



DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

January 28, 2025

Dear Community Partners:

The Dutchess County Department of Health and the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development are sharing this notice with any and all project applicants to raise awareness of a new County law. Though this law may or may not apply to your current project(s) we wanted to inform you of the law so that you can be aware of how it may apply to the recent submittal or other projects you may be working on.

On September 9, 2024, Dutchess County adopted Resolution 2023156: Regulating Hazardous Pollution Sources in Proximity to Public Water Supply Sources, Aquifers, and Wetlands. A copy of the new law is available at: <https://ecode360.com/DU1148/laws>.

The Department of Health is responsible for the implementation, regulation, and enforcement of this Local Law. **Projects are being reviewed for compliance with this local law concurrent with the development of rules and regulations.**

The following is our anticipated timeline for development of the regulations:

- First quarter of 2025: conduct outreach meetings to outline the new County law, solicit input, and receive feedback.
- Second and third quarters of 2025: based on feedback received, develop draft Rules and Regulations.
- End of third quarter 2025: distribute proposed Rules and Regulations to stakeholders.
- Fourth quarter 2025: public comment period, review of comments, and finalization of Rules and Regulations.
- January 1, 2026: The finalized rules and regulations will be provided.

This information is being provided to you to allow consideration of the law for your current and future projects. Additional information, including upcoming information sessions, can be found on our website at <https://DutchessNY.gov/Departments/DBCH/Aquifer-Drinking-Supply-Protection-Law.htm>. Any comments on the new law can currently be forwarded to the following email address: aquifer@dutchessny.gov.

Sincerely,

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