



TOWN OF AMHERST PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Zoning & Subdivision Text Amendment Application

File # ZTA-2026-01

1. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment
2. Subdivision Regulations Text Amendment

- PETITIONER:**
- Town Board
 - Planning Board
 - Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Commissioner of Building
 - Planning Director
 - Zoning Enforcement Officer

Sections Proposed to be Amended: (Attach sheets as necessary.)

Add Chapter 203: Section 6-12

Description of Amendments: (Attached sheets as necessary.)

Local Law – Battery Energy Storage Systems
See attached

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LOCAL LAW NO. ____-2026

TOWN OF AMHERST
COUNTY OF ERIE, STATE OF NEW YORK

**A Local Law Making Amendments To Chapter 203 Of The Code Of The Town Of Amherst,
Also Known As Zoning Ordinance.**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Amherst as follows:

§6-12 Battery Energy Storage System.

6-12-1. Purpose. To provide regulations for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) as a principal use, to further protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, of the community with the following objectives:

- A. To provide regulations for the designation of locations suitable for construction and operation of battery energy storage systems;
- B. To ensure that Battery Energy Storage System are compatible with adjacent land uses;
- C. To mitigate for the visual impacts from the public domain associated with Battery Energy Storage Systems;
- D. To provide areas within the Town to support a more resilient electrical energy delivery system that serves the immediate community, while establishing minimum safeguards to protect nearby residential uses and community.

6-12-2. Definitions. (See Section 2-4 “Specific Terms” of Zoning Ordinance)

6-12-3. Applicability.

- A. The requirements shall apply to all battery energy storage systems being established as principal uses permitted in the Town of Amherst, after the effective date of this Local Law, excluding general maintenance and repair.
- B. Battery energy storage systems constructed or installed prior to the effective date of this Local Law shall not be required to meet the requirements of this Local Law, unless modified, replaced or expanded.
- C. Battery Energy Storage Systems which are accessory to an existing electrical substation facility operated and owned by National Grid or NYSEG will not be regulated by this section.

- D. Battery Energy Storage Systems which are accessory to solar energy systems shall be regulated as part of Section 6-10 (Solar Energy).

6-12-4. General Requirements

- A. Major Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 8-7 of Town Code shall apply to all BESS facilities.
- B. A building permit, an electrical permit and an operating permit shall be required for the installation of all battery energy storage systems.
- C. Issuance of permits shall be from the Building Department and the Fire Safety Inspectors.

6-12-5 Permitting Requirements for Battery Energy Storage Systems.

- A. Battery Energy Storage systems are divided into two categories, as follows:
 - 1) Tier I Battery Energy Storage Systems are defined as battery energy storage systems that produce <600 kWh for residential or non-residential use.
 - 2) Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems are battery energy storage systems that produce greater than >600 kWh.
- B. Tier I Battery Energy Storage Systems shall be permitted in all zoning districts, subject to the NYS Building Code and the “Battery Energy Storage System Permit,” and are exempt from site plan review.
- C. Permitting Requirements for Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems. Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems are permitted through the issuance of a Major Site Plan review within the Research and Development (RD) and General Industrial (GI) zoning districts, and shall be subject to the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the site plan application requirements set forth in Part 8 of this Chapter.

6-12-6 Major Site Plan Application Requirements.

- A. Site Plan Criteria:
 - 1) Setbacks. Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems shall comply with the setback requirements of the underlying zoning district for principal structures on the parcel. Additional setback requirements include a 500-foot setback from the system compound fence to the nearest residential zoning district.
 - 2) Height. Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems shall comply with the building height limitations for principal structures of the underlying zoning district.

