



November 30, 2022

Diana Quast, Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown
363 Underhill Avenue
Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

**Re: Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency
Homeland Towers
Granite Springs Road
Town of Yorktown; Westchester County
Tax Map #: 27.11-1-33
DEP Log #: 2021-MU-0638-SQ.1**

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Dear Ms. Quast and Members of the Town Board:

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the Town of Yorktown Town Board's (Board) Notice of Intent to act as Lead Agency and site plans for the above referenced project. DEP does not object to the Board acting as Lead Agency for the Coordinated Review of the proposed action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The proposed site is located in the Muscoot Reservoir drainage basin of New York City's Water Supply. As Muscoot Reservoir is phosphorous restricted, water quality impacts to the receiving reservoirs from pollutant-laden runoff must be avoided or mitigated.

The proposed action includes the installation of a 130-foot tall wireless telecommunication tower and associated ancillary equipment within a 4,275± square foot fenced in enclosure. A 540 linear foot gravel driveway extension/access road is also proposed along with retaining walls.

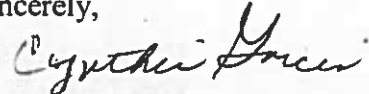
DEP does not maintain any discretionary regulatory authority over the proposed activity. As such, DEP is considered an interested agency pursuant to SEQRA. However, based upon review of the circulated documents, DEP respectfully submits the following comments for the Board's consideration:

1. The proposed step down transformer appears to be within the 100-foot adjacent area to NYS Freshwater Wetland (FWW) A-13. To the extent possible, the applicant is encouraged to locate the new equipment outside of the 100-foot adjacent wetland area.
2. Disturbance is proposed directly adjacent to NYS FWW A-13. Areas that will be temporarily disturbed should be restored to pre-existing conditions and stabilized with native seed mixtures as suggested below:

- a. For temporary stabilization, it is recommended that annual ryegrass (*Lolium perenne* ssp. *multiflorum*) be used at a rate of 30 lbs./acre as it does not interfere with later establishment of native grass or meadow mixes.
- b. For permanent stabilization, a mix containing 30% annual ryegrass (*Lolium perenne* ssp. *multiflorum*) and 70% mixture of 2 or more native grasses such as big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*), deertongue (*Dichanthelium clandestinum*), Canada wild rye (*Elymus canadensis*), Virginia wild rye (*Elymus virginicus*), and/or sideoats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) be used in areas adjacent to wetlands or in areas that will not be mowed on a regular basis. Native grass/annual ryegrass mixes should be seeded at a rate of 30 lbs./acre.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. You may reach the undersigned at cgarcia@dep.nyc.gov or (914) 749-5302 with any questions or if you care to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Garcia, Supervisor
SEQRA Coordination Section

X: J. Petronella, NYSDEC