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Statement of Findings
Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan Update
and Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)

Pursuant to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act - SEQR) of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town of Enfield, as lead agency, makes the following findings.

Name of Action:

Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS

Description of Action:

Adoption of the Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS by the Enfield Town Board. Since the adoption of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan, the Town has managed land use in a deliberate manner by maintaining commitments to initiatives such as the Ban on natural gas exploration, extraction and waste storage, Solar and Wind Laws, USGS aquifer study, municipal solar and through Site Plan Review and Sub-Division Regulations. The Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS (Plan and GEIS) maintains the direction set forth in the previous Plan and addresses new, emerging, and potential issues resulting from the change and growth that has occurred over the last twenty years. The Plan and GEIS establishes a vision, identifies the needs of the community, and presents an action program to effectively address these needs. It is the Town's objective to have a proactive, rather than reactive approach to these issues and set forth a plan that will benefit the Town and its residents over the long term.

It is the desire of the Town and intention of the Plan and GEIS for the Town to continue to grow and support a viable tax base while maintaining its agricultural and rural characteristics and open space, all of which contribute to the overall character of the Town. The Plan and GEIS aims to direct consideration and review of the rate, scale, type and aesthetic quality of development within the Town in order to mitigate impact to main concerns related to open space, natural resources, Town character and transportation. The Plan and GEIS also intends to monitor the role development plays with regard to community services, energy, public utilities and business/economic development. The Plan and GEIS strives to achieve a desired vision that maintains a high quality of life for both existing and future residents.

Location:

Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, New York

Lead Agency:

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Agency Jurisdiction:

The Enfield Town Board is the only involved agency associated with the adoption of the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS. In accordance with General Municipal Law, §239-m, the DRAFT Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS has been submitted to the Tompkins County Planning Department.

Facts and conclusions:

The Enfield Town Board authorized the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan Update to serve as GEIS to address the potential impacts of the Plan on land use, natural resources, transportation, cultural resources etc. The Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS is a strategic planning document that identifies future plans and studies necessary to define appropriate land use and solve complex issues related to growth and development within the Town. The document provides recommendations and lists action items anticipated to help the Town to focus on a common vision, address current issues and prepare for anticipated future development and associated impacts

The recommendations of the Plan provide the community with the planning tools and approach to growth management necessary to address the complexities of a growing community. The recommendations identify ways in which the Town can be more proactive in controlling the type, location and form of development while still allowing

for economic growth and in retaining open spaces to maintain and improve the quality of life in the Town. Recommendations included in the Plan have been recognized as beneficial impacts to the Town.

Recommendations within the Plan and GEIS are intended to act both individually and in conjunction with one another to mitigate potential environmental impacts. The Plan is divided into Plan recommendations based on both broad, Town-wide applications as well as more specifically focused planning areas.

The Town-wide recommendations address the following:

- Heritage and Historic Preservation
- Municipal Services
- Agriculture
- Land Use
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Built Environment: Public Utilities, Infrastructure, Transportation
- Housing
- Economy and
- Community

The Town of Enfield was established by Resolution (#2019-66) as Lead Agency on December 11, 2019 in preparation for conducting a Scoping and EIS process for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan update. Public participation and review were conducted over fifty public meetings, culminating in a Public Hearing on December 18, 2019 for the purpose of receiving public comment upon the proposed Update of the Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan.

The Scoping process was completed with the acceptance of the Draft Scope on January 22, 2020 and acceptance of the Draft to Final Scope on February 12, 2020 by the Enfield Town Board.

The Draft Comprehensive Plan and GEIS was determined complete for public review on May 13, 2020 and subsequently filed, along with the Notice of Completion and Hearing Notice pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.12, which opened an additional Public Comment period of 30 days. The public comment period closed June 15, 2020. The Enfield Town Board determined the Final Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS complete on .

It is the intent of the Town of Enfield as Lead Agency to issue this Findings Statement pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.11 of SEQR. Specifically, the Lead Agency hereby provides the following facts, conclusions and recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan Update relied upon to support this decision:

Land Features

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to land features within the Town of Enfield.

- Preserve and provide private and public open spaces by protecting environmentally sensitive areas and scenic vistas, and promoting agricultural and forrestal lands
- Utilize strategies such as landscaping or other buffering techniques along with modification of site design to minimize impacts and facilitate compatibility

Town Character

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to character within the Town of Enfield.

