

According to the Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement (signed by Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc on May 20, 2020), “[w]ithin twenty (20) days [by July 23, 2020] after the effective date [July 3, 2020] of this Order, Respondent [Town] shall submit for review and approval a written citizen participation plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of ECL [Environmental Conservation Law] §27-1417 [.]”

ECL §27-1417 requires that the citizen participation plan (CPP) shall “encourage citizen involvement by outlining opportunities and recommended methods for effective citizen participation [...] embody the [...] principles of meaningful citizen participation [including the] opportunities for citizen involvement [...] as early as possible in the decision making process prior to the selection of a preferred course of action [and] full, timely, and accessible disclosure and sharing of information by the department shall be provided, including the provision of technical data and the assumptions upon which the analyses are based.”

The Town complied with the mandated deadline to submit the citizen participation plan (i.e., by July 23, 2020).

However, it has been nearly two years since the DEC approved the CPP for the Airport, and, still, the Town has not complied with New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

Will the Town please implement the airport citizen participation plan now?