PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEQR
SEQR – Part 617

• Final step of a 4-step process
• EAF were revised to a web based form
• GIS Mapping component was added
• Guide books were prepared
• Quantum leap in quantity and quality of environmental information
• Revising Part 617 is last step in update
SEQR – Part 617

- Last revised in 1995
- More efficient w/o sacrificing environmental protection
- Regulatory not statutory changes
- Align SEQR with state initiatives
- Generic EIS to explain proposed changes
- 90 + day public comment period
Proposed Changes – Type I List

- Lowered thresholds for residential subdivisions
- Added a threshold for parking spaces in smaller communities
- Align threshold for historic properties with other sensitive resources
Proposed Changes – Type II List

- Green infrastructure
- Co-location of cellular antennas/repeaters
- Installation of fiber-optic in existing ROWs for expansion of broadband service
- Solar energy
- Minor subdivisions
- Sustainable development
- Reuse of a commercial or residential structure
Proposed Changes – Type II List

- Acquisition/dedication of Parkland
- Transfers of land for Affordable housing
- Conveyance of property by public auction
- Brownfield clean-up agreements
- Organic digesters at publically owned wastewater treatment plants or municipal landfills
EIS Process

- Require scoping for all EISs
- Add language to clarify when a submitted draft EIS is adequate
- Clarify that information submitted after the final scope cannot be the basis for rejection
- Information submitted after the final scope and not including in the draft EIS may require a supplemental EIS
- Require that subsequent reviews must be based on the list of deficiencies identified in the prior review
Review Process

- Notice in State Register & ENB
- Draft Generic EIS will provide context & assessment
- 90+ day public comment period
- Public hearing in Albany
Thank You

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