- Have municipal boards use detailed Town map and land-use data to make informed decisions relative to the concerns in this Comprehensive Plan
- Ensure growth is thoughtfully incorporated into the existing community establishing a priority growth area that supports a Town Center vision
- Protect and serve residents through proper management and planning of housing and other development that meets the community goals to maintain its rural character while advancing economic, environmental and social well-being
- Regularly review and update as necessary the Town's Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review standards to determine changes and trends in housing and development that should be addressed
- Work to establish a recognizable "Town Center" to encourage a new economic growth area that meets the goals of this Plan
- Discourage commercial activities which threaten environmental health, such as oil and gas extraction, associated containment, storage or transfer, and other heavy industries
- Uphold municipal protections, and add new statutes as it becomes necessary to protect the health, safety, and public welfare

Water Resources

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to water resources within the Town of Enfield.

- Protect the quality of surface and groundwater resources against degradation, through actions such as formalizing stream corridor protections, supporting the documentation of water quality through volunteer water monitoring partnerships with the Community Science Institute, and encouraging practices that reduce erosion and sedimentation of water bodies, including agricultural practices
- Use data from the USGS aquifer study to determine the quality and quantity of water in Enfield and appropriate measures for preserving the aquifer
- Determine what protections are needed for the water resources entrusted to the Town by its residents
- Prepare Enfield for future growth by understanding the resources available and what protections may be necessary for future residential population increases, associated development and changes in water use
- Encourage all practices which minimize contamination of the environment
- Encourage all practices which safeguard waterways from excessive erosion and sedimentation
- Decrease drainage of organic and inorganic contaminants into Cayuga Lake and wetlands

Floodplains and Drainage

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to drainage within the Town of Enfield.

- Develop a Floodplain Management plan or ordinance for the protection of homes and property of residents
- Residential, commercial, industrial, or agricultural development or redevelopment should meet or exceed federal, state, or local regulations to minimize impacts of soil erosion, storm water run-off, and pollution

- Explore participation in the National Flood insurance Program (NFIP) to mitigate and reduce the impact of flooding on private and public structures within the Town

Ecology

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to ecology within the Town of Enfield.

- Research and identify other possible UNAs and Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) for official designation
- Create buffer zones to control air, soil, and water quality
- Promote environmental education opportunities offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Groundswell, and other resources
- Engage youth through environmental education and employment opportunities
- Increase awareness of household hazardous waste and recycling opportunities
- The purpose of this section is to improve and maintain the natural environmental resources through implementation of the goals listed. There are no recognized potential adverse impacts.

Land Use and Zoning

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to land use within the Town of Enfield.

- Update and implement responsible subdivision, site design and development oversight to minimize environmental impacts within the Town.
- Update Site-Plan Review Law and subdivision regulations, as necessary, to address future community needs
- Engage residents in public visioning and or information sessions to collect input when considering new development
- Support land conservation through easements with Finger Lakes Land Trust and similar organizations
- Consider protections recommended for Unique Natural Areas (UNAs) as identified by the Tompkins County Planning Department
- Limit high-density of development
- Develop, define, and preserve the Town Center

- Clearly articulate and communicate the Town's future land use goals, development standards and requirements to the development community and the general public
- Scrutinize industrial land uses before approval
- Encourage land preservation techniques among the agricultural community
- Maintain a balance between property rights of individual landowners and the community at large
- Encourage developers to work with surrounding property owners and tenants to resolve community concerns prior to formalizing development plans
- Provide oversight for noise, light, and other pollutants produced by land uses to minimize impacts on nearby properties
- Educate residents about property rights, responsible land use practices, and encourage community input
- Provide opportunities for concerns to be expressed without legal actions
- Consider the compatibility of development with surrounding uses.
- While there are not specific actions recommended that would create adverse impacts to the environment, the overarching goal of all actions is to continue to embrace agriculture as a leading driver to maintaining our rural character, which is of utmost importance to the Enfield Community.

Agricultural Resources

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to agricultural resources within the Town of Enfield.