- 3) Fencing Requirements. Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems, including all mechanical equipment, shall be enclosed by a 6-foot-high fence maximum. When fencing is installed, barbed wire or a similar style security-top fencing shall not be utilized. Fencing may be further screened by landscaping needed to avoid adverse aesthetic impacts. The fencing materials should be of a camouflage nature.
 - 4) Screening and Visibility. Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems shall require High Impact Screening per Section 7-2-4B. Tier II BESS projects shall have views minimized from adjacent properties to the extent reasonably practicable using architectural features, earth berms, landscaping, or other screening methods that will harmonize with the character of the property and surrounding area while maintaining safe access for emergency response and operation of the Battery Energy Storage system.
- B. Utility Connections. Required connections to a utility providers' existing overhead infrastructure and all on site transmission lines and other electrical connections shall be made underground. One new above grade utility connection pole shall be permitted for metering and main connection purposes near the utility provider's existing distribution line. All new required connection equipment including but not limited to reclosers, GOABS, switch gear, fused cutouts and transformers shall be ground mounted and located within the BESS compound, maintaining the required setbacks of the battery energy storage system compound.
- C. Signage.
- 1) The signage shall be in compliance with ANSI Z535 and shall include the type of technology associated with the battery energy storage systems, any special hazards associated, the type of suppression system installed in the area of battery energy storage systems, and 24-hour emergency contact information, including reach-back phone number.
 - 2) As required by the National Electric Code (NEC), disconnect and other emergency shutoff information shall be clearly displayed on a light reflective surface. A clearly visible warning sign concerning voltage shall be placed at the base of all pad-mounted transformers and substations.
- D. Lighting. Lighting of the battery energy storage systems shall be limited to that minimally required for safety and operational purposes and shall be reasonably shielded and downcast from abutting properties as required in Section 7-3.
- E. Noise. The [1-hour] average noise generated from the battery energy storage systems, components, and associated ancillary equipment shall not exceed a daytime noise level of 70 dBA as measured at the property line of a residential property; or 50 dBA between 11 pm – 7 am (See §138-5P). Applicants shall submit an acoustic analysis to demonstrate compliance. The applicant may be required to provide Operating Sound

Pressure Level measurements from a reasonable number of sampled locations after construction to demonstrate compliance with this standard.

- F. Environmental and Safety Assessment. A site-specific air quality assessment report evaluating potential air pollutant impacts in the event of a fire or other incidents, including dispersion and risk assessment models is required for Tier II facilities at site plan review if near sensitive uses, including schools, hospitals, nursing homes, childcare facilities and assisted living facilities.
- G. Decommissioning. A decommissioning plan and financial security shall be required prior to issuance of a building permit. See Section 6-13 for requirements.
- H. Ownership Changes. If the owner of the battery energy storage system changes or the owner of the property changes, the site plan approval shall remain in effect, provided that the successor owner or operator assumes in writing all of the obligations of the site plan approval, and decommissioning plan. A new owner or operator of the battery energy storage system shall notify the Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement Officer in writing of such change in ownership or operator within [30] days of the ownership change. All permits, including all local approvals for the battery energy storage system will be void if a new owner or operator fails to provide written notification to the Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement Officer in the required timeframe. Reinstatement of a void site plan approval will be subject to the same review and approval processes for new applications under this Local Law.

6-12-7. Safety

- A. System Certification. Battery energy storage systems and equipment shall be listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) to UL 9540 (Standard for battery energy storage systems and Equipment) or approved equivalent, with subcomponents meeting each of the following standards as applicable:
 - 1) UL 1973 (Standard for Batteries for Use in Stationary, Vehicle Auxiliary Power and Light Electric Rail Applications),
 - 2) UL 1642 (Standard for Lithium Batteries),
 - 3) UL 1741 or UL 62109 (Inverters and Power Converters),
 - 4) Certified under the applicable electrical, building, and fire prevention codes as required.
 - 5) Alternatively, field evaluation by a New York State approved testing laboratory for compliance with UL 9540 (or approved equivalent) and applicable codes, regulations and safety standards may be used to meet system certification requirements.
- B. Site Access. Battery energy storage systems shall be maintained in good working order and in accordance with industry standards. Site access shall be maintained,

unobstructed at all times, including snow removal to provide for local emergency service response.

- C. Battery energy storage systems, components, and associated ancillary equipment shall have and maintain required working space clearances. All electrical service connections shall be located in accordance with the accessory structure dimensional standards for the applicable zoning district. Electrical circuitry shall be within weatherproof enclosures marked with the environmental rating suitable for the type of exposure in compliance with NFPA 70 (or NEC code).

Section 2-4 “Specific Terms” Definitions

As used in §6-12, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ANSI: an abbreviation for the American National Standards Institute; Z535 establishes the uniform system of safety signs, labels, and colors to prevent accidents.

BATTERY(IES): A single cell or a group of cells connected together electrically in series, in parallel, or a combination of both, which can charge, discharge, and store energy electrochemically. For the purposes of this law, batteries utilized in consumer products are excluded from these requirements.

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM: One or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy in order to supply electrical energy at a future time, not to include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery or an electric motor vehicle. A battery energy storage system is classified as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage System as follows:

- A. Tier I Battery Energy Storage Systems have an aggregate energy capacity less than or equal to 600kWh and, if in a room or enclosed area, consist of only a single energy storage system technology.
- B. Tier II Battery Energy Storage Systems have an aggregate energy capacity greater than 600kWh or are comprised of more than one storage battery technology in a room or enclosed area.

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE PERMIT: required to install, operate, and decommission electrochemical battery systems, ensuring they meet safety, zoning, and building codes.

ENERGY CODE: The New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code adopted pursuant to Article 11 of the Energy Law, as currently in effect and as hereafter amended from time to time.

FIRE CODE: The fire code section of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code adopted pursuant to Article 18 of the Executive Law, as currently in effect and as hereafter amended from time to time.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTING LABORATORY (NRTL): A U.S. Department of Labor designation recognizing a private sector organization to perform certification for certain products to ensure that they meet the requirements of both the construction and general industry OSHA electrical standards.

NEC: an abbreviation for the National Electric Code.

NFPA: an abbreviation for the National Fire Protection Association.

NYSEG: an abbreviation for New York State Electric and Gas

UNIFORM CODE: the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code adopted pursuant to Article 18 of the Executive Law, as currently in effect and as hereafter amended from time to time.

**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: Battery Energy Storage System Local Law		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Town-wide		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): Amendment to Chapter 203: Zoning regulations of Town Code to accommodate the allowance of Battery Energy Storage systems (BESS) facilities.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Town of Amherst, NY		Telephone: 716-631-7051
		E-Mail: dulatowski@amherst.ny.us
Address: 5583 Main Street		
City/PO: Williamsville	State: NY	Zip Code: 14221
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Roberta Rappoccio, Associate Planner		Telephone: 716-631-7051
		E-Mail: rrappoccio@amherst.ny.us
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):		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 Counsel, Town Board, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees	Town Board Approval	April 2026
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Planning Board Recommendation	March 2026
c. City, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources.		
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
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
iii. 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, identify the plan(s):	

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, identify the plan(s):	

C.3. Zoning

- a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. Yes No
 If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?
 RD - Research and Development _____
 GD - General Industrial _____
- b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? Yes No
- c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? Yes No
 If Yes,
 i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? Text amendment to permit use in the RD & GI Districts

C.4. Existing community services.

- a. In what school district is the project site located? Sweet Home; Williamsville; Central; Amherst; Clarence
- b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?
Amherst Police Department
- c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?
Snyder, Main-Transit, East Amherst, Getzville, North Amherst, Swormville, Ellicott Creek, North Bailey, Eggertsville, Williamsville
- d. What parks serve the project site?
All parks town-wide

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

- 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? Yes No
 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? Yes No
 If Yes,
 i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)

 ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? Yes No
 iii. Number of lots proposed? _____
 iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____
- e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? Yes No
 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? Yes No
 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)? Yes No
 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? Yes No
 If Yes,

i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____

ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: Ground water Surface water streams 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? (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite) Yes No
 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? Yes No
 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? Yes No

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? Yes No
 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"> • Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No • Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____ 	
<p>iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____ • Date application submitted or anticipated: _____ • What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____ 	
<p>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):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ Square feet or _____ acres (impervious surface)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ Square feet or _____ acres (parcel size)</p> <p>ii. Describe types of new point sources. _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>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)?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____ _____ • Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 	
<p>iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, identify:</p> <p>i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>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) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) 	

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____
 ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____

i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? Yes No
 If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): _____

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? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): Morning Evening Weekend
 Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.
 ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): _____

 iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____
 iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? Yes No
 v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: _____

 vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site? Yes No
 vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? Yes No
 viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? Yes No

k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____

 ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): _____

 iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? Yes No

l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.
 i. During Construction:
 • Monday - Friday: _____
 • Saturday: _____
 • Sunday: _____
 • Holidays: _____
 ii. During Operations:
 • Monday - Friday: _____
 • Saturday: _____
 • Sunday: _____
 • Holidays: _____

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? Yes No
 If yes:
 i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:

ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? Yes No
 Describe: _____

n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? Yes No
 If yes:
 i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? Yes No
 Describe: _____

o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? Yes No
 If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____

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? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Product(s) to be stored _____
 ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)
 iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: _____

q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Describe proposed treatment(s):

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? Yes No

r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:
 • Construction: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)
 • Operation : _____ tons per _____ (unit of time)
 ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:
 • Construction: _____

 • Operation: _____

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:
 • Construction: _____

 • Operation: _____

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 Covertypes	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: _____ _____			

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? Yes No
i. If Yes: explain: _____

