

State Environmental Quality Review
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
 Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

Project Number: 2023-026

Date: November 13, 2023

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

The Town of North Castle Planning Board has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: **#2023-026 – 14 Middle Patent Road, Additional Horses, Site Plan and Accessory Structure over 800 s.f. special use permit Application**

SEQR Status: Type I

Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: Yes

No

Description of Action: The 42.23 acre property is improved with an existing equestrian facility for 10 horses (Town Board SUP issued in 2008).

The Applicant is proposing to increase the number of horses on the property from 10 to 26. In addition, the Applicant is proposing a 1,341 s.f. expansion to the existing barn (14 horses), the continued use of a small 2 stall barn (2 horses) and the construction of a new 10 stall stable.

Location: (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended).

14 Middle Patent Road, Town of North Castle, Westchester County
 Lot 95.03-1-42

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

(See 617.7(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for Conditioned Negative Declaration)

SEE ATTACHED REASONS

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed.

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For Type I Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this notice sent to:

Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located.

The lead agency

All involved agencies (if any)

Any person who has requested a copy (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Publication in the in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) is also required.

**ATTACHMENT TO NEGATIVE DECLARATION
REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION**

**14 Middle Patent Road, Additional Horses, Site Plan, Special Permit and Tree
Removal Permit Applications**

The Planning Board cites the following reasons supporting this Negative Declaration:

- The adoption of the Proposed Action, will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact associated with the proposed physical changes of the property. Construction will be limited to areas within defined Clearing and Grading Limit Lines. Clearing and Grading Limit Lines have been established to limit disturbance to steep slopes and Town-regulated wetlands to the greatest extent practicable. All proposed physical changes are subject to an erosion and sedimentation control plan.
- The Proposed Action will not impact the exceptional or unique characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA).
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on any unique or unusual land forms.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on any water body designated as protected. A wetland permit will not be required to construct the proposed improvements since all proposed disturbance is outside of the Town-regulated 100-foot wetland buffer.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on any non-protected existing or new body of water.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on surface or groundwater quality or quantity. All potential stormwater impacts will be mitigated through the implementation of a stormwater management plan.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on or alter drainage flow or patterns, or surface water runoff since any potential impact is mitigated by the submitted stormwater management plan.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on air quality.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on any threatened or endangered species.

- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on agricultural land resources.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on aesthetic resources.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the quantity or quality of existing or future open spaces or recreational opportunities.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on existing transportation systems.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the community's sources of fuel or energy supply.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact as a result of objectionable odors, noise or vibration.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the public health and safety.
- The Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the character of the existing community.