- Preserve and support the agricultural resources of the town
- Inventory vacant land and tax parcels to identify potential sites for future local food production and other agricultural community uses
- Promote environmentally and economically sustainable agriculture through which the industry of farming is protected, agricultural soils are conserved, and agriculture is maintained as an economically viable land use for this and future generations in the Town of Enfield
- Appoint a Town Agricultural Advisory Board to provide comment on local proceedings and trends that may impact agriculture

- Develop a resource whereby the Town can disseminate program information from agricultural agencies to Town farmers
- Provide annual training opportunities for Town Official(s) in NYS Agricultural District Law to ensure that the Town adheres to NYS Agricultural District Law
- Educate residents regarding the New York State Right to Farm Law, in particular as it pertains to Towns in designated NYS Agricultural Districts
- Educate the non-farming public about the realities of living in an agricultural community by encouraging farming relationships through community events and upon issuance of new building permits, provide copies of: • The NYS Agricultural Districts Law • The NYS Right-to-Farm Law • Relevant documents such as Cornell Cooperative Extension's flyer Living in the Country
- Publish in the Town newsletter and on the Town web page seasonal reminders about typical farming activities, how to support them and how to stay safe
- Apply for NYS grant funding to develop a Town Ag & Protection Plan
- Facilitate the development of a local produce market or swap
- Explore farm-to-school initiatives that can be implemented in the Enfield Elementary School
- Create a list of active small farm businesses that sell their products on site or at local markets and retailers
- Encourage agriculturalists to utilize the educational resources available from local universities, Cooperative Extension, government agencies, and agricultural professionals
- Foster positive interactions among all agriculturalists:
- Create new social media sites to build community interest
- Promote the existing Enfield Agriculture Facebook page
- Add resources to the Town of Enfield website
- Utilize a Town-wide Email list
- Encourage membership to the Enfield Grange and other relevant local agricultural organizations
- Encourage homesteading and farming
- Partner with the Enfield Grange and other local agricultural organizations to offer educational workshops and speakers on agricultural topics relevant to Town farmers and other residents

- Encourage the development of value-added agricultural enterprises that complement and build on traditional agricultural operations within the Town
- While there are not specific actions recommended that would create adverse impacts to the environment, the overarching goal of all actions is to continue to embrace agriculture as a leading driver to maintaining our rural character, which is of utmost importance to the Enfield Community.

Recreational Resources

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS a to address impacts to recreational resources within the Town of Enfield.

- Work with state and county agencies to increase the availability of recreational areas. For example: reinstate camping at Upper Treman Park, offer free admittance to Town of Enfield residents, and/or provide shuttle service from Enfield Center to Lower Treman swimming area
- Increase the usage of and extend Finger Lakes Trails by:
 - Documenting current usage (Cayuga Trails Club)
 - Researching issues of private property easements
 - Encouraging State Park funding for camping and swimming areas
 - Exploring the possibility of free entry for Enfield residents to encourage local ownership and pride in the upper Robert Treman Park, located in the Town of Enfield.
- Pursue additional opportunities for public open space and recreational amenities
- Encourage the development of a multi-use facility that can function as a meeting space, youth center, senior program space, recreational center, and community room
- Foster community feeling and connection by expanding existing programs to include more residents and diverse offerings

Municipal and Community Services

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to municipal and community services within the Town of Enfield.

- Prepare a resource guide of information for residents to include neighborhood and civic organizations and other topics such as annual events

- and services, emergency preparedness, agricultural and environmental issues, beautification, and communicating with municipal services
- Work to ensure better access to high speed internet
 - Provide adequate public services
 - Engage the community
 - Encourage the creation of a community center that provides support to all residents in Enfield. A socially connected community is attractive not only to existing residents but to potential home buyers and builders
 - Maintain the Emergency Management Plan in cooperation with Tompkins County and New York State
 - Encourage the installation of a law enforcement satellite office within the Town of Enfield
 - Ensure that emergency service providers are equipped and trained to respond safely and effectively to local emergencies
 - Educate the community regarding current and emerging public health issues and resources
 - Develop an Emergency Management Plan to protect the lives and property of residents
 - Identify community resources such as equipment, skill sets, and other resources residents may be willing to contribute in the event of a community emergency
 - Provide efficient systems for residents to respond to safety and environmental concerns
 - Develop an Emergency Management Plan to protect the lives and property of residents
 - Encourage more community-wide events
 - Bolster relationships with other municipalities to communicate ideas for reduction of mandates at the State level
 - Insure that regulations are met and appropriate compensation to the Town of Enfield is negotiated for all development
 - Ensure that Enfield is represented on County Advisory Boards such as the EMC (Environmental Management Committee) and WRC (Water Resources Council)
 - Support communication--cellular, cable, Internet--access
 - Encourage the development of a community center or common area where information can be centralized and accessed easily by residents
 - Expand the library of resources available at the Town Hall

