

**TOWN OF POUND RIDGE  
TOWN BOARD  
MEETING October 15, 2024  
NOTICE OF INTENT FOR DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY  
POUND RIDGE TOWN PARK PATH – 199 WESTCHESTER AVENUE & 7 OLD POUND ROAD**

Please take notice that, in accordance with the provisions of 6NYCRR Part 617.6, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board has declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the purposes of review of and action on the project named below. If within 30 calendar days from the date of mailing this notification no Involved Agency submits a written objection to the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board shall act as Lead Agency and shall follow the provisions of 6NYCRR Part 617.7 governing determination of significance of the proposed action.

Enclosed with this notice are Part 1 of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), Phase IA archaeological report, and the grant application and attachments.

**Contact Person/Address:** Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Town of Pound Ridge  
179 Westchester Avenue  
Pound Ridge, NY 10576  
914-764-5549  
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**Name of Project:** Pound Ridge Town Park Path

**Location:** 199 Westchester Ave & 7 Old Pound Road, Town of Pound Ridge, County of Westchester

**Tax Map Parcels:** Block 9820 Lots 8, 16, 19, 45.9, 147 & 152

**SEQRA Status:** Unlisted Action

**Project Description:** The project proposes the construction of a multi-use path to allow access to property recently obtained by the Town of Pound Ridge. The path will serve to provide better access to the Town Park and additional opportunities for outdoor recreation. The project is funded in part by a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant.

The new trails will connect to an existing 1.2-mile paved path from the Town Park to the Town House.

The "Old Pound Town Path Extension" will extend the Town Path from the park, winding through an undeveloped Town-owned 21-acre parcel, 7 Old Pound Road and exiting on Old Pound Road. This multi-use trail bypasses a steep, high-traffic section of Rt. 137 that is unsafe for walking/biking.

The "Old Pound Nature Trail" will connect from the above path to the southeasterly corner of the 7 Old Pound parcel.

The "Town Park to Halle Ravine" interpretative trail will travel through undeveloped Town properties connecting the east end of the Town Park to Halle Ravine, a nature preserve.

To continue the "Path around the Town Pond" and connect it to the existing path at the Town Park.

To connect the existing "Town Path" from the Town House along Fancher Road to the existing path

that leads to the Town's Business District.

**Zone:** R-2A

**Date of Mailing:** October 16, 2024

**Involved and Interested Agencies/Parties:**

Town of Pound Ridge Town Board  
179 Westchester Avenue  
Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Town of Pound Ridge Conservation Board  
179 Westchester Avenue  
Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Town of Pound Ridge Planning Board  
179 Westchester Avenue  
Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Town of Pound Ridge Water Control Commission  
179 Westchester Avenue  
Pound Ridge, NY 10576

New York State Department of Transportation – Region 8  
Eleanor Roosevelt State Office Bldg.  
4 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

Westchester County Planning Department  
148 Martine Ave  
White Plains, NY 10601

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 3  
21 South Putt Corners Rd.  
New Paltz, NY 12561

New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)  
OPRHP  
PO Box 189  
Waterford, NY 12188

