617.20 Appendix A State Environmental Quality Review FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Purpose: The full EAF is designed to help applicants and agencies determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The question of whether an action may be significant is not always easy to answer. Frequently, there are aspects of a project that are subjective or un-measurable. It is also understood that those who determine significance may have little or no formal knowledge of the environments or may not be technically expert in environmental analysis. In addition, many who have knowledge in one particular area may not be aware of the broader concerns affecting the question of significance.

The full EAF is intended to provide a method whereby applicants and agencies can be assured that the determination process has been orderly, comprehensive in nature, yet flexible enough to allow introduction of information to fit a project or action.

Full EAF Components: The full EAF is comprised of three parts:

- Part 1: Provides objective data and information about a given project and its site. By identifying basic project data, it assists a reviewer in the analysis that takes place in Parts 2 and 3.
- Part 2: Focuses on identifying the range of possible impacts that may occur from a project or action. It provides guidance as to whether an impact is likely to be considered small to moderate or whether it is a potentially large impact. The form also identifies whether an impact can be mitigated or reduced.
- Part 3: If any impact in Part 2 is identified as potentially-large, then Part 3 is used to evaluate whether or not the impact is actually important.

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICAN	ICE - Type 1	and Unlis	ted Actions
Identify the Portions of EAF completed for this project:	Part 1	Part 2	☐ Part 3
Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF (Parts 1 and considering both the magnitude and importance of each impact, it	2 and 3 if approp is reasonably de	priate), and any termined by the	other supporting information, and lead agency that:
 A. The project will not result in any large and imported have a significant impact on the environment, the 	int impact(s) and erefore a negativ	l, therefore, is o ve declaration	ne of which will not will be prepared.
 B. Although the project could have a significant effeth Unlisted Action because the mitigation meas CONDITIONED negative declaration will be properties. 	ures described	nment, there wil in PART 3 h	I not be a significant effect for this ave been required, therefore a
C. The project may result in one or more large a environment, therefore a positive declaration was a constitute of the control of the cont	nd important imp rill be prepared.	pacts that may	have a significant impact on the
* A Conditioned Negative Declaration is only valid for Unli	sted Actions		
BT Holdings,			
Name o	Action	,	
Village of Chester	Planning Boa	ard	
Name of Le	ad Agency		
Richard Ramsdell		Ch	airman
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency		Title of Res	ponsible Officer
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of	f Preparer (If di	fferent from responsible officer)
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PART 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION Prepared by Project Sponsor

NOTICE: This document is designed to assist in determining whether the action proposed may have a significant effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form, Parts A through E. Answers to these questions will be considered as part of the application for approval and may be subject to further verification and public review. Provide any additional information you believe will be needed to complete Parts 2 and 3.

It is expected that completion of the full EAF will be dependent on information currently available and will not involve new studies, research or investigation. If information requiring such additional work is unavailable, so indicate and specify each instance.

