Appendix X
Coastal Zone Assessment Forms

X-1: State Coastal Assessment Form – Fjord Trail North

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Coastal Assessment Form

A. INSTRUCTIONS (Please print or type all answers)

1. State agencies shall complete this CAF for proposed actions which are subject to Part 600 of Title 19 of the NYCRR. This assessment is intended to supplement other information used by a state agency in making a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (see 6 NYCRR, Part 617). If it is determined that a proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment, this assessment is intended to assist a state agency in complying with the certification requirements of 19 NYCRR Section 600.4.

2. If any question in Section C on this form is answered "yes," then the proposed action may affect the achievement of the coastal policies contained in Article 42 of the Executive Law. Thus, the action should be analyzed in more detail and, if necessary, modified prior to either (a) making a certification of consistency pursuant to 19 NYCRR Part 600 or, (b) making the findings required under SEQR, 6 NYCRR, Section 617.11, if the action is one for which an environmental impact statement is being prepared. If an action cannot be certified as consistent with the coastal policies, it shall not be undertaken.

3. Before answering the questions in Section C, the preparer of this form should review the coastal policies contained in 19 NYCRR Section 600.5. A proposed action should be evaluated as to its significant beneficial and adverse effects upon the coastal area.

B. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

1. Type of state agency action (check appropriate response):

(a) Directly undertaken (e.g. capital construction, planning activity, agency regulation, land transaction) ☒
(b) Financial assistance (e.g. grant, loan, subsidy) ☒
(c) Permit, license, certification ☒

2. Describe nature and extent of action:

The Proposed Action is the development of the core elements or trail components of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, including 7.5 miles of Main Trail and 6.5 miles of Trail Meanders, and would include Trail Banks, Water Trail Connections, and Regional Trail connections. This consistency review covers Fjord Trail North, which is the five-mile northern portion of the proposed Fjord Trail from the City of Beacon south to the northern end of the Breakneck Connector and Bridge Project approximately at Breakneck Ridge. Fjord Trail North would connect to a number of existing recreational resources including Long Dock Park, the Klara Sauer Trail, Denning's Point, Madam Brett Park, and the Notch. The trail would include seating, bike repair stations, fishing and kayak access, wildlife and river viewing, and other recreational amenities along its length. It would also construct a maintenance facility with storage and office space on the City of Beacon Recycling and Transfer Station property.

3. Location of action:

Dutchess	**City of Beacon, Town of Fishkill**	**Hudson River waterfront, both west and east of Metro North Railroad**
County	City, Town or Village	Street or Site Description

4. If an application for the proposed action has been filed with the state agency, the following information shall be provided:

(a) Name of applicant: _____
(b) Mailing address: _____
(c) Telephone Number: Area Code _____
(d) State agency application number: _____

5. Will the action be directly undertaken, require funding, or approval by a federal agency?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, which federal agency? **TBD**

C. COASTAL ASSESSMENT (Check either "YES" or "NO" for each of the following questions)

	YES	NO
1. Will the proposed activity be located in, or contiguous to, or have a significant effect upon any of the resource areas identified on the coastal area map:		
(a) Significant fish or wildlife habitats?	X	
(b) Scenic resources of statewide significance?	X	
(c) Important agricultural lands?		X
2. Will the proposed activity have a significant effect upon:		
(a) Commercial or recreational use of fish and wildlife resources?		X
(b) Scenic quality of the coastal environment?		X
(c) Development of future, or existing water dependent uses?	X	
(d) Operation of the State's major ports?		X
(e) Land and water uses within the State's small harbors?		X
(f) Existing or potential public recreation opportunities?	X	
(g) Structures, sites or districts of historic, archeological or cultural significance to the State or nation?	X	
3. Will the proposed activity involve or result in any of the following:		
(a) Physical alteration of two (2) acres or more of land along the shoreline, land under water or coastal waters?	X	
(b) Physical alteration of five (5) acres or more of land located elsewhere in the coastal area?	X	
(c) Expansion of existing public services of infrastructure in undeveloped or low density areas of the coastal area?		X
(d) Energy facility not subject to Article VII or VIII of the Public Service Law?		X
(e) Mining, excavation, filling or dredging in coastal waters?	X	
(f) Reduction of existing or potential public access to or along the shore?		X
(g) Sale or change in use of state-owned lands located on the shoreline or under water?	X	
(h) Development within a designated flood or erosion hazard area?		X
(i) Development on a beach, dune, barrier island or other natural feature that provides protection against flooding or erosion?		X
4. Will the proposed action be located in or have a significant effect upon an area included in an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?	X	

D. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

If any question in Section C is answered "Yes", AND either of the following two conditions is met:

Section B.1(a) or B.1(b) is checked; or
Section B.1(c) is checked AND B.5 is answered "Yes",

THEN one copy of the Completed Coastal Assessment Form shall be submitted to:

New York State Department of State
Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
Albany, New York 12231-0001

If assistance of further information is needed to complete this form, please call the Department of State at (518) 474-6000.

E. REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Consistency with the policies is discussed in Chapter X of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

Preparer's Name:	Nancy Stoner (Please print)		
Title:	Environmental Analyst 2	Agency:	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Telephone Number:	(518) 486-2699	Date:	November 25, 2024