

State Environmental Quality Review  
**POSITIVE DECLARATION**  
 Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft EIS  
 Determination of Significance

**Project Number****Date** November , 2005

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

The Millwood Fire Commissioners, PO Box 140, Millwood NY 10546 as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below may have a significant impact on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared.

**Name of Action:**

New Millwood Firehouse

**SEQR Status:**    Type 1      
                           Unlisted   

**Scoping:**    No        Yes     If yes, indicate how scoping will be conducted:

By prior notice to all interested and involved agencies, scoping was conducted at a public meeting on November 17, 2005 and written comments and suggestions were received thereafter until November 21, 2005.

**Description of Action:**

The Millwood Fire District needs a piece of property in the Millwood hamlet and a firehouse that can accommodate modern equipment, firematic training and administrative function; provide community access for activities such as voting, scouting and meetings; and in the post-September 11th era, act as an emergency headquarters in case of disaster.

For this purpose, three sites are suggested for consideration: Rotta (Site 1), Vesce (Site 2) and the existing location (Site 3).

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

The three possible sites are all on Millwood Road (Rtes 120/133) in the hamlet of Millwood, Town of New Castle, Westchester County.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

Development on Sites 2 and 3 requires partially filling a wetland and wetland buffer. Development on Site 3 requires cutting into a steep slope. Development on Sites 2 and 3, and possibly Site 1, will be completely within the New York City Watershed, where increases in impervious surface and construction of septic systems without generous land area are strongly discouraged by the NYC Dept of Environmental Protection. All options will include an on-site sewage disposal system, will increase the area of impervious material, and will include a system to collect storm water runoff, treat first flush storm water contaminants, and possibly detain storm water in a subsurface system. On Sites 2 and 3, and possibly Site 1, these could effect the quality, quantity, and flow of water resources in the New York City Watershed, as well as those in the wetlands onsite and nearby. Use of Site 3 requires rock removal very close to the Catskill Aqueduct. There will be a rearrangement of noise generators within the Hamlet, with the Firehouse moving and/or enlarging, and other uses such as the lumberyard, motorcycle shop and beauty parlor moving. For individual lots within the Hamlet there may be some slight increases or decreases in transient noise levels.

**For Further Information:**

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Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of New Castle

Any person requesting a copy

All Involved agencies

Applicant (If any)

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