



**TOWN OF AMHERST PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)  
Waterfront Assessment Form (WAF)**

**To Be Completed By Applicant**

**A. INSTRUCTIONS** (Please print or type all answers)

1. Applicants shall complete this Waterfront Assessment Form (WAF) for proposed actions that are located within the Town of Amherst Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) and are subject to compliance with the Town's LWRP Consistency Review Law. This assessment is intended to supplement other information used by Town agencies (departments and boards) in making a determination that the proposed action will be consistent with the policies of the approved Amherst Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). It is also used in the making of a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act.
2. Before answering the questions in Section C, the preparer of this form should review the policies and policy explanations contained in Section III of the Town of Amherst LWRP, a copy of which is available on the Town website ([https://www.amherst.ny.us/content/projects.php?dept\\_id=dept\\_15&proj\\_id=proj\\_07&neworder=00](https://www.amherst.ny.us/content/projects.php?dept_id=dept_15&proj_id=proj_07&neworder=00)). A proposed action should be evaluated based on beneficial and adverse effects upon resources in the Waterfront Revitalization Area and its consistency with the LWRP policy standards.
3. If any questions in Section C on this form are answered "yes", the proposed action may not be consistent with the LWRP policy standards, as contained in the Town of Amherst LWRP Consistency Review Law in such cases, the action should be analyzed in more detail and, if necessary, modified prior to making a final determination of consistency with the LWRP policy standards and conditions. If an action cannot be certified as consistent with the LWRP policy standards, it shall not be undertaken.

**B. DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND PROPOSED ACTION**

1. Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name of Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Project Location**  
Property Tax Identification Section Block Lot (SBL) number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of action (Street or Site Description and nearest intersection):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Size of site (acres): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Amount of site to be impacted (acres): \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Present land use: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Present zoning classification: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Describe nature and extent of action: \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. Type of Action (complete appropriate response):

a. Directly undertaken (e.g., construction, planning, regulation, land transaction)

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

b. Financial assistance for project (e.g., grant, loan, subsidy):

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

c. Applicant permit, approval, license, or certificate:

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

d. Name of Agency undertaking the action: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Describe any unique or unusual landforms on the project site (i.e., wetlands, creeks, other geological formations):

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

10. Percentage of site that contains slopes of 15% or greater: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Streams, lakes, ponds or wetlands (state or federal regulated) existing within or continuous to the project area?

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Size (in acres) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Is the property serviced by public water? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is the property serviced by public sewer? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

14. Will the action be directly undertaken or require funding or approval by a State or federal agency?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which State or federal agency? \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. WATERFRONT ASSESSMENT** (Check either "Yes" or "No" for each of the following questions). If the answer to any question in Section C is yes, please explain in Section D any measures which will be undertaken to mitigate any adverse effects.

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|----|---|-----|-----|
| 1. | Will the proposed action be located in, contiguous to, or have a potentially adverse effect upon any of the resource areas found within the waterfront area identified in the Amherst LWRP? | YES | NO  |
|    |   | ___ | ___ |
|    | (a) Locally significant fish or wildlife habitats?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (c) Important scenic view/vistas <sup>1</sup> ?   | ___ | ___ |
|    | (d) Historic or cultural resources of significance?   | ___ | ___ |
|    |   |     |     |
| 2. | Will the proposed action have a significant effect upon:  | YES | NO  |
|    | (a) Scenic quality of the waterfront environment?   | ___ | ___ |
|    | (b) Development of future or existing water-dependent uses?   | ___ | ___ |
|    | (c) Designated State or Federal freshwater wetlands?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (d) Recreational use of fish and wildlife resources?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (e) Existing or potential public recreation opportunities?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (f) Structures, sites, or districts of historic, archaeological or cultural significance in the Town of Amherst?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (g) Stability of the Ellicott/Tonawanda Creek shoreline?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (h) Surface or groundwater quality?   | ___ | ___ |
|    |   |     |     |
| 3. | Will the proposed action involve or result in any of the following:   | YES | NO  |
|    | (a) Physical alteration of land along the shoreline, underwater land, or surface waters?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (b) Physical alteration of two (2) acres or more of land located elsewhere in the waterfront area?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (c) Expansion of existing public services or infrastructure in undeveloped or low-density areas along the waterfront?   | ___ | ___ |
|    | (d) Excavation, filling or dredging in surface waters?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (e) Reduction of existing or potential public access to or along the shoreline?   | ___ | ___ |
|    | (f) Sale or change in use of publicly owned lands located on the shoreline or on lands underwater?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (g) Development within a designated flood hazard area?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (h) Development in areas that provide protection against flooding or erosion?   | ___ | ___ |
|    | (i) Construction or reconstruction of erosion protective structures?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (j) Diminished or degraded surface or groundwater quantity and/or quality?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (k) Removal of ground cover from the site?  | ___ | ___ |
|    | (l) Siting or Construction of an energy generation facility not subject to Article VII or VIII of the Public Service Law?   | ___ | ___ |
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| 4. | Project   |     |     |

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<sup>1</sup> LWRP Scenic Views available on Town of Amherst Website  
[https://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/planning/lwrp/231212\\_high\\_res\\_maps.pdf](https://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/planning/lwrp/231212_high_res_maps.pdf)

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	YES	NO
(a) If a project is to be located adjacent to the shore:		
(1) Does the project require a waterfront location?	___	___
(2) Will water-related recreation be provided?	___	___
(3) Will public access to the foreshore be provided?	___	___
(4) Will it eliminate or replace a water-dependent use?	___	___
(5) Will it eliminate or replace a recreational use or resource?	___	___
(b) Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?	___	___
(c) Will the project protect, maintain, and/or increase the level and type of public access to water-related recreation facilities?	___	___
(d) Does the project presently offer or include scenic views or vistas that are known to be important to the community?	___	___
(e) Is the project site presently used for recreational fishing?	___	___
(f) Will the surface area of the Ellicott/Tonawanda Creek corridor or wetland areas be increased or decreased by the proposal?	___	___
(g) Is the project located in a flood prone area?	___	___
(h) Is the project located in an area subject to erosion?	___	___
(i) Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally important vegetation be removed by the project?	___	___
(j) Do essential public services or facilities presently exist at or near the site?	___	___
(k) Will the project involve surface or subsurface liquid waste disposal?	___	___
(l) Will the project involve transport, storage, treatment or disposal of solid waste or hazardous materials?	___	___
(m) Will the project involve shipment or storage of petroleum products?	___	___
(n) Will the project involve the discharge of toxics, hazardous substances or other wastes or pollutants into coastal waters?	___	___
(o) Will the project involve or change existing ice management practices?	___	___
(n) Will the project alter drainage patterns or surface water runoff flowing on, to or from the site?	___	___
(p) Will best management practices be utilized to control storm water runoff into coastal waters?	___	___
(q) Will the project cause emissions that would exceed federal or State air quality standards or generate significant amounts of nitrates or sulfates?	___	___
(r) Will the project affect any area designed as a freshwater wetland?	___	___
(s) Will the project utilize or affect the quality or quantity of surface waters or sole source water supply?	___	___

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**D. REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT OR DESCRIBE ANY ITEM(S) CHECKED "YES"** Include the question number in description below. (Add any additional sheets necessary)

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If you require assistance or further information in order to complete this form, please contact the Town of Amherst Planning Department (phone: 716-631-7051). Please submit completed form, along with one copy of a site plan application materials/plat plan to:

**Town of Amherst Planning Department  
5583 Main St.  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
P: (716) 631-7051**

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**E. VERIFICATION**

I certify that the information provided in this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_