

**Full Environmental Assessment Form**  
**Part 1 - Project and Setting**

**Instructions for Completing Part 1**

**Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor.** 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; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

**A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.**

Name of Action or Project: Village of Monroe 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update and Implementing Local Laws		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Village of Monroe, Orange County, New York		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): See EAF Part 1 Attachment F		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Village of Monroe Village Board of Trustees		Telephone: (845) 782-8341
		E-Mail:
Address: 7 Stage Road		
City/PO: Monroe	State: NY	Zip Code: 10950
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Neil S. Dwyer, Mayor		Telephone:
		E-Mail: mayor@villageofmonroe.org
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor): N/A		Telephone:
		E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

**B. Government Approvals****B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship.** ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)

Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Council, Town Board, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees	Village of Monroe Village Board of Trustees - Comprehensive Plan Adoption	April 18, 2023
b. City, Town or Village <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Planning Board or Commission		
c. City, Town or <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Village Zoning Board of Appeals		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources. <i>i.</i> Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>ii.</i> Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>iii.</i> Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

**C. Planning and Zoning****C.1. Planning and zoning actions.**

Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If Yes, complete sections C, F and G.
- If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1

**C.2. Adopted land use plans.**

a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

Hudson River Valley Greenway - Orange County Greenway Compact

c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

Orange County Open Space Plan (2004); Orange County Greenway Compact (2013); Orange County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan (2015); NYSDEC Open Space and Conservation Plan (2016)

<b>C.3. Zoning</b>	
a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district? SR-20 Suburban Residential District, SR-10 Suburban Residential District, UR-M Urban Multifamily Residential District, GB General Business District, CB Central Business District, VR Village Recreation District	
b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? _____	
<b>C.4. Existing community services.</b>	
a. In what school district is the project site located? <u>Monroe-Woodbury Central School District</u>	
b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site? <u>Village of Monroe Police Department</u>	
c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site? <u>Monroe Joint Fire District</u>	
d. What parks serve the project site? <u>Smith Clove Park, Crane Park, Airplane Park, Orange County Heritage Trail</u>	

#### D. Project Details

<b>D.1. Proposed and Potential Development</b>	
a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)? _____	
b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres	
c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____	
d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
If Yes, i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types) _____	
ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
iii. Number of lots proposed? _____	
iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____	
e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
i. If No, anticipated period of construction: _____ months	
ii. If Yes:	
• Total number of phases anticipated _____	
• Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) _____ month _____ year	
• Anticipated completion date of final phase _____ month _____ year	
• Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____ _____ _____	

f. Does the project include new residential uses? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.				
	<u>One Family</u>	<u>Two Family</u>	<u>Three Family</u>	<u>Multiple Family (four or more)</u>
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

  

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes,	
i. Total number of structures _____ ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: _____ height; _____ width; and _____ length iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: _____ square feet	

  

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes,	
i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____ ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground water <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water streams <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify: _____ iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. _____ iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete): _____	

  

**D.2. Project Operations**

  

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite) If Yes:	
i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____ ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site? • Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____ • Over what duration of time? _____ iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them. _____ _____ iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If yes, describe. _____ _____ v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet viii. Will the excavation require blasting? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____ _____ _____	

  

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes:	
i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): _____ _____ _____	

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: \_\_\_\_\_
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): \_\_\_\_\_
- proposed method of plant removal: \_\_\_\_\_
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do existing lines serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source(s) of supply for the district: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If, Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date application submitted or anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: \_\_\_\_\_

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: \_\_\_\_\_

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? _____</li> <li>• Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? If Yes:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? _____ If Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____</li> <li>• Date application submitted or anticipated: _____</li> <li>• What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____</li> </ul>	
v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans): _____ _____	
vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____ _____ _____	
e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? If Yes: i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel? _____ Square feet or _____ acres (impervious surface) _____ Square feet or _____ acres (parcel size) ii. Describe types of new point sources. _____ _____ _____	
iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)? _____ _____ • If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____ _____ _____ • Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? _____	
iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? _____	
f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? If Yes, identify: i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles) _____ ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers) _____ iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation) _____	
g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? If Yes: i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>• _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)</li> <li>• _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)</li> <li>• _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)</li> <li>• _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)</li> <li>• _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)</li> </ul>	

