

ADOPTED
BY THE BROOKHAVEN TOWN BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0480
MEETING: AUGUST 27, 2020

DESIGNATING BROOKHAVEN TOWN BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY AND ADOPTING A POSITIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL RECOVERY AND RECYCLING FACILITY (RRRF) AT THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (SWMF) IN YAPHANK, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town Board is presently considering a project to construct a Regional Recovery and Recycling Facility (RRRF), and associated infrastructure, at the Town of Brookhaven Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Recovery and Recycling Facility (RRRF) will be constructed East of the Town of Brookhaven Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF) and comprise approximately 121 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning, Environment and Land Management (PELM) has conducted a review of the project submitted with respect to said proposed action; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4 and Part 617.7, the proposed action is a Type I Action and is more likely to have a potentially significant adverse impact on the environment, and, therefore, more likely to require the preparation of an Environmental impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Regional Recovery and Recycling Facility (RRRF), and associated infrastructure, at the Town of Brookhaven Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF),

will provide the best means to systematically consider significant adverse environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation, and to facilitate the weighing of social, economic, and environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brookhaven, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) is the Lead Agency for the proposed Action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Brookhaven, as Lead Agency, hereby adopts the Positive Declaration for the proposed construction of a Regional Recovery and Recycling Facility (RRRF), and associated infrastructure, at the Town of Brookhaven Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF), a copy of which is attached hereto, which requires the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to address all relevant environmental issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Brookhaven will undertake public scoping of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in the Brookhaven Town Hall Media Room, Second Floor, Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill, Farmingville, New York, or a virtual public scoping will be held by the Town of Brookhaven, and streamed live over the internet at <http://brookhaventownny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx> on Thursday, October 1, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A link to the virtual public scoping will be made available on the Town of Brookhaven website (<http://www.Brookhavenny.gov>) on the date of the hearing. At said public scoping, any persons interested shall be given the opportunity to be heard. In the event that this is a virtual public scoping, anyone interested in commenting on the proposal may communicate with the Town Board during this time via “chat” or “Q&A” function at “BrookhavenNY.gov/join”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Draft Scoping Document will be prepared and forwarded to all Involved and Interested Agencies and any person requesting a copy and posted on the Town of Brookhaven website <http://www.brookhavenny.gov>. Notice of the time and place of the public scoping will be forwarded to all Involved and Interested Agencies, published in the official newspapers of the Town of Brookhaven, and will be posted on the Town of Brookhaven's website <http://www.brookhavenny.gov>. After receiving comments on the Draft Scope, the Town of Brookhaven intends to issue a Final Scope, which will direct the content of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of PELM is authorized to accept and approve the Final Scoping document provided that it is in conformance with all SEQRA regulations, satisfactorily addresses the issues raised in the Positive Declaration and to distribute it as required including posting the Final Scoping document on the Town's website.