# Short Environmental Assessment Form

## Part 1 - Project Information

### Instructions for Completing

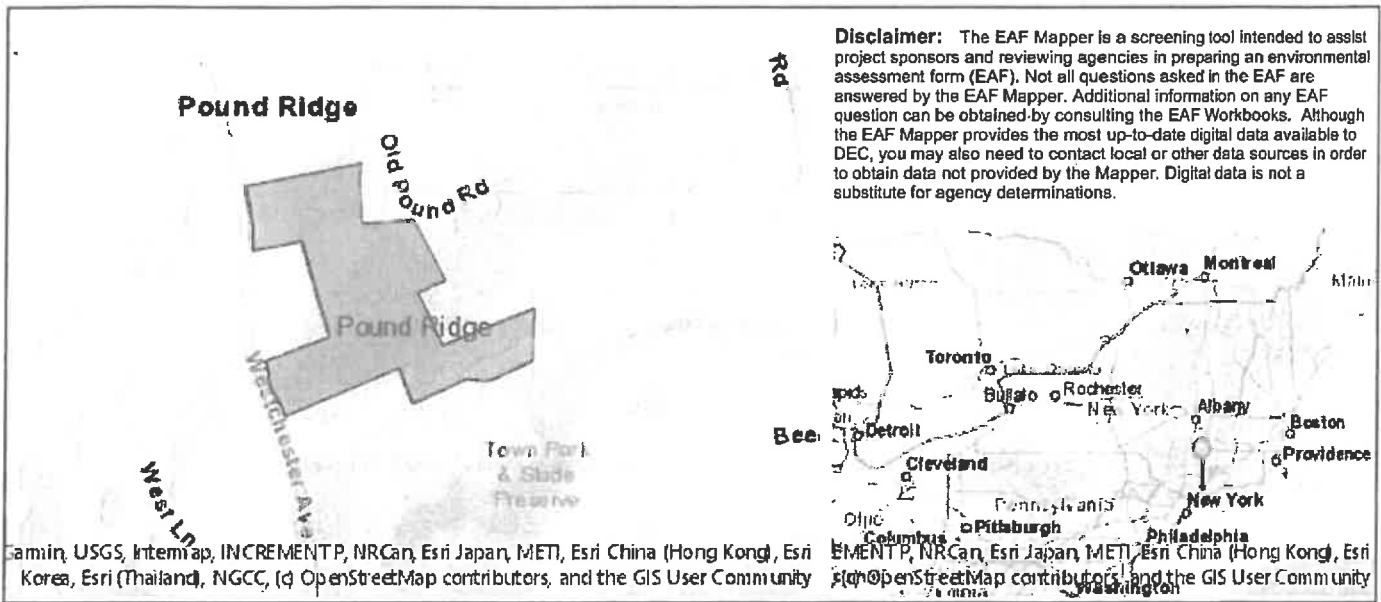
**Part 1 - Project Information.** The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: Pound Ridge Town Park Path			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 199 Westchester Ave, Pound Ridge, NY 10576			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Construction of a multi-use path to allow access to property recently obtained by the town. The path will serve to provide better access to the Town Park for local residents, and additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.  The main portion of the path is critical to the overall future path system and the path purpose, which is to connect the newly acquired Old Pound Road parcel to the Town Park and the existing path that extends into Scotts Corners, a Hamlet in the Town of Pound Ridge.  The second portion of the trail that is included in the project goes from the Town Park to Halle Ravine, which goes through wetlands and will require building of bridges, bog bridges, and/or boardwalks.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Town of Pound Ridge: Kevin Hansan, Supervisor		Telephone: 914-764-3985 E-Mail: supervisor@townofpoundridge.com	
Address: 179 Westchester Ave			
City/PO: Pound Ridge		State: NY	Zip Code: 10576
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYS DOT R.O.W. Town of Pound Ridge Wetland Control Commission			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ 23.66 acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ 1.16 acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ 18.86 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland			


5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ N/A	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ N/A	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ N/A	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. 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?  b. 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?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?  b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?  If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ various wetland areas with an approximate disturbance of 0.05 acres	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	





Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	No
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	No
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Bog Turtle
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	No
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	No

12/5/24  
Date

Town of Pound Ridge  
  
Kevin Hansan, Supervisor

Project:

Date:

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Project:

Date:

### **Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The proposed project complies with zoning and land use regulations. Parks and other municipal uses are permitted special permit uses.

The proposed project will extend an existing use on adjoining Town-owned properties.

The project will enhance the quality of the existing community by providing recreational opportunities for residents.

The project is not located in a CEA.

The proposed project will enhance existing infrastructure for biking/walking.

The proposed project will use minimal energy. Any energy usage would be associated with standard outdoor lighting, which would consist of new energy-efficient fixtures.

The proposed project will not affect water supplies or wastewater treatment utilities.