<p>h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____</p> <p>ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____</p>			
<p>i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): _____</p>			
<p>j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend  <input type="checkbox"/> Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.</p> <p>ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): _____</p> <p>iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____</p> <p>iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: _____</p> <p>vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p>			
<p>k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____</p> <p>ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): _____</p> <p>iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p>			
<p>l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>ii. During Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>	<p>ii. During Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>
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<p>m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>Describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>Describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Product(s) to be stored _____</p> <p>ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)</p> <p>iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe proposed treatment(s):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p>	
<p>r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)</li> <li>• Operation : _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)</li> </ul> <p>ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction: _____</li> <li>• Operation: _____</li> </ul> <p>iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction: _____</li> <li>• Operation: _____</li> </ul>	



s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: \_\_\_\_\_ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated \_\_\_\_\_ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: \_\_\_\_\_

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: \_\_\_\_\_

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: \_\_\_\_\_

#### E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

**E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site**

a. Existing land uses.

i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.

☐ Urban ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban) ☐ Rural (non-farm)

☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces			
• Forested			
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)			
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)			
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)			
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)			
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)			
• Other Describe: _____			

<p>c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?  <i>i. If Yes: explain:</i> _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site?  If Yes,  <i>i. Identify Facilities:</i>  _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>e. Does the project site contain an existing dam?  If Yes:  <i>i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dam height: _____ feet</li> <li>• Dam length: _____ feet</li> <li>• Surface area: _____ acres</li> <li>• Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet</li> </ul> <p><i>ii. Dam's existing hazard classification:</i> _____  <i>iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:</i>  _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility?  If Yes:  <i>i. Has the facility been formally closed?</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____</li> </ul> <i>ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:</i>  _____  _____  <i>iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities:</i> _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste?  If Yes:  <i>i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred:</i>  _____  _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site?  If Yes:  <i>i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply:</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Spills Incidents database  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database  <input type="checkbox"/> Neither database </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> Provide DEC ID number(s): _____  Provide DEC ID number(s): _____ </div> </div> <p><i>ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures:</i> _____  _____  _____  <i>iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database?</i>  If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): _____  <i>iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):</i>  _____  _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No          <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, DEC site ID number: _____</li> <li>• Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____</li> <li>• Describe any use limitations: _____</li> <li>• Describe any engineering controls: _____</li> <li>• Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></li> <li>• Explain: _____</li> </ul>	
<b>E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site</b>	
a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? _____ feet	
b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ %	
c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site: _____ % _____ % _____ %	
d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: _____ feet	
e. Drainage status of project site soils: <input type="checkbox"/> Well Drained: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well Drained: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly Drained: _____ % of site	
f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes: <input type="checkbox"/> 0-10%: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15%: _____ % of site <input type="checkbox"/> 15% or greater: _____ % of site	
g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes, describe: _____	
h. Surface water features.	
i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
If Yes to either <i>i</i> or <i>ii</i> , continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.	
iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streams: Name _____ Classification _____</li> <li>• Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Classification _____</li> <li>• Wetlands: Name _____ Approximate Size _____</li> <li>• Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) _____</li> </ul>	
v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____	
i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes:	
i. Name of aquifer: _____	

<p>m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____</p> <p>ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____</p> <p>iii. Extent of community/habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently: _____ acres</li> <li>• Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres</li> <li>• Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres</li> </ul>	
<p>o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Species and listing: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p><b>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</b></p>	
<p>a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____</p>	
<p>b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____</p> <p>ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____</p>	
<p>c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature</p> <p>ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span></p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. CEA name: _____</p> <p>ii. Basis for designation: _____</p> <p>iii. Designating agency and date: _____</p>	



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**A. Brief Description of the Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action involves the adoption of the 2023 Village of Monroe Comprehensive Plan Update including associated topic-based recommendations as well as the adoption of two new Village Local Laws. The 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update was prepared to help guide land use and policy decisions in the Village of Monroe.