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	a. What is the depth to bedrock? >60 (in feet)					
5.		0% <u>51.5</u> % or greater		■ 10-15% %	27.8	%
6.					s of Historic	
7.	. Is project substantially contiguous to a site listed on the Register of Nation		d- +-1 D			
8.	What is the double of the water to be a second	onar Natural Can	umarks?	□Yes ■ N	D	
	Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer?					
	Door project site contains		☐ Yes 📕			
	Does project site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identifyes ■ No According to site investigations Identify each species	tified as threater	ed or endan	gered?	·	
12.	Are there any unique or unusual land forms on the project site? (i.e., cli ☐ Yes ■ No Describe					
13.	Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as ☐ Yes ■ No If yes, explain					
14.	. Does the present site include scenic views known to be important to the ☐ Yes ■ No	community?				
15.	Streams within or contiguous to project area: none					
	a. Name of Stream and name of River to which it is tributary			·		
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	Lakes, ponds, wetland areas within or contiguous to project area: a. Name ACOE wetland (Approved Jurisdictional Determination) b	. Size (In ac	res) <u>3.7 ac</u>	. on-site	
17.	Is the site served by existing public utilities? ■ Yes □ No a) If Yes, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection? □ Yes b) If Yes, will improvements be necessary to allow connection? □ Yes	□No TBD es □No		·		
18.	Is the site located in an agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture Section 303 and 304?		law, Article 2	25-AA,		
	Is the site located in or substantially contiguous to a Critical Environment ECL, and 6 NYCRR 617? ☐ Yes ■ No	tal Area designa	ated pursuan	t to Article 8 o	f the	
20.	Has the site ever been used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste	s? □Yes I	■ No			
В.	Project Description					
1.	Physical dimensions and scale of project (fill in dimensions as appropria	te)				
	a. Total contiguous acreage owned or controlled by project sponsor	±68.3	acres.			
	b. Project acreage to be developed: ±68.3 acres initia	lly;	±68.3	acres	ultimately.	
	c. Project acreage to remain undeveloped 0 acres.					
	d. Length of project, in miles: N/A (if appropriate)					
	e. If the project is an expansion, indicate percent of expansion proposed	i?N/A	%			
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	h. If residential: Number and type of housing units:					
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į	i. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure
j	Linear feet of frontage along a public thoroughfare project will occupy is?
2	P. How much natural material (i.e. rock, earth, etc.) will be removed from the site? TBD tons/cubic yards?
	B. Will disturbed areas be reclaimed? □Yes □ No ■ N/A
	a. If yes, for what intended purpose is the site being reclaimed?
	b. Will topsoil be stockpiled for reclamation? ■ Yes □ No
	c. Will upper subsoil be stockpiled for reclamation?
4	. How many acres of vegetation (trees, shrubs, ground covers) will be removed from site? ±60 acres.
	. Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally-important vegetation be removed by this project?
	☐ Yes ■ No
6.	If single phase project: Anticipated period of construction? TBD months, (including demolition).
	If multi-phased:
	a. Total number of phases anticipated? TBD (number).
	b. Anticipated date of commencement phase 1 month year, (including demolition)
	c. Approximate completion date of final phase month year.
_	d. Is phase 1 functionally dependent on subsequent phases?
	Will blasting occur during construction?
	Number of jobs generated during construction? 1,200-1,300; after project is complete 0
	Number of jobs eliminated by this project?0
11	. Will project require relocation of any projects or facilities?? ☐ Yes ■ No If yes, explain
12	. Is surface liquid waste disposal involved? Yes No
	a. If yes, indicate type of waste (sewage, industrial, etc.) and amount.
	b. Name of water body into which effluent will be discharged.
	. Is subsurface liquid waste disposal involved? ☐ Yes ■ No
14	Will surface area of an existing water body increase or decrease by proposal? ☐ Yes ■ No Explain
15.	. Is project or any portion of project located in 100 year flood plain? ☐ Yes ■ No
16.	. Will the project generate solid waste? ■ Yes □ No
	a. If yes, what is the amount per month <u>±2</u> Tons
	b. If yes, will an existing solid waste facility be used? ■ Yes □ No
	c. If yes, give name Orange County Landfill ; location Goshen
	d. Will any wastes not go into a sewage disposal system or into a sanitary landfill? ☐ Yes ■ No e. If yes, explain
17.	Will the project involve the disposal of solid waste? ☐ Yes ■ No
	a. If yes, what is the anticipated rate of disposal? tons/month.
	b. If yes, what is the anticipated site life? years.
18.	Will project use herbicides or pesticides? ■ Yes □ No Incidental to landscape maintenance
19.	Will project routinely produce odors (more than one hour per day?) ☐ Yes ■ No
20.	Will project produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels? ☐ Yes ■ No
21.	Will project result in an increase in energy use? ■ Yes □ No
	If yes, indicate type(s) Electricity, heating fuel
22.	If water supply is from wells, indicate pumping capacity NA gallons/minute.
	Total anticipated water usage per day <u>±150,000</u> gallons/day.
24.	Does project involve Local, State or Federal funding? ☐ Yes ■ No
	If yes, explain