- Encourage volunteering, including youth and seniors, to assist in providing community services. Recognize volunteers to show appreciation
- Update and improve laws and regulations as new information becomes available to protect the health, safety, welfare, environmental resources and property of town residents
- Post Enfield Elementary School playground hours and provide better signage. Encourage use for community activities
- Explore events opportunities that bring multiple community organizations together for greater impact in achieving goals
- Share with the community the objectives and workings of the Enfield Community Council
- Engage a representative from each of the following groups: • Enfield Volunteer Fire Company • Grange • Food Bank • Churches • PTA -- Schools • Teens (middle school to high school) and young adults • Senior Citizens • Environmental and other local organizations
- Provide, encourage and participate in programs for residents of all ages
- Publicize and hold Enfield Community Council meetings in a public space to allow for more residents to attend meetings
- Encourage ECC participation in the implementation of the goals of the Economy and Community section of the Comprehensive Plan
- Improve communication services in the Town of Enfield
- Survey the Enfield community to map areas that lack sufficient cellular, internet, and cable services
- Using information obtained about local deficiencies in services, solicit service providers who can expand their offerings to the Enfield community
- Explore a proposal for an increase in length of term for Highway Superintendent, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk
- Communicate meeting times and topics of discussion in a more widespread and timely manner
- Provide documentation of board and committee work (minutes) in a timely manner
- Encourage community involvement through volunteer opportunities on long and short-term projects
- Encourage community organizations for increased resident participation in Town events and programming
- Increase the availability of programs for education, recreation, entertainment, literacy, life skills

- Update Town policies bi-annually to reflect new State laws and changes in municipal practice; including Site Plan Review, Road Use Agreement, Personnel Handbook, and others as they become necessary
- Promote and enhance transparency and documentation of Town business
- Increase training opportunities for governing board members
- Consider increasing the frequency of official Town Board meetings to accommodate the amount of new and existing business the board is responsible for
- Commit to maintaining, restoring, or building municipal facilities to provide efficient and accessible services to all residents of Enfield
- Pursue the development of a new municipal administrative facility that is accessible, energy efficient, and viable for future generations as the Town of Enfield grows in a coordinated, well-planned manner
- Find suitable uses for unused municipal properties and restore or maintain them for community purposes (ex: gardening, education, recreation)
- Pursue solutions to Highway facility problems
- Upgrade existing facilities to comply with building codes and accessibility standards
- Encourage and responsibly manage renewable energy and environmental development in the Town of Enfield in a way that is compatible with our rural way of life. Potential adverse impact due to development of these projects as well as limiting them.
- Encourage community organizations for increased resident participation in Town events and programming. Potential adverse impact through disturbance of land and use of resources.

Energy and Public Utilities

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to energy and public utilities within the Town of Enfield.

- Educate residents about methods of making their homes energy-efficient and encourage sustainability practices, to reduce utility bills and improve home values
- Identify and promote state and local programs and opportunities for home and commercial energy efficiency and conservation

- Increase education and outreach for energy conservation initiatives
- Support community organizing efforts that support the protection of natural resources and development of renewable energy and reduction of energy use, such as Solar Tompkins' HeatSmart campaign and the Button-Up Enfield program
- Encourage and responsibly manage renewable energy and environmental development in the Town of Enfield in a way that is compatible with our rural way of life
- Research development of renewable energy regulations that speak to the concerns residents have expressed with all forms of siting and operation of energy development facilities
- Determine need for management of renewable development planning and construction within the Town
- Explore programs to encourage energy efficient residential and commercial buildings
- Encourage renewable energy that is compatible with the Enfield community's stated goals and concerns
- Maintain the ban on gas drilling activities
- Encourage community organizing efforts that support the protection of natural resources and development of renewable energy, such as Solar Tompkins and Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Encourage and educate the community regarding ways to limit the use of fossil fuels and promote the use of renewable energy
- Improve communication services in the Town of Enfield. Potential adverse impact through land disturbance and aesthetics.

Transportation and Mobility

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to transportation and mobility within the Town of Enfield.

