

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
**Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

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This Notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the New York Environmental Conservation Law.

The Saratoga Springs City Council, as Lead Agency under SEQRA, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:** Adoption of Saratoga Springs Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update

**Lead Agency:** Saratoga Springs City Council

**SEQRA Status:** Type I

**Conditioned Negative Declaration:** No

**Description of Action:** The Saratoga Springs Comprehensive Plan was originally adopted in 1999 and amended in 2000 and 2001. The City Charter requires that the City Council review the Comprehensive Plan every five years to ensure that it reflects the community's current and future needs. This 2015 Update incorporates elements of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan and introduces new concepts and ideas to reflect local and regional trends impacting the City and the City's long-term vision for the future.

**Location:** City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York (City-wide)

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:** Adoption of the proposed 2015 Update to the City's Comprehensive Plan will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts because no specific measures are included in the action. Although the City's Zoning Code must be in conformance with the policies of the Comprehensive Plan, it may take many years for any of the proposed changes to occur. As noted in the 2015 Update, the vision is something to aim for and work toward. While zoning is the primary tool to implement the 2015 Update, the zoning for an area may be changed or upgraded several times in an effort to reflect community input. Therefore, any potential adverse environmental impacts would be entirely speculative at this time. In addition, the 2015 Update mirrors the 2001 Plan in that the mission statement is almost identical, many of the recommended actions are similar and the location of future land uses and their intensities are almost identical. The improvements in the 2015 Update are intended to provide positive environmental impacts through consideration of complete streets policies, energy conservation, recycling, climate change, resiliency and greater protection for the City's natural resources. Any subsequent Zoning Law amendments will be subject to SEQRA requirements at the time that sufficient specific information is available to evaluate potential impacts.

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**For Type I Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a Copy of this Notice sent to:**

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be  
principally located: Joanne Yepsen, Saratoga Springs Mayor  
Lead Agency: Saratoga Springs City Council  
All involved agencies, if any: none  
Any person who has requested a copy  
The applicant: none  
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