25. Approvals Required:

Refer to accompanying Supplemental Narrative, page		Туре	Submittal Date	
City, Town, Village Board	■ Yes	□No	Annexation	
City, Town, Village Planning Board	Yes	□ No	Site plan and special permit/subdivision	1/18/2008
City, Town Zoning Board	Yes	□No	Possible zoning variances	
City, County Health Department	Yes	□No	Water and sewer connections	
Other Local Agencies	Yes	□No		
Other Regional Agencies	□Yes	□ No	County Planning Board review	
State Agencies	Yes	□No	NYS DOTINYSDEC	
Federal Agencies	■ Yes	□ No		
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C. Zoning and Planning Info	rmation			
☐ new/revision of master plan	ning variand Dresourd	e II s ce managem	ent plan other Annexation	I site plan
What is the zoning classification of the	_	Town: SR6 a	ind LB Village: RS and M2	
What is the maximum potential develop	oment of the	site if develo	pped as permitted by the present zoning? 438 ur	nits
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What is the proposed zoning of the site				
±450 units6. Is the proposed action consistent with	the recomm	nended uses	in adopted local land use plans? Yes : within a 1/4 mile radius of proposed action?	No
Commercial and residential				
8. Is the proposed action compatible with				
9. If the proposed action is the subdivision	of land, how	w many lots a	re proposed? 2	
 a. What is the minimum lot size propos 				
10. Will proposed action require authorization	tion(s) for fo	rmation of se	wer or water districts? ☐ Yes ■ No	<u> </u>
			ity provided services (recreation, education, police	e, fire protection?
		. 50		
 Will the proposed action result in the grant a. If yes, is the existing road network a 	eneration of adequate to	traπic signific handle the ac	cantly above present levels? ■ Yes □ No dditional traffic? □ Yes □ No _TBD	
D. Informational Details			_	
Attach any additional information as n	agy bo pood	and to _116		
with your proposal please discuss such im-	ay be need	ed to clarity y	our project. If there are or may be any adverse	impacts associated
with your proposal, please discuss such imp E. Verification	vacio dilu M	casures mat	you propose to mitigate or avoid them.	
I certify that the information provided at	nove is true	to the bool of	my knowledge	
		o nie best 01	my knowledge.	1-1-0
Applicant/Sponsor Name BT Holdings L	LG		Date	1/18/08
Signature	<u> </u>	/	Title Planner for Applicant	;
If the action is in the Coastal Area, and yo	u are a state a	gency, complete	the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this ass	

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

BT Holdings LLC Property Town and Village of Chester

January 18, 2008

INTRODUCTION

BT Holdings LLC, proposes to annex a 60.6 acre parcel of land presently in the Town of Chester to the Village of Chester, and rezone that annexed property–currently zoned Town SR-6 (Suburban High-Density Residential) with a small portion zoned Town LB (Local Business)–to the Village's RM (Residential Multi-Family) zoning. Additionally, two smaller existing Village parcels totaling 4.0 acres would be remapped from the Village's RS (Residential Single-Family) zoning to the Village's RM zoning. A +3.7 acre portion of an adjacent M-2 (Manufacturing) zoned property in the Village is proposed to be subdivided and added to the BT Holdings site and remapped to RM as well.

With the annexation and zone change, the Applicant proposes to develop a 438-unit residential project on the subject property.

The entire assembled parcel would be approximately 68.3 acres. It fronts on NYS Route 17M. It comprises four tax lots or portions thereof as summarized below

Given the scope of the proposed project, the Applicant recognizes that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate to process these multiple sections and intends to submit one as this review proceeds. Given the various actions and a conceptual plan for the project, the Applicant will prepare a Generic Environmental Impact Statement that sets forth the impacts of the annexation, zoning requests and concept plan development and presents site specific thresholds for later site plan review proceedings.

Site Location and Setting

The regional setting of the subject site and its location are shown in Figure 1. The subject property consists of four tax parcels. The lot in the Town of Chester (to be annexed to the Village) has a Section-Block-Lot number of 2-1-39 and is 60.6 acres. The two existing tax lots in the Village are 107-3-4 and 108-1-1 and total 4.0 acres. A +3.7 acre portion of Village lot 120-1-1 is under contract to the Applicant and would be subdivided from the parent lot as part of this action.