- Determine dangerous areas for all traffic- automobile, pedestrian and cyclists- within the Town of Enfield and explore methods to mitigate these dangers
- Determine appropriate caution signage that will assist in making drivers aware of chronically dangerous road areas and conditions, as well as warnings about pedestrian and bicycle traffic

- Seek ways to improve roadside safety conditions to provide and encourage safe passage of pedestrian and bicycle traffic
- Develop and enforce a road preservation law to establish limitations of our local town roads in order to protect them (Exempted could be agricultural operations, school buses, law enforcement, fire-fighting equipment, military vehicles, and municipal vehicles engaged in road work)
- Prepare the Town of Enfield for the potential of heavy traffic changes
- Assess the need for a Road Protection Law to guard the Town and residents from liabilities and dangers of these road uses
- Coordinate with other towns that have experienced these changes and learn what dangers and challenges they present
- Encourage training for Highway Department Superintendent and employees to address the changes that may occur in the event of heavy use of the roads in Enfield
- Provide adequate equipment and services for road maintenance in order to keep town routes safe for travelers
- Prepare and maintain a replacement and maintenance schedule for aging equipment for the Enfield Highway Department. Make inventory replacement a priority for proper care of transportation routes
- Continue to provide training opportunities for Highway Department staff
- Maintain a quality workplace for Highway Department staff in order to draw and keep quality employees committed to the care of our transportation routes
- Explore opportunities for bike paths to provide safe travel to community facilities
- Increase accessibility to public transportation
- Increase the connectivity and mobility of Enfield community members as well as the Town's accessibility to visitors
- Encourage the use of the Park and Ride locations and other transportation services that would best serve residents and engage TCAT and other regional transportation programs in implementing more options

Historic and Cultural Resources

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to historic and cultural resources within the Town of Enfield.

- Appoint yearly the Enfield Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian
- Work cooperatively with the Records Management Officer, to protect Town government records and Town Historian's Collection utilizing the services of the Enfield Town Historian, Deputy Town Historian, and the programs and grants available through the New York State Archives program
- Preserve historic records and important documents
- Increase public education about and appreciation for local history by utilizing the knowledge of the Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian along with various Historical organizations within the Tompkins County area
- Work to become aware of community groups within the town to help protect their heritage, specifically the Enfield Valley Grange, Enfield Community Council, and Friends of Robert H. Treman State Park
- Work specifically and cooperatively with the Tompkins County Municipal Historians group and Tompkins County Historian
- Preserve the Town's character and the history of the area by taking advantage of county and state programs
- Collect and preserve the "historical" heritage of homes and farms, including family history of property owners. This specifically includes the buildings now privately owned and once used as stores, churches and schools
- Support and encourage the preservation and maintenance of cemeteries within the town
- Work cooperatively with historic organizations such as Historic Ithaca, NY State Historic Preservation Office, Tompkins County History Center, and Ulysses and Newfield Historical Societies, to identify, record, and protect community features with historical or archaeological significance
- Encourage interested residents to partner with the current Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian, to learn the documentation and preservation process to encourage continued preservation for future generations
- Direct visitors to historic sites throughout Enfield through promotion and incorporation into local historic trails and registries
- Create signage to increase interest and visitors to area sites of historic interest
- Increase tourism through use of historic points of interest within the town. Potential adverse impact due to transportation and additional people, waste, and use of land and water resources.

Open Space

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to open space within the Town of Enfield.

- Define open green spaces to accommodate outdoor activities, playground space, community gardens, and a sports field

Housing

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to housing within the Town of Enfield.

- Identify programs to assist in building new or upgrading existing housing options
- Inform residents of state and local programs for first time home buyers that support upgrades and improvements
- Educate residents on low-cost improvements that can make properties safe, accessible and may improve property values
- Encourage replacement of older, inefficient mobile homes with those meeting current standards
- Actively support residents in housing upkeep and maintenance
- Explore opportunities and investors for multi-family and senior housing to provide quality, affordable housing for new and existing residents
- Strengthen our tax base by encouraging new residents of diverse personal and professional backgrounds to move into the Town of Enfield. Potential adverse impact associated with any new development and impacts on water and land and increase of population to the town.

Fiscal Management and Economic Development

The following measures are recommended by the Plan and GEIS to address impacts to fiscal management and economic development within the Town of Enfield.