The impetus for the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update is based on several contributing factors. First, In the last several years, the Village Board had observed a number of development projects and land use changes that have seemed out-of-character with established Village neighborhoods. Additionally, the Village had observed potential businesses having difficulty with the existing zoning law when trying to locate in the downtown and other appropriate locations. Lastly, in recent years, land use board members and professionals advising land use boards, including land use attorneys, have noted code language that could lead to problems for the Village.

Concerns noted by the Village Board in recent years include:

- Code language that prevents certain small businesses from locating in downtown, contrary to the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.
- A proliferation of single-family residences being rented to multiple tenant households.
- Inappropriate paving and use of the right-of-way and front yard of homes for parking, including parking on sidewalks and along shoulders.
- The potential loss of historic structures.
- Increased bright LED lighting in residential areas causing glare and impacting neighborhoods and the night sky.
- Several developments that were poorly designed, and where the Planning Board felt ill- equipped to require architectural or site design changes.
- Marginal, poorly maintained business uses at the periphery of the Central Business District.
- Several code provisions that may be unenforceable.
- Inadequate provisions for the construction of schools and houses of worship leading to the use of existing inadequate structures in a manner inconsistent with the Building and Fire Codes.
- Certain regulations or requirements improperly placed in the definitions in a way that does not serve the intent of the regulation.
- Conflicting provisions regarding yards and setbacks.
- Additions to homes that are inconsistent with the overall architecture of the structure, and/or out of character with the neighborhood.

Furthermore, in the years since the adoption of the previous Comprehensive Plan in 2014 and adoption of amendments in 2016, several transformational changes have occurred locally, regionally, and nationally that have significantly impacted background conditions in the Village of Monroe. These include the COVID-19 pandemic; recovery and rapid price increases in the real estate market; continued weakening of the office and retail real estate market; formation of the Town of Palm Tree (from lands formerly located in the Town of Monroe); New York State Climate Change and Energy Policy; and cannabis legalization.

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**B. Revised Vision**

The Village embarked on a plan to comprehensively update its 2016 Plan. However, following the first public Visioning Meeting and having conducted extensive existing conditions inventories and analyses, the Village Board determined that much of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan remained relevant, and only the overall vision, as well as certain objectives and policies required adjustment.

The Vision was amended to reflect the aspirations of the community, rather than the physical form of the community. The 2016 Vision read:

*"The Village of Monroe will have a strong, attractive, economically vibrant downtown core and adjacent transitional heavy commercial areas, a sustainable mix of more intensive uses along the Route 17M corridor, a range of new housing options for young families and empty nesters within walking distance to downtown, high-quality stable single-family and two-family neighborhoods and abundant recreational and cultural opportunities."*

The proposed 2023 Vision reads:

*The Village of Monroe will remain a complete place providing: quiet peaceful neighborhoods for residents diverse in age, race, religion, economics, and capability to live free from traffic, noise, pollution, crime, and unsanitary conditions in residences consistent with the scale and densities of the Village's existing established neighborhoods; complete streets that provide safe and uncongested transport for people of all ages and capabilities, whether pedestrians, cyclists or motorists; opportunities for businesses and employment, particularly in downtown, but also along the Route 17M corridor in structures that are respectful of Monroe's traditional Village architecture; a robust range of recreational and cultural opportunities centered in Downtown and around the Millponds including preserved historic structures, sites and scenic vistas, which add to the character of the Village; and opportunities for social interaction and community involvement through recreation, education, volunteerism, worship and government.*

The primary changes are to add several qualitative aspirations to the 2016 physical vision. Particularly the changes envision neighborhoods maintained as quiet, peaceful and at current scales; diversity being supported; streets that are complete; maintenance of commercial architecture; historic preservation; and increased social interaction.