Located east of NYS Route 17M, the subject site is irregular in shape, with its only road frontage on 17M. The parcel in the Town of Chester is currently zoned SR-6 (Suburban High-Density Residential). The two parcels in the Village of Chester are currently zoned RS (Residential Single-Family), and the adjacent parcel under contract is currently zoned M2 (Manufacturing).

Nearby properties are zoned Town GC (General Commercial), Town LB (Local Businesses), Town SR-1 (Suburban Residential), Town AR-.3 (Agricultural-Residential), Village RS (Residential Single-Family), Village B-2 (General Business), and Village M-2 (Manufacturing). Zoning designations from the Town and Village Zoning Maps are shown in accompanying Figures 2 and 3.

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The western portion of the site is currently farmed and the remaining area is undeveloped woods, meadow and brushland. The topography is generally rolling. Slopes on roughly half of the site are under 10 percent. Approximately 28 acres have slopes between 10 and 15 percent, and approximately 21 acres have slopes over 15 percent.

There is one regulated wetland on the site of approximately 3.7 acres in size. A Jurisdictional Determination by the Army Corps of Engineers has been obtained for the wetland. A minor crossing of this wetland will be required to install road and infrastructure.

Land uses on adjoining properties include single-family residences to the north and southeast, a manufacturing facility on the east, the Chester Mall along NYS Route 17M to the south, and farmland on the west. An aerial photograph of the site environs is shown in Figure 4.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The project is proposed directly in response to the increasing need and demand for housing alternatives in Chester and Orange County and the goals of both to focus higher density development in areas of existing hamlets and activity centers where infrastructure already exists. That growth plan and those goals, specifically those for Chester, were outlined in the Town of Chester's 2003 Comprehensive Plan.

A concept plan for the proposed project is shown in Figure 5. The Applicant proposes a 438-unit residential project that will include 100 Senior apartments in two 3-story buildings and 338 market-rate Townhomes in buildings of various sizes, placed along an interior road network. The application is being proposed pursuant to the requirements of the Village of Chester Zoning Law. Certain map changes are being requested and the need for zoning amendments or variances will be evaluated as the project moves forward through the municipal and public review process.

In order for this concept to be implemented in a manner that readily provides for water, sewer, and other municipal services, the 60.6 acres of land currently in the Town of Chester is proposed to be annexed to the Village of Chester, where such services presently exist. It is recognized that the conceptual layout and unit mix may change somewhat in response to the municipal review process.

Development of the project would require a change in the zoning of the Village portions of the property from RS and M-2 to RM. The Town parcel to be annexed would be rezoned from its current SR-6 and LB zoning to the Village's RM, a comparable zoning classification to the Town's SR-6 zoning. The conceptual site plan is designed to conform to the dimensional requirements of the applicable Village regulations for the RM District.

The concept plan illustrates the anticipated layout for the proposed buildings. At certain locations, the site topography would require a building that may exceed the building height requirement, and it is anticipated that the Applicant would pursue a standard variance for this during the site plan approval process.

Under the Town parcel's current zoning of SR-6 (Residential High-Density), the regulations allow for a density of 6 units per acre for Multi-Family housing and from 10 to 18 units, depending on bedroom mix, for Affordable Senior housing. Under the current zoning, the Village of Chester's RS (Residential Single-Family) regulations for uses on the project site allow

one unit per lot with a minimum lot area of 12,500 square feet (3.48 units per acre). The Village's RM district allows up to 8 units per acre for 1- and 2-bedroom Multi-Family dwellings and up to 6 units per acre for Multi-Family dwellings of 3 or more bedrooms. The concept plan proposes 10 units per acre on 10 acres for the Senior apartment portion of the property and 5.8 units per acre on the 58.3 acres allocated to the Townhouse portion of the property.

