

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT EIS  
AND  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
PURSUANT TO THE  
NY STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)**

November 8, 2010

This notice has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law and is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the regulations implementing such Article 8.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been completed and accepted by the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees, as Lead Agency, for the proposed action described below. A public hearing on the DEIS will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. at Cayuga Heights Elementary School, 110 East Upland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Comments on the DEIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until not less than 10 days after the close of the public hearing.

**Name of Action:** Deer Management Plan

**Description of Action:** The Village of Cayuga Heights proposes to engage in deer population control by sterilizing approximately 20 to 60 does, followed by culling of deer living within the 1.84 square mile Village boundary. After these actions the Village will implement a program of ongoing maintenance of the herd size. This action is designed to reduce the size of the herd in the first three years, and then provide stability in the herd size thereafter, bringing the herd count closer to levels achieved in the wild. The long term target is a herd size of 20 to 60 deer total in the Village, versus the estimate of  $\pm 200$  as of Spring of 2009. Where possible, all healthy deer venison culled will be donated to local food banks.

**SEQR Classification:** Unlisted Action

**Location:** The Village of Cayuga Heights, Tompkins County, New York.

**Potential Environmental Impacts:** The DEIS identifies and evaluates the following potential environmental impacts of the proposed action: short term impact on land use, particularly from noise; long term reduction of local deer population; short term and long term program cost to the Village; long term reductions in deer/car accidents, deer damage to landscape plants, and incidence in Lyme disease (all benefits); long term improvement in local vegetation diversity and wildlife habitat (benefit).

**Lead Agency:** Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees  
836 Hanshaw Road  
Ithaca, New York 14850

**A Copy of the Draft EIS may be viewed at:** Village Offices, Kendal Public Library, and via the Village website at [www.cayuga-heights.ny.us/](http://www.cayuga-heights.ny.us/).

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**Contact Person:** Ms. Kate Supron, Mayor  
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836 Hanshaw Road  
Ithaca, New York 14850  
(607) 257-1238

**A Copy of this Notice and Draft EIS Will be Sent to:**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)  
Kenneth P. Lynch, Regional Director  
615 Erie Blvd. West  
Syracuse, NY 13204-2400

This Notice will be posted in the NYSDEC Environmental Notice Bulletin