**C. Rationale Behind Revised Objectives and Deleted Recommendations**

The Village Board also revisited the goals and objectives of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan in light of more recent public input and and made the following modifications:

1. The first housing objective which read as follows in 2016:

*Provide appropriate higher densities of quality residential use within and near downtown.*

Was changed to the following 2023 proposed objective:

*Continue to allow for apartment over retail in the downtown.*

This change acknowledged that the public sentiment regarding additional townhouse and multifamily development within the Village had shifted. While mixed use multifamily over downtown retail was still found to be appropriate, proximity to downtown was no longer a compelling reason to allow new development at higher densities than currently exist. This was

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partially in recognition that the Spring Hill Apartments adjacent to downtown have been constructed, serving the 2016 objective.

2. The second and third housing objectives which read as follows in 2016:

*Provide a supply of affordable and market rate housing designed for senior citizen and active-adult occupancy as a way to allow long-time residents to remain in the community.*

And

*Provide a supply of high-quality, affordable ownership and rental housing for young professionals and new families*

Were merged into the following 2023 proposed objective:

*Promote traditional village neighborhoods and new housing types not frequently found in the region, particularly targeted toward the elderly, single-person households, childless couples and new families.*

This change was made to reflect that while the 2016 Plan had resulted in additional housing variety in the Village, that housing has not come to serve the originally targeted populations of seniors, active adults, young professionals and new families. Additionally, it acknowledges that much of the recently constructed housing in the region has been comprised of larger dwelling units, and that the availability of housing for small households such as the elderly, singles, and childless couples remains limited.

3. A new housing objective was added as follows:

*Engage in intensive and strict enforcement of State building codes and Village zoning.*

This goal acknowledges the challenge that the Village faces as many of its single-family residences are being purchased as commercial properties, with increased observance of insufficient maintenance, and increased overcrowding.

4. A new housing objective was added as follows:

*Allow for inherently beneficial uses to locate in residential neighborhoods while avoiding impacts to the quiet seclusion of families.*

This housing goal recognizes the increased demand for schools and places of worship to locate within neighborhoods and acknowledges that those uses enjoy a presumption of appropriateness to residential neighborhoods as “inherently beneficial uses.”

5. Goal P1 of the 2016 Plan was amended to divide preservation of the Village’s Historic Resources from Scenic and Natural Resources.

This change is proposed to acknowledge the increased value that was attributed to historic resources by the public as compared to the 2016 Plan.

6. A new objective was added to “Preserve and protect the remaining cultural resources within the Village.”

This addition is proposed to acknowledge that the increase in real property prices since the COVID 19 epidemic has resulted in a market that threatens the Village’s remaining historic properties with demolition or harm.



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7. The 2016 Natural Resource Preservation Objective which read:

*Guarantee the quality of water discharged into the Ramapo River Sole Source Aquifer System*

Now is proposed to read in 2023:

*Protect water quality within the village and within the downstream Ramapo River Sole Source Aquifer System including surface waterbodies, wetlands and groundwater.*

This change is intended to acknowledge the importance of preserving groundwater, wetlands and waterbodies in addition to the aquifer.

8. A new objective is proposed for the 2023 Plan which reads, "Preserve the village scale and community character."

This new objective reflects the Village Boards agreement with public input regarding recent trends which threaten the character of established Village neighborhoods and viewsheds.

9. The fourth transportation objective of the 2016 Plan was slightly modified to focus on improving the Village's gateways, rather than improving connections at the Village's gateways.

This change was intended to more accurately reflect the policy recommendations that follow, which deal with signage.

10. The second economics objective of the first economics goal of the 2016 Plan , was amended to remove the recommendation to expand parking opportunities.

This change is proposed in recognition of the park-and-ride parking that was added following the 2016 Plan.

11. The fourth objective of the first economic goal of the 2016 Plan was amended to remove specific reference to streetscape improvement in the downtown.

This change is proposed to reflect that the downtown streetscape improvement recommended by the 2016 Plan have already been implemented.

12. The fifth objective of the first economic goal of the 2016 Plan was amended to remove a statement regarding better coordination with local civic and institutional organizations.

This statement was included in 2016 with regard to expanding the number of festivals and events held near downtown, and regarding sharing costs of creating a digital business map and way finding signage. Since 2016, the Village has achieved an increase in the number of festivals and events, and no longer feels it is necessary to specifically identify this coordination as an objective.

13. The 2016 plan objective, which read, "Enhance connections from the downtown to Ponds Park, the Monroe Racetrack, the Heritage Trail, Smith's Clove Park and other recreational areas," is proposed to be deleted as it was duplicative of a transportation recommendation.

14. The 2016 Plan objective which read, "Respect the scale and character of downtown buildings by promoting appropriate building heights at the entrance to downtown from the ponds," is proposed to be deleted as it is duplicative to other recommendations for housing to be added over existing downtown retail.

15. The 2016 Plan Objective which read,

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*Provide flexibility of use to marginal commercial areas along the Route 17M corridor to better reflect the current retail demand;*

Is now proposed in the 2023 Plan to read:

*Limit area along NYS Route 208 to heavy commercial and office uses.*

This change reflects a recovered local economy and fewer commercial vacancies within Village. Further it further acknowledges the traffic constraints in the vicinity of Route 208 in the Village.

16. The 2016 Plan Objective which read, "Allow for mixed-uses where appropriate and subject to strict design requirements. Promote guidelines to ensure design quality, while instructing future applicants of the Village's design expectations," is proposed for deletion.

This change is proposed to acknowledge that the Village no longer seeks additional multifamily development outside of the downtown, except in one particular area of the Village.

17. The 2016 Plan included duplicative objectives as follows, which are proposed for deletion in 2023 to improve conciseness:

*Enhance accessibility to heavy commercial areas from Route 208 and other area roadways.*

And

*Leverage the presence of the Heritage Trail and promote safe pedestrian and bicycle access to and through these areas.*

18. The 2016 Plan no longer includes the following recommendations, which it believes are superfluous to other recommendations and objectives:

*Improve communications and planning efforts between the Village, the Town, and surrounding Villages and Towns and Orange County.*

and

*Take advantage of grant funding available from New York State where appropriate.*

**D. Assessment of Changes to 2016 Adopted Comprehensive Plan Policies**

The 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update contains several proposed deletions, changes and additions to the policies of the adopted 2016 Plan. The adoption of these policies will not directly result in actual projects or physical activities, but rather will guide the Village in future actions, which themselves will be subjected to State Environmental Quality Review. This include future zoning actions, which are not likely to have significant impacts beyond those identified herein, but still should be assessed for impacts as more exacting zoning language is considered.

An analysis of each of the changed goals, objectives and recommendations proposed in the Comprehensive Plan is provided in the form of a matrix and attached hereto (**Attachments A1 and A2**). The implementation of each recommendation was screened for potential impacts as an advance consideration of the EAF Part 2. This matrix was designed to assist the Village Board of Trustees, as lead agency, in assessing impacts that could result with adoption of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.

It is noted that only substantive changes were assessed. Several changes were made for the purpose of correcting grammar or syntax, increasing understandability and readability, or increasing conciseness by

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deleting unnecessary or duplicative verbiage. Such changes will not impact the environment and are thus not included in the assessment.

Additionally, it is noted that the baseline for the assessment is the current policies as stated in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, only the changes to the plan policies from 2016 to 2023 are assessed for impacts.

**E. Village Local Laws**

In addition to the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, this EAF is intended to consider the adoption of two local laws. Local Law #4 of 2023 – Landmarks Preservation Local Law and Local Law #5 of 2023 – Place of Worship and Schools Local Law.

The Landmarks Preservation Local Law is largely consistent with the State Historic Preservation Office's Model Certified Local Government Law, with limited modifications. The law is intended to result in the preservation of the Village's remaining local landmarks.

The Place of Worship and School Local Law is intended to acknowledge the favorable zoning status that schools and houses of worship enjoy in residential neighborhoods. It also acknowledges that any non-residential use has the potential to result in impacts to the peace and quiet seclusion of nearby residences and proposes reasonable and appropriate controls and limitations to allow such uses in proximity to residences.