

Checklist for Municipalities Considering Parkland Alienation

1. What are the existing uses of the property being considered for alienation?

What is the character of the land? What types of natural or manmade resources are present on or adjacent to the parcel? For example, lakes, streams, forests, wetlands, scenic vistas, historic structures such as buildings or bridges, and archaeology resources.

What kind of recreational opportunities exist on the parcel? For example, ball fields, picnic benches, pavilions, swimming pools, boat launches and docks, etc.

2. What are the current uses of the parkland? How much is the public relying on the parkland for recreational activities?

3. Are there adequate recreational opportunities within the municipality currently? If the parkland in question is alienated?

4. Are substitute lands being proposed if the parkland in question is diverted to another use?

5. Is this parkland alienation being considered as part of a larger plan on a local, regional, or statewide level?

6. What are the factors that led to the municipality considering the alienation of the parklands?

7. What is the proposed use of the parkland being considered for alienation?

Will this proposed use increase demand for recreational activities in the area?

For example, will the proposed use result in an increase in the population of the area adding more individuals who would then seek recreational opportunities?

8. Are there other locations that could accommodate the proposed use?

9. Have the residents of the community had the opportunity to voice their opinion regarding the decision to alienate the parkland?

10. What is the appraised value of the parkland being considered for alienation?

Name of Municipality: Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Name of Park:

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION FORM

Lands Being Alienated or Discontinued

1. Has the alienation been reviewed under the State Environmental Quