



Town of Ramapo

Monsey, Hillcrest & Western Ramapo
Comprehensive Plan / GEIS

Town Board Update

August 27, 2025 | 7:00 PM



[DISCUSSION ITEMS]

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Comprehensive
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Comprehensive Plan / GEIS Overview



BACKGROUND

- Northeast Ramapo Comprehensive Plan Amendment / GEIS: Adopted July 2022
- Comprehensive Plan Update for remaining unincorporated areas: Monsey, Hillcrest, and Western Ramapo
 - Update of 2004 Town-wide Comprehensive Plan



[WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?]

- A guide for the future of a community
- Broad in nature
- Addresses Community-wide topics
- A Document, maps, illustrations that:
 1. Evaluate the **Current** State
 2. Identify the Desired **Future** State
 3. Determine a general **Action Plan**
 4. Describe how to **Implement**
- Guided by NYS Town Law Article 16 §272-a



[COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROCESS]

- Existing Conditions Report – update
- Public Engagement
- Draft Vision & Goals
- Draft Recommendations
- Draft Comprehensive Plan / GEIS
- SEQR Requirements

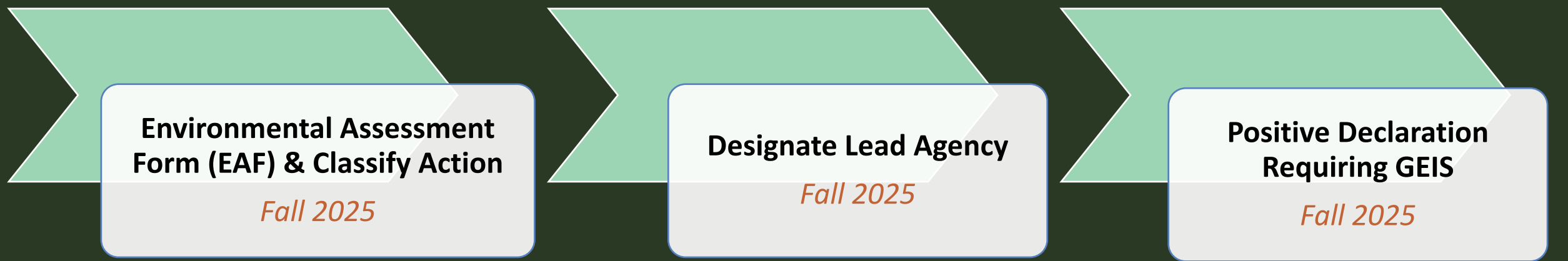


[SEQR PROCESS REVIEW]

- SEQR is the State Environmental Quality Review Act (6 NYCRR Part 617)
- Intent is to BALANCE social, economic and environmental factors in the decision-making process
- A Town comprehensive plan or amendment is subject to SEQR (*Town Law §272-a.8*)
- A Town comprehensive plan can serve as or be accompanied by a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)



[STEPS FOR COMPLETING A GEIS]



**Environmental Assessment
Form (EAF) & Classify Action**

Fall 2025

Designate Lead Agency

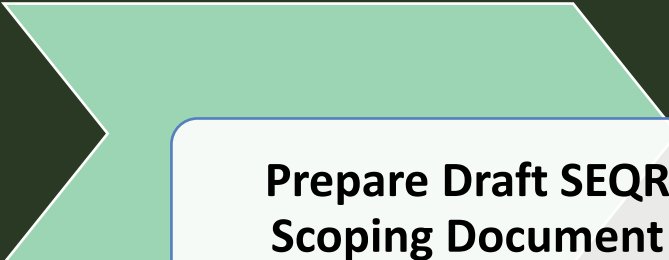
Fall 2025

**Positive Declaration
Requiring GEIS**

Fall 2025

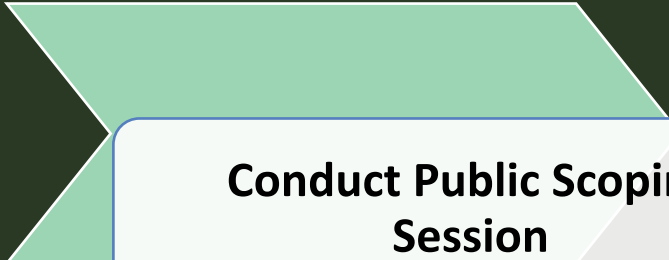


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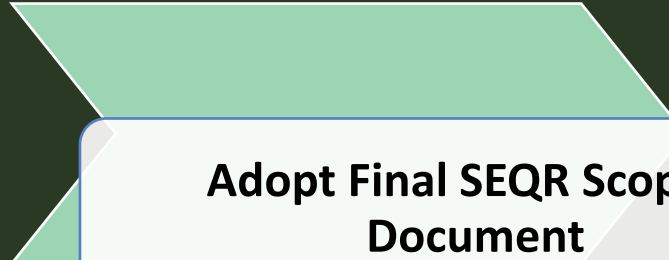
**Prepare Draft SEQR
Scoping Document**

Fall 2025



**Conduct Public Scoping
Session**

Fall/Winter 2025

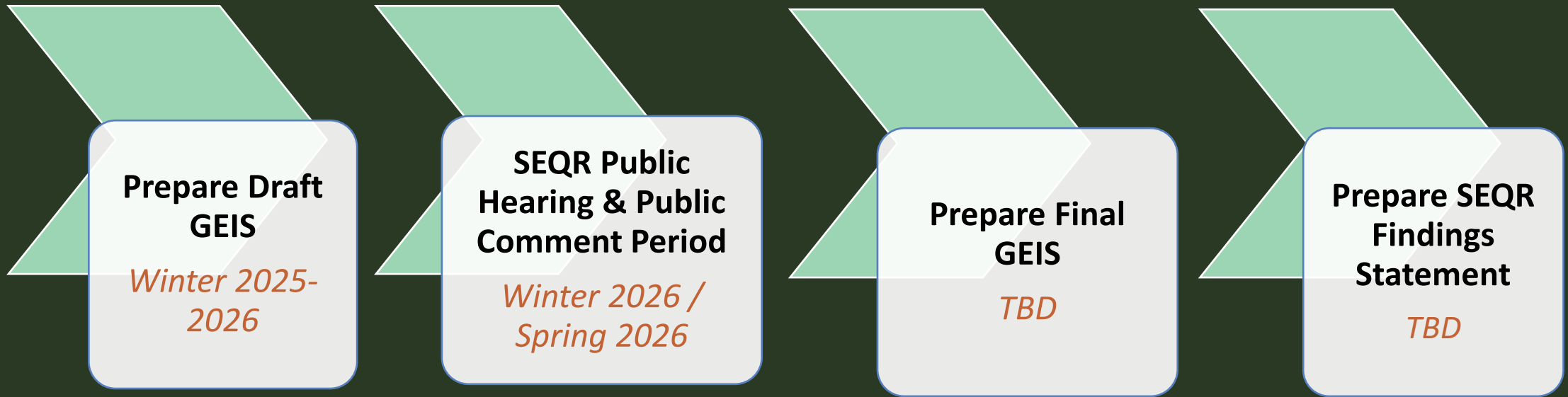


**Adopt Final SEQR Scoping
Document**

Winter 2025



[STEPS FOR COMPLETING A GEIS]



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Public Engagement



[SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT TO-DATE]

- Project Webpage - ongoing
 - Comment Form
- Public Open House (in-person) – February 2025
- Community Survey – February to June 2025
- Meeting-in-a-Box – ongoing
 - Available in English, Spanish, Creole, and Yiddish
- Pop-up Table @ Ramapo Safety Extravaganza – April 16, 2025
- Stakeholder Meetings - ongoing



[REACHING THE PUBLIC]

- 200+ in-person contacts
 - 30 open house attendees
 - 200+ Safety Extravaganza participants
- 109 online survey responses
- 406 visitors to project webpage



THEMES FROM PUBLIC INPUT

- Traffic, transportation, walkability
- Housing and development
- Infrastructure
- Parks, recreation, and open space



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Next Steps



[NEXT STEPS]

- Initiate SEQR Process
 - Declare Lead Agency
 - Issue Positive Declaration
 - Prepare Draft Scoping Document
- Prepare Draft Vision and Goals
- Continue public engagement



Thank you!

More about this project can be found at
www.Ramapo.org

