

Orangetown DWSP2 Committee Meeting #9

Meeting Notes

08/19/2025

Notes on Project Profile 4 (Aquifer Overlay District):

- The profile description currently lists only industrial land uses as recommended to be regulated under this overlay, but it should also consider residential land uses.
 - We should consider the types of landscaping landowners use in this area.
 - Vegetation used for landscaping should be good at filtering runoff.
 - There should be consideration for water conservation landscaping as well.
 - Are there any current regulations on residential underground storage tanks or tanks under a certain size? Review if it is already required that if a tank needs to be replaced, it must be with an aboveground tank.
 - If we are regulating the use and dumping of certain hazardous chemicals, can we ask residents to use safe detergents when they wash their car, etc.? How will this be enforced?
 - Are there any examples of historic district overlays? They will be useful in determining what has been regulated on residential properties and to what extent.
- The terminology should change to certain industrial land uses, since not all industrial uses are necessarily going to be environmentally impactful.
 - Include non-degradation standard and prohibition of manufacture, use, storage, or discharge of certain materials language from the [Village of Allegany's zoning law amendment](#).
- Ariana from the Rockland County Task Force can help with development of water conservation codes. They have been added as a partner on the project.
- Reviewed the Village of Allegany's code and the [Indian Brook – Croton Gorge Watershed overlay district](#) for ideas/language and added as resources to the project.
- Discussed how stormwater restrictions are a good idea and will be listed under recommendations, but that the actual scope may become narrower in development.
- Educational content should be included either in this project, or project 3 (educational outreach), to inform residents and businesses in these areas of the new regulations.

Notes on Project Profile 5 (Interactive Mapping Database):

- Who should host the data?
 - It makes sense for Orangetown to host and maintain the database, since the overlay district will be based on the maps once they are complete.
 - Will reach out to Rockland County Department of Planning to determine their capacity to host.
- Language will be changed to be flexible in determination of who is hosting.

Notes on DWSP2 Plan Review & Final Meetings Schedule:

- Two different potential review schedules were presented.
- Collectively decided to go with a modified version of Scenario 2.
- We will review the introduction and Chapters 1, 2, and 3 in the next meeting.
 - Materials will be rolled out in as each chapter is completed to give everyone enough time to review them prior to the next meeting.

Notes on Introduction and Chapter 1:

- Review how the Indian Brook – Croton Gorge Watershed Plan discussed intermunicipal collaboration.
- Lamont-Doherty may have some good sources on the geology in Orangetown and/or Rockland County.
- Orangetown gets its water from Lake DeForest and the wells closest to home. This water is blended together.