- Form a community-based Economic Development Task Force (ie: "Envision Enfield"), tasked with seeking out economic development in accord with the goals set forth in this plan, encourage municipal cooperation for such

- endeavors, and actively invite these opportunities to Enfield to encourage community involvement
- Utilize the proposed Enfield Economic Development Task Force for community event development and promotion
 - Directly encourage and support community members to start and expand businesses through the following actions:
 - Identify and recruit businesses that would be good for Enfield
 - Create greater networking opportunities through community events
 - Identify residents interested in starting businesses
 - Recruit mentors to help residents start and grow businesses
 - Research whether it would help to provide space for office, light manufacturing, or other business activities
 - Encourage Eco- and Agro-Tourism through County and State programs
 - Identify potential business opportunities and encourage residents to start businesses to fill those needs
 - Create a small business survey of existing businesses within the Town
 - Publish a periodic directory of local businesses in and around Enfield
 - Reach out to local and regional development organizations to ask for assistance. These include, but are not limited to: • Tompkins County Area Development and Chamber of Commerce • Small Business Administration • Empire State Development Corporation • U.S. Department of Agriculture • Alternatives Federal Credit Union • Groundswell Center for Local Food and Farming • Cornell Cooperative Extension, Small Farm Program, and Diverse Supplier Program
 - Educate Enfield residents of all ages of resources available such as: • Job opportunities • Financial assistance • Energy efficiency and financing assistance • Micro-loan programs • Tax breaks • Job or vocational training opportunities • Education opportunities • Internet training opportunities
 - Audit Town finances every five years as turnover increases risk of malfeasance
 - Reduce mandated program costs for more control over the budget process
 - Continue to seek opportunities for consolidation of services with other municipalities to decrease municipal liabilities
 - Provide direct assistance to residents trying to utilize resources by providing help with: • Grant writing • Job applications • Business plan coaching
 - Work to improve infrastructure which would enable greater economic opportunity for Enfield residents

- Continue to seek technology grants and other funding that may be available to communities for economic growth and expansion, as well as opportunities for expanding communication technology services to the Town of Enfield
- Establish agreements with providers to the community that maximize benefits to the Town
- Strengthen our tax base by encouraging new residents of diverse personal and professional backgrounds to move into the Town of Enfield
- Promote Enfield to the greater public to encourage new residential, agricultural, and business growth
- Work to improve infrastructure which would enable greater economic opportunity for Enfield residents. Potential adverse impact associated with development.
- Preserve recreational and natural areas
- Increase the use of recreational areas within the Town
- Engage the community There may be adverse impacts associated with increasing tourism and travel within the Enfield community and use of recreational and natural areas.

Thresholds for Future SEQR Actions:

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.15(c)(1), no further SEQR compliance is required if subsequent actions will be carried out in conformance with the conditions and thresholds set forth in the Comprehensive Plan Update or Findings Statement.

Since the Comprehensive Plan Update does not evaluate specific projects or proposals within the Town of Enfield, all actions, while potentially consistent with the vision for the Comprehensive Plan Update would have to undergo a detailed SEQR review. Therefore, all future actions by the Town Board and/or Planning Board relative to the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan that would involve the adoption of land use plans and policies or modification of Site Plan Review and Subdivision regulations and local laws should be reviewed pursuant to SEQR through the preparation of a full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). If, upon review of the EAF, it is determined by the Lead Agency that the action will have no significant impact, a Negative Declaration can be issued, ending the SEQR process.

If it appears that significant impact may occur and the impact and associated mitigation cannot be sufficiently addressed and mitigated, as documented in parts 2 and 3 of the

EAF, a Supplemental EIS should be prepared. The Supplemental EIS should reflect the documentation already provided in the Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS.

Determination of the significance of any action relative to SEQR should include a thorough evaluation by the Lead Agency (in most cases the Town Board for the adoption of plans and other local regulatory amendments) of the consistency of the proposed land use plan or legislation with recommendations of this Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS.

Certification of Findings:

Pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), and its implementing regulation set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Enfield Town Board, as lead agency, makes the following findings:

- Requirements of 6 NYCRR 617 have been met; and
- Consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the action is one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable, and that adverse environmental impacts will be avoided or minimized to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the decision those mitigation measures were identified as practicable.
- The Plan and GEIS is comprehensive and contains the facts and conclusions, relied upon to support the Town Board’s Statement of Findings and indicates social, economic and other factors which formed the basis of its findings.

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Town of Enfield

Signature of Responsible Official

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