

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: John Corral, Senior Planner *JC*

DATE: July 11, 2017

RE: Proposed Implementation of a Suffolk County Regional Bike Share Pilot Program

Enclosed is an Environmental Assessment Form for the above referenced County project which has been submitted to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for review. Pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, the CEQ must recommend a SEQRA classification for the action and determine whether it may have a significant adverse impact on the environment which would require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The Council would like to know your environmental concerns regarding this proposal and whether you think a DEIS or a determination of non-significance is warranted. This project will be discussed at the **July 19, 2017** CEQ meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting to present your views, please forward any recommendations or criticisms to this office prior the date of the meeting. **If the Council has not heard from you by the meeting date, they will assume that you feel that the action will not have significant adverse environmental impacts and should proceed accordingly.**

JC/cd
Enc.

cc: Christopher Lubicich, Assoc. Public Health Engineer
Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Andrew P. Freleng, Chief Planner
Department of Economic Development and Planning

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

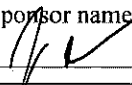
Instructions for Completing

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.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Suffolk County Bikeshare Program			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Suffolk County			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Implement regional bikeshare pilot program. Approximately 150 - 200 bikes and 12-15 bikeshare stations will be installed around Suffolk County. A smartphone app will be made available for short-term bike rental. Stations vary in size but in general have a minimal footprint and would be located in non-environmentally sensitive areas. See Attachment A for examples of stations.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Suffolk County		Telephone: 631-853-6032 E-Mail: jonathan.keyes@suffolkcountyny.gov	
Address: 100 Veterans Memorial Highway			
City/PO: Hauppauge		State: NY	Zip Code: 11788
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 governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____			.05 acres
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____			.05 acres
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____			.05 acres
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input 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, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO	YES	N/A
	<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?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<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 site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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: _____ _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: Jonathan Keyes Date: 7-5-17</p> <p>Signature:  _____</p>		

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?		
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
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?		
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?		
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?		
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

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.

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.

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Short Environmental Assessment Form: Suffolk County Bikeshare Program

Attachment A.



Source: http://www.wikiwand.com/en/PBSC_Urban_Solutions



Source: <http://www.onbikeshare.com/bike-share-system/why-on-bike-share.html>

Bikeshare stations can range from specialized docks with kiosks and other program information to more traditional inverted-U racks. It is anticipated most, if not all, stations would be located on existing paved areas. In all cases, locations would be selected to minimize site disturbance, and sensitive environmental areas will be avoided.