on the same property of the proposed project. No soil disturbance in this area is proposed.	☐	☑

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Applicant/sponsor/name: Julie L. Noble Date: 3/26/2025

Signature: Julie L. Noble Title: Project Manager

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EAF Mapper Summary Report

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 9:01 AM

Disclaimer: The EAF Mapper is a screening tool intended to assist project sponsors and reviewing agencies in preparing an environmental assessment form (EAF). Not all questions asked in the EAF are answered by the EAF Mapper. Additional information on any EAF question can be obtained by consulting the EAF Workbooks. Although the EAF Mapper provides the most up-to-date digital data available to DEC, you may also need to contact local or other data sources in order to obtain data not provided by the Mapper. Digital data is not a substitute for agency determinations.

Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Northern Long-eared Bat, Shortnose Sturgeon, Atlantic Sturgeon
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	Yes

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Susan Mesches, Deputy Registrar

March 17, 2025

President Shaut
420 Broadway
Kingston, New York 12401

Dear President Shaut,

Please consider this communication for placement on April's Laws & Rules Agenda to pass a resolution accepting the 2025 Standard Workday for Elected and Appointed Officials in the New York State retirement system.

Thank you,
Elisa Tinti

Tinti, Elisa

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From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Edwards, Jeanne
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Food trucks

Good morning, Elisa,

Can you add the following email to my communication folder?

Thank you!

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: jeanne tavis <bluinative66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Food trucks

Good morning madam president

I would like to bring back to the table, about the food trucks. This is a public safety issue and I really needed to be put back on the table for a law to be put into place.

Thank you

Jeanne Edwards

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From:	Perry, Vincent
Sent:	Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:14 PM
To:	Alderman
Subject:	Downs St. food trailer
Attachments:	PXL_20250311_105346245.MP.jpg; PXL_20250311_105335016.MP.jpg

Members of the Common Council,

I have begun to receive an increased amount of complaints recently in regard to the food trailer and delivery truck parked on Downs St. These vehicles are parked in a manner that present safety concerns for neighbors. I have attached photos from the exit of the former sea deli parking lot that exits on to Downs St. A driver has no line of vision to see oncoming traffic, pedestrians, or cyclists.

Customers often times park illegally in the "No Parking Here to Corner" zones at that intersection which causes an obstruction of traffic. The nature of business being conducted at the food trailer attracts considerable pedestrian traffic. These pedestrians are at great risk from vehicles turning on to Downs St. from Broadway. Neighbors have also mentioned in their complaints that business is sometimes being done past 11 pm some evenings.

Parking Enforcement has written a significant amount of tickets in the "No Parking Here to Corner" zones on both sides of Downs St. at the corner of Broadway and Downs and in the "No Parking Between Signs" zone located in front of the Masjid Umar Mosque at 15 Downs St. Unfortunately, the increased enforcement during work hours has done nothing to deter the lack of compliance as the issue persists throughout the evening and early mornings.

I believe addressing the food trailer would be the beginning of resolving this safety issue. I have directed the complainants to reach out to Ward 4 Alderwoman, Jeannie Edwards or attend the next Common Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Vincent Perry
Parking Supervisor
(845) 943-0123

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS AND THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE RENT EMERGENCY STABILIZATION FOR TENANTS (REST) ACT (S4659/A4877).

WHEREAS, in 2019, the New York State Legislature passed the Housing Stability Tenant Protection Act (HSTPA) which, among other things, allowed localities outside of New York City and its surrounding localities to opt into the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) of 1974; and

WHEREAS, four localities that have since attempted to opt-in to ETPA in response to local housing affordability crises have failed to identify a vacancy rate of below 5%, thus deeming them ineligible to adopt rent stabilization; and

WHEREAS, four localities have identified a vacancy rate of below 5%, however, due to multiple lawsuits by real estate interests, three housing emergency declarations have been rescinded or revoked; and

WHEREAS, of the total eight vacancy studies that have been conducted since 2019, only one study has identified a vacancy rate of below 5% *and* withstood legal challenges, although it is still defending its declared Housing Emergency in the NYS Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Brian Kavanagh and Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha have introduced the Rent Emergency Stabilization for Tenants (REST) Act, a bill which would expand the eligibility for, and applicability of, ETPA for upstate New York and Long Island; and

WHEREAS, the REST Act would grant localities the flexibility to utilize publicly accessible data, rather than be confined to the unfunded yet required rental housing vacancy study, to opt in to ETPA; and

WHEREAS, the REST Act would grant localities an alternative method in determining eligibility for rent stabilization by changing the year-built requirement to 15 years before the current date, and giving municipalities the power to determine the unit-count requirement, so that ETPA is aligned with local conditions in outer-NYC municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Kingston, NY supports and endorses the REST Act which would provide for an alternative method for localities other than New York City to opt in to rent regulation and expands the range of rental housing that can be covered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Kingston, NY calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass and Governor Hochul to sign S4659/A4877 The Rent Emergency Stabilization (REST) Act.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Clerk will send a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha, State Senator Michele Hinchey, Senate Judiciary Chair Brad Hoylman, Assembly Judiciary Chair Charles Lavine, Senate Housing Chair Brian Kavanagh, and Assembly Housing Chair Linda Rosenthal.