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County Reply - Mandatory Review of Local Planning Action as per NYS General Municipal Law §239-l, m, &n

Local Referring Board: Town of Chester Planning Board

Applicant: Ryan Westervelt

Project Name: 509 Bellvale Road LLC

Proposed Action: Site Plan for new construction of 8,100 sq., ft. warehouse and 1,800 sq. ft. addition to

Tax Map #: 17-1-9.1

Referral ID #: CHT 03-22M

Local File #: none provided

existing barn on previously-developed site

Reason for County Review: Within 500 feet of County Route 82 (Bellvale Rd)

Date of Full Statement: April 12, 2022

Comments:

The Department has received the above referenced site plan and has found no evidence that significant intermunicipal or countywide impacts would result from its approval. We would like to offer the following advisory comments:

Additional Environmental Concerns: The applicant has undertaken a habitat assessment to determine the likelihood of Bog Turtle presences onsite and the potential impact to historic and archeological resources to be impacted by the project. These preliminary studies respond to issues flagged by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Short Environmental Assessment Form and EAF Mapper application for the project, and show the the project is unlikely to impact either the Bog Turtle, due to lack of habitat, or any archeological or other historic resources in the area. We appreciate the Town and the applicant being thorough and attentive to these matters.



