
Clinton Hospitality Overlay District law

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Dear Clinton Town Board,

I am submitting my public comment on the draft Hospitality Overlay District law.

The Part 1 EAF clearly shows that this law will affect our natural resources, and the Town Board cannot legally skip a rigorous environmental review or rush this through with a Negative Declaration. Changing zoning to allow intensive uses over a broad area requires a full Environmental Impact Statement.

The Board must evaluate the cumulative impacts of this new zoning on our rural community. We need a comprehensive study on how this overlay may impact our aquifers, the Crum Elbow Creek watershed, and the vital, interconnected biodiversity corridors that house endangered species like the Blanding's turtle and Indiana bat.

Tacking a permissive overlay onto scattered parcels undermines the environmental protections built into the Comprehensive Plan. I expect the Town to initiate a full environmental review and I ask the Dutchess County Planning Department to heavily scrutinize the regional environmental risks this law poses.

Sincerely,
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