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? Yes No
If Yes,
i. Identify Facilities: _____

e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? Yes No
If Yes:
i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:
• Dam height: _____ feet
• Dam length: _____ feet
• Surface area: _____ acres
• Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet
ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: _____
iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection: _____

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? Yes No
If Yes:
i. Has the facility been formally closed? Yes No
• If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____
ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility: _____

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? Yes No
If Yes:
i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred: _____

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? Yes No
If Yes:
i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply: Yes No
 Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): _____
 Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): _____
 Neither database
ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: _____

iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? Yes No
If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): _____
iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s): _____

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? Yes No

- If yes, DEC site ID number: _____
- Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____
- Describe any use limitations: _____
- Describe any engineering controls: _____
- Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? Yes No
- Explain: _____

E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? _____ feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? Yes No
 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: Well Drained: _____ % of site
 Moderately Well Drained: _____ % of site
 Poorly Drained _____ % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes: 0-10%: _____ % of site
 10-15%: _____ % of site
 15% or greater: _____ % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? Yes No
 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)? Yes No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? Yes No
 If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, 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? Yes No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name _____ Classification _____
- Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Classification _____
- Wetlands: Name _____ Approximate Size _____
- Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) _____

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? Yes No
 If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____

i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? Yes No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? Yes No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain? Yes No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Name of aquifer: _____

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site: _____

n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____
 ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____
 iii. Extent of community/habitat:
 • Currently: _____ acres
 • Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres
 • Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres

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? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____

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? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Species and listing: _____

q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? Yes No
 If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____

E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site

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? Yes No
 If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____

b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? Yes No
 i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____
 ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____

c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. Nature of the natural landmark: Biological Community Geological Feature
 ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____

d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? Yes No
 If Yes:
 i. CEA name: _____
 ii. Basis for designation: _____
 iii. Designating agency and date: _____

e. 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? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: Archaeological Site Historic Building or District

ii. Name: _____

iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: _____

f. 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? Yes No

g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Describe possible resource(s): _____

ii. Basis for identification: _____

h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Identify resource: _____

ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): _____

iii. Distance between project and resource: _____ miles.

i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? Yes No

If Yes:

i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____

ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666? Yes No

F. Additional Information

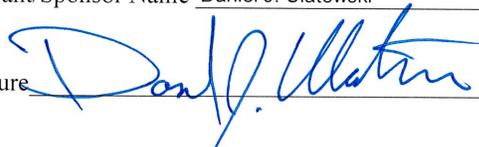
Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

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

Applicant/Sponsor Name Daniel J. Ulatowski Date 03/3/2020

Signature  Title Assistant Planning Director/ZEO

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-- ADDENDUM --

1. For each applicable category of proposed new structures, including additions to existing structures, provide the following information for all soil types on the project site (*according to Soil Survey of Erie County, NY; Table 11, Building Site Development, pp 294-305*):

Soil Name	Shallow excavations	Dwellings without basements	Dwellings with basements	Small commercial buildings	Local roads and streets
Town wide					

2. Is your property located: On Youngs Road between Dodge and Klein Roads? Yes No
 On Wehrle Dr. between Spindrift Dr. and Oakwood Rd? Yes No

If so, the property may be within an area of the Town that is affected by a moratorium on connections to the sanitary sewer system.

3. Are there alternative locations on the site for this project? Yes No

4. Location and size of real property owned by petitioner within one (1) mile of subject proposal:
Town-wide

5. Are you aware of current or future plans or intentions by others in the Town of Amherst to develop property within 1000± ft. of the present project request: Yes No

Describe N/A

(Potential environmental impacts from adjacent or nearby projects undergoing the approval process will receive a coordinated environmental review to determine cumulative effects on common receivers (e.g. traffic and drainage corridors) and other relevant environmental concerns.)

6. Maximum number of vehicular trips to be generated per peak hour upon completion of project _____ Source:
N/A

7. Will blasting occur during construction? Yes No

8. Does the project propose to connect and be tributary to the public sanitary sewer system? Yes No

9. Proposed net additional gallons per day (gpd) of sanitary sewer discharge upon completion of project:
 _____ average flow _____ peak flow.

(Average flows of 2,500 gpd or greater will require an Engineer's Report that includes a detailed downstream sewer capacity analysis and the identification of and commitment to required I/I offset work during peak wastewater flow conditions.)

10. Based on the Town's 2011 Reconnaissance Level Survey of Historic Resources, is your property 'blue-rated' for historic significance? Yes No