4.0 Thresholds for Future Environmental Reviews

Future SEQRA Actions in the Study Area

According to Section 617.10(c) of SEQRA, "Generic EIS's and their findings should set forth specific conditions or criteria under which future actions will be undertaken or approved, including requirements for any subsequent SEQR compliance. This may include thresholds and criteria for supplemental EISs to reflect specific significant impacts, such as site specific impacts, that were not adequately addressed or analyzed in the generic EIS."

This section assumes that the proposed annexation action is completed. Thereafter, all future development in the Village of Kiryas Joel will need to comply with the applicable provisions of the Village Code, including zoning. Additionally, all development must comply with applicable Federal, State and County standards and criteria related to construction, including but not limited to the State Building and Fire Code, natural resource protection regulations, stormwater management requirements, and sewer and water connections to adequate sources/facilities.

Generally, it is expected that a future site development applicant will submit a SEQR environmental assessment form (EAF) describing the site-specific conditions that apply to its proposed development. This information will allow the permitting Village agency to make a determination of significance and identify, if applicable, any further site-specific study or studies that should be undertaken to demonstrate the environmental significance of the action being considered. Examples of potential areas of further detailed review for site specific proposals include: significant disturbance of soils and steep slopes, freshwater wetland, watercourse or floodway disturbance, potential effect on an identified protected species or habitat, potential effect on aesthetic resources known to be important in the viewshed, potential effect on an identified historic/archaeological resource, or potential exacerbation of traffic conditions at a congested intersection.

The permitting agency may also apply specific conditions or criteria identified in this Generic EIS and its subsequent SEQRA Findings in determining the need for additional study. The EAF, and supplemental study or studies as may be required, shall become the basis for the agency's determination of significance under SEQRA.