



City of Watertown
SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

*City of Watertown, Planning and Community Development Dept.
245 Washington Street, Room 305, Watertown, NY 13601
Phone: 315-785-7741 Email: planning@watertown-ny.gov*

Received:

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: _____

PROPOSED USE (describe fully; attach additional sheets if necessary): _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

APPLICANT NAME: _____

APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (if different from applicant):

PROPERTY OWNER NAME: _____

PROPERTY OWNER MAILING ADDRESS (if different from subject parcel): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CHECKLIST (please include all of the following in addition to this application form):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Letter* | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Map with subject parcel highlighted* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site Drawing* | <input type="checkbox"/> State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) form* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 application fee * | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Copy of Entire Submission (PDF Preferred) |

*See appendices for further information

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Property Owner Signature (if different) _____ **Date:** _____

Appendix A: Checklist Instructions

- Cover Letter:** The applicant must submit a detailed cover letter describing what the applicant seeks to establish with the proposed Special Use Permit (e.g. the intended future use of the property). Include details such as proposed site alterations, hours of operation, compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood, etc. The applicant should refer to Section 310-52.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, which contains all Special Use Permit standards, and is accessible at the following website: <https://www.ecode360.com/10498983>.
- Tax Map:** A copy of the City Tax Map, with the subject parcel highlighted. Tax maps are accessible using the following website: <https://www.watertown-ny.gov/imo/search.aspx>. Upon entering the required information, the search engine will direct the user to the Parcel Data page for their property. A link to the appropriate tax map will appear on the right hand side of the Parcel Data page.
- Drawing:** The sketch/site drawing must accurately depict what the applicant seeks to establish and include any information necessary to help the Planning Board comprehend the request. Examples of features to show on the drawing include:
- Site Plan showing existing and proposed building locations, including all property line setbacks
 - Vehicular and pedestrian circulation, parking and loading spaces
 - Landscaping plans, including site grading (if applicable).
- To assist with the drawing, applicants may wish to use the City's public GIS mapping tool, available at: <https://www.watertown-ny.gov/index.asp?NID=168>. However, measurements obtained using the GIS tool are NOT an acceptable substitute for actual measurements taken on site.
- SEQR:** The applicant must submit a completed SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) offers an online mapping tool that assists in completing the SEQR form. It is available at the following website: <https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/eafmapper/>.
- Property Notice/Affidavit:** The applicant must post a sign on the premises of the proposed permit for at least two (2) weeks prior to the Public Hearing that the City Council will hold on the matter. The applicant must submit an affidavit to the City Council affirming that they have fulfilled this requirement. Planning Staff will provide the applicant with the required sign and affidavit, and will identify the timeline and all relevant dates at the time of distribution.
- Required Sets:** The items in the checklist (other than the application fee) collectively make up a "set." The applicant is responsible for submitting 10 complete collated "sets" to the City Planning Department. If the application requires Jefferson County Planning Board review, then the applicant must submit 11 "sets." Planning Staff will inform the applicant if this is necessary.
- Submittal Instructions:** Submit all required materials to:
- Michael A. Lumbis, Planning and Community Development Director
City of Watertown
245 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601
- Meeting Information:** The Planning Board normally meets at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in Council Chambers at City Hall, 245 Washington Street. The application deadline is 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Planning Board action does not represent final approval, as the Planning Board only votes to make a recommendation to City Council, which holds the sole authority to grant a Special Use Permit. Special Use Permit Requests carry a legal requirement for the City Council to hold a Public Hearing prior to voting on the Ordinance. The Special Use Permit application process will typically take six-to-eight weeks.

Occasionally, due to holidays or other reasons, meetings may occur on other dates and/or times. The City will announce any changes to meeting dates in advance on its website at www.watertown-ny.gov.

Additional Information regarding Special Use Permits: Upon applying for a Special Use Permit, please note the following:

- A Special Use Permit is a special authorization by City Council to allow a particular land use in a Zoning District that specifically requires additional oversight of said land use. The Zoning Ordinance identifies acceptable special uses under the district descriptions for each Zoning District. The Special Use Permit process ensures that the proposed use will not adversely affect the neighborhood.
- The City Council may impose reasonable conditions and restrictions that directly relate to the proposed special use. The applicant is responsible meeting all such conditions prior to any City official issuing any permits, and continuing to meet any such conditions for the duration of the approved special use.
- A Special Use Permit shall expire one year from the date of City Council approval if the applicant has not begun using the subject property for the approved special use. A Special Use Permit shall also expire immediately upon cessation of the approved special use. Council may approve more stringent expiry conditions at their discretion.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING NOTICE ON PROPERTY

I, _____ the undersigned, do hereby certify that the sign provided by the Planning and Community Development Department giving notice of my Special Use Permit request was posted on _____ for a continuous period of at least two (2) weeks immediately before the public hearing scheduled for _____.

Applicant Signature

Date

Witness

Date

The applicant must return this affidavit to Planning Staff on or before the date for which the City Council has scheduled the public hearing.

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project:			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone:	
		E-Mail:	
Address:			
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____ Title: _____		

Project:

Date:

***Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment***

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept “Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?”

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?		
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?		
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?		
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?		
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)