The Senior apartment portion of the proposed project, located on 10 acres, would conform to § 98-23.1 entitled "Senior Citizen Housing Special Use permit". It is anticipated that the number of affordable units provided by the project would exceed the 20% required in order to qualify for an increase in density from 9 to 10 units per acre, pursuant to § 98-23.1.(F).(b).

The Village currently requires a total of 3.25 to 3.75 spaces per Townhouse unit, depending on bedroom mix, and 2.25 spaces per Senior apartment unit. Under the concept plan, each Townhouse unit will have a minimum of 2.5 off-street parking spaces—at least one enclosed garage space and one driveway space—plus supplemental parking provided either in individual driveways or in lots located along the internal road network. Senior apartment parking as contemplated would result in 1.25 off-street parking spaces per unit. As such, an amendment to the Village Zoning Law §98-20 and Schedule of District Regulations, column 9 would be necessary to reduce the number of off-street parking spaces required to conform with widely-accepted industry standards.

The proposed plan would provide 125 spaces for the Senior housing Community and 879 for the Townhouses, for a total of 1,004 spaces.

Access to the site is proposed on NYS Route 17M at a location approximately 0.5 miles north of NYS Route 94, with emergency access provided at Oakland Avenue/Woodland Terrace to the east. The main entrance will be a boulevard-style road with two entry lanes and two exit lanes, separated by a wide landscaped median. The boulevard extends past the entrance to the Seniors community located on the northwest corner of the property and the entrance to a clubhouse on the right. The boulevard then connects to a looped roadway that circulates through the property.

The road system will likely be private and maintained by the owner or a homeowners' association. Excepting the boulevard entrance, the internal roads are generally 22 feet wide. A sidewalk system is proposed throughout the project on one side of the internal road, connecting the residential units with parking facilities and recreation amenities to create a pedestrian-friendly environment.

In the proposed plan, the internal road crosses a narrow portion of the wetland for approximately 100 feet, and therefore the plan would require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Recreation amenities and open space will be provided in the development. A clubhouse proposed near the main project entrance for use by residents will include a pool and tot lot overlooking the preserved wetland along the west side of the site. A playground and picnic area will be located at the south end of the property, and a walking trail will be provided through the open green spaces.

The common open space areas in this development will be designed in accordance with the regulations in §98-18.D. of the Village Code. Open space will encompass approximately 7 acres of the development, exceeding the 5.4 acres required by the Code. This will include open

areas between groups of townhouses with new landscaping and clusters of existing woods; passive recreation space next to the wetland and stormwater ponds; and the playground and picnic area. The playground will be designed to provide 1.4 acres of play area, well in excess of the .6 acres required by the Code. Upon project completion the play area, open space and landscaping provided around the buildings will be maintained by the owner or HOA.

The total area of site disturbance will be approximately 59 acres. With development of the project, impervious surfaces will cover approximately 27 acres of the project site. The balance of the project site will consist of existing woods and wetland, new ponds, lawn and landscaped areas. A summary of project site disturbance based on the concept plan is provided in the table below.

Approximate Change in Site Cover (Acres)					
Land Cover	Existing	Post-Dev't.	Change		
Agricultural fields, meadows or brushland	44.0	0	-44.0		
Woodland	20.6	5.1	-15.5		
Wetland	3.7	3.6	- .1		
Water surface	0	2.1	+2.1		
Impervious - Pavement and Buildings	0	27.0	+27.0		
Lawns and Landscaping	0	30,5	+ 30.5		

<u>Utilities</u>

Water and sewer service are proposed to be provided through connections to the municipal services in the Village of Chester. These connections would be constructed in accordance to the requirements of the Village and Town of Chester and Orange County Health Department specifications.

