

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

- Lead Agency:** Madison County
- Name of Action:** Madison County Agriculture and Renewable Energy (ARE) Business Park, proposed in the Town of Lincoln, Madison County, New York.
- Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement:** A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) dated January 18, 2012 and all of its Appendices are available on-line for your review and comment at the following web address: www.madisoncounty.org. This DGEIS describes the project, potential impacts this project may have on the environment, and proposed mitigative measures to minimize potential impacts. Copies of the DGEIS may also be requested by contacting the Madison County Planning Department offices.
- Purpose of Hearing:** To provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the completed State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) DGEIS for the referenced project, as approved by the Lead Agency.
- Hearing Time and Date:** 7:00 P.M. on February 6, 2012. The hearing will end at 8:00 P.M. if all speakers have finished commenting at that time.
- Hearing Location:** Madison County Office Building, 138 North Court Street, Wampsville, New York 13163. The hearing will take place in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located on the second floor.
- Conduct of Hearing:** The hearing is being held to receive public comments on the DGEIS. Sign-up cards will be available at the hearing for any persons wishing to speak, and a stenographic record will be kept of the comments presented. The presiding officer will call speakers in turn. The hearing will not be a question and answer session, but is meant to provide as many people as possible with the opportunity to speak. If necessary, the presiding officer will set appropriate time limits. Anyone wishing to participate in this process may also submit written comments prior to the comment deadline.
- Comment Deadline:** Written comments regarding issues to be addressed in the DGEIS will be accepted until 1:00 P.M. on March 14, 2012. Written comments will be given the same consideration as any oral comments made at the public hearing on February 6, 2012. Please submit written comments to the Madison County Planning Department, PO Box 606, North Court Street, Wampsville, New York 13163, Attention: Proposed ARE Business Park. Comments may also be submitted electronically by e-mail to

planning@madisoncounty.ny.gov; please insert “Proposed ARE Business Park” in the Subject line of the e-mail message.

No anonymous comments will be accepted during this public review process. Such comments will not be considered during the preparation of the Final GEIS. **When submitting electronic or written comments, therefore, please include your name and mailing address with your submission.**

Future Steps:

A Final Generic Impact Statement (FGEIS) will be prepared upon completion of the DGEIS comment period and public hearing. This document will reflect any revisions or supplements to the DGEIS and will include copies or a summary of substantive comments received on the DGEIS during the comment period and the Lead Agency’s response to them.