A Phase IA archaeological investigation found that the project will not affect archaeological or cultural resources. SHPO issued a determination of no impact for the project.

The proposed project will minimize impacts to natural resources such as wetlands and flora and fauna to the greatest extent practicable. The design will comply with all governing local, state and federal requirements and therefore may incorporate further assessment and mitigation of environmental impacts as part of those requirements.

The project will be designed to mitigate erosion and drainage impacts. Pervious or semi-pervious surfaces will be incorporated into the design when practicable.

The project will not create hazards to environmental resources or human health.

See Notice of Determination of Non-Significance dated November 19, 2024 for further detail.

- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Town of Pound Ridge

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Name of Lead Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Kevin Hansan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Responsible Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

**PRINT FORM**

RESOLUTION  
of the  
Town of Pound Ridge Town Board  
Adopted at its  
December 3, 2024 Meeting

**RE: Trails - SEQR Determination - Classification of Action and Negative Declaration**

WHEREAS, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board ("Town Board") has reviewed the grant application and ancillary documents prepared for the design and construction of a multi-use path to allow access to property recently obtained by the Town of Pound Ridge and provide better access to the Town Park and additional opportunities for outdoor recreation (the "Proposed Action" or "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is funded in part by a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant; and

WHEREAS, Project is located across several properties in the vicinity of 199 Westchester Avenue and 7 Old Pound Road within the R-2A zoning district in the Town of Pound Ridge, County of Westchester, State of New York, these properties consisting of the following Block and Lot numbers: Block 9820 Lots 8, 16, 19, 45.9, 147 & 152 (the "Subject Property" or "Site"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed a Short Environmental Assessment Form (the "EAF") for the Project dated July 28, 2023 with Part I completed by the Town Engineer; and

WHEREAS, Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act - SEQRA) of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(a) require that no agency shall carry out, fund, or approve an action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR 617.6(a) requires that when an agency receives an application for approval of an action it must: (1) determine whether the action is subject to SEQR, (2) determine whether the action involves a federal agency, (3) determine whether the action may involve one or more other agencies, and (4) make a preliminary classification of the action; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency on October 15, 2024 to conduct an environmental review of the Project and exercised due diligence in identifying all other interested and involved agencies and circulating written notice of its intent; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board made a preliminary classification of the action as an Unlisted Action on October 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board assumed Lead Agency thirty (30) days after the declaration of its intent to serve as lead agency to conduct an environmental review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board has independently considered the information provided in the EAF, as well as other documents prepared in support of the project, and the recommendations of the interested and involved agencies and comments from members of the public in its environmental review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board has directed its consultants to prepare Parts II and III of the EAF and a proposed Negative Declaration for consideration at its November 19, 2024 meeting; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:** The Town Board hereby adopts and incorporates the recitations and statements set forth above as if fully set forth and resolved herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Pound Ridge Town Board hereby determines that: (1) The Proposed Action constitutes an action that is subject to SEQR; (2) the Proposed Action does not involve a federal agency; (3) the Notice of Intent for the Proposed Action was appropriately circulated to other interested and involved agencies, and (4) the Proposed Action is appropriately classified as an Unlisted Action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby reaffirms its declaration of Lead Agency with respect to SEQRA review of the Project; and,


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that based upon its review of the Project, documents submitted in support of the Project, the EAF, and comments and recommendations of other interested and involved agencies, and comparison of the Project with the Criteria for Determining Significance found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.7(c), the Town Board hereby finds that the Proposed Action constitutes an action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and, therefore, does not require preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this determination of significance shall be considered a Negative Declaration made pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and the Town Board hereby adopts and incorporates the findings set forth in the Notice of Determination of Non-Significance dated December 3, 2024 as if fully set forth and resolved herein;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to file any and all appropriate notices so that the intent of this Resolution is carried out.

TOWN BOARD

12/5/24  
Date

Town of Pound Ridge  
  
Kevin Hansan, Supervisor