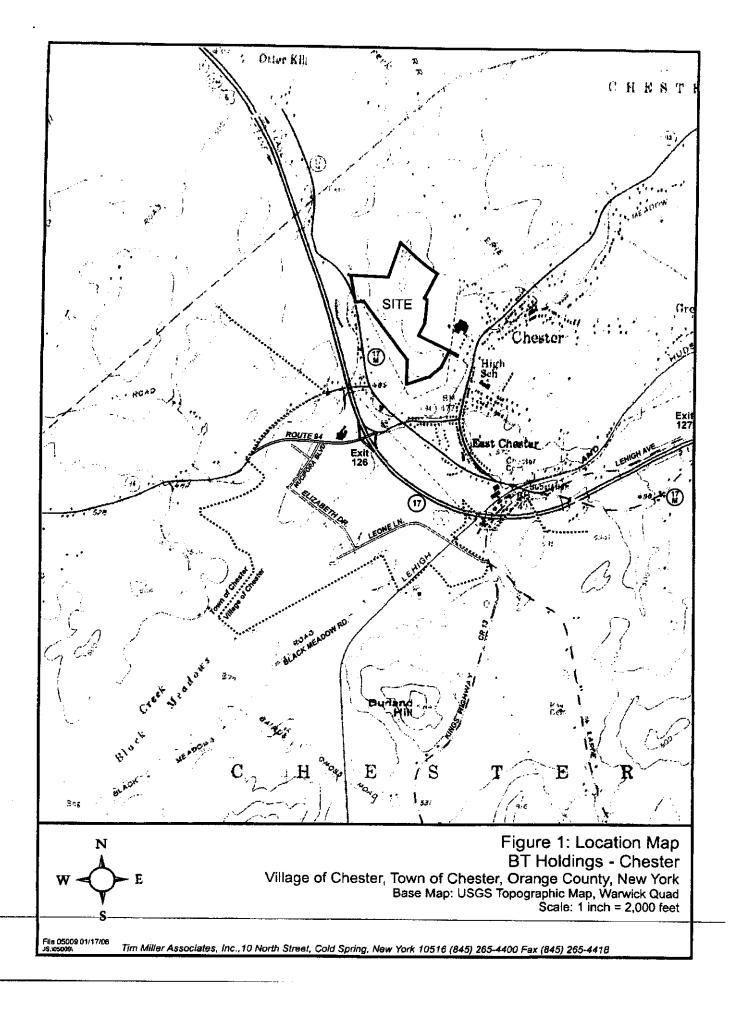
Stormwater Management

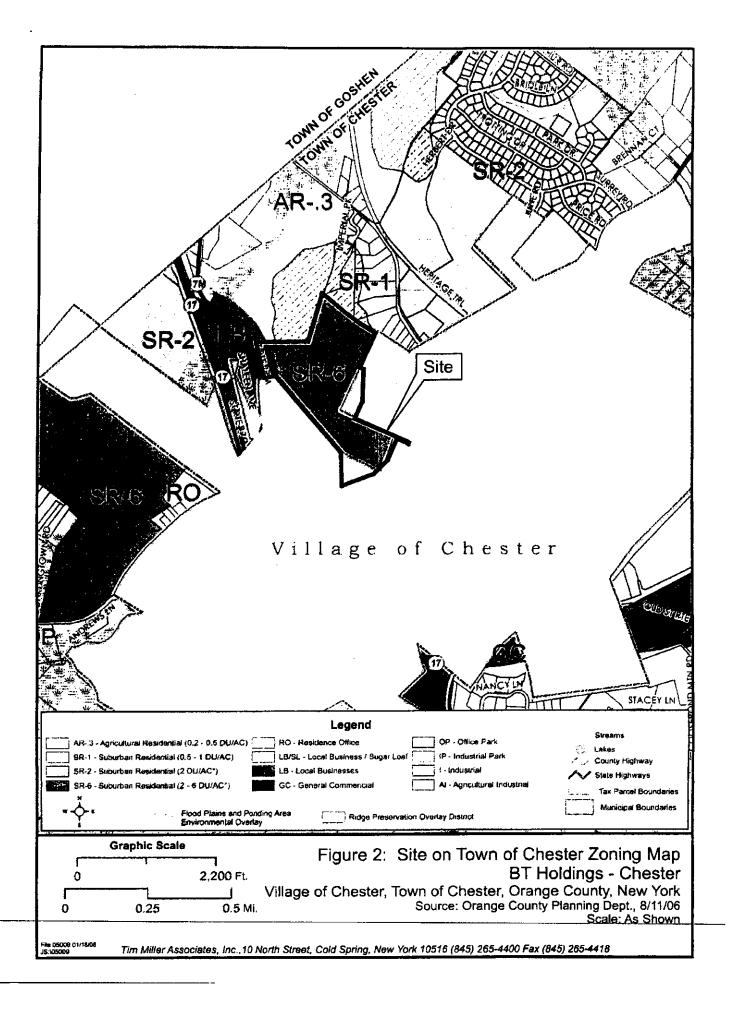
A stormwater management plan will be developed for the project. A detailed soil erosion and sedimentation control plan will also be developed for this project as part of the stormwater management plan to provide temporary management measures during the construction period. The concept plan shows stormwater detention basins planned in several locations around the project as permanent management features.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

The following approvals have been preliminarily identified in connection with the proposed action:

- Town Board and Village Board, Chester: Annexation
- Village Board, Chester: Zoning Map Changes, potential zoning amendments
- Orange County Department of Health: Utility Connections
- Orange County Planning Board, review of actions under NYS General Municipal Law
- New York State Department of Transportation: Highway Work Permit
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: Stormwater SPDES Permit, water quality certification
- US Army Corps of Engineers: Potential wetland permit





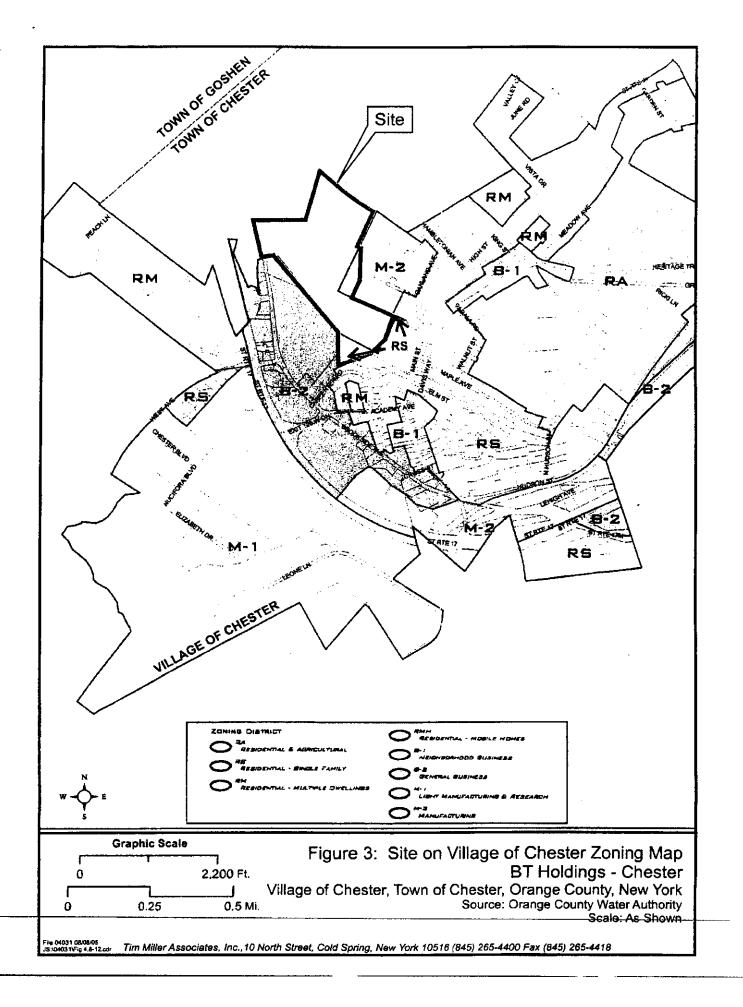






Figure 4: Site on Aerial Photograph BT Holdings - Chester

Village of Chester, Town of Chester, Orange County, New York
Source: NYS GIS Clearinghouse, 2004 Aerial Photograph
Seale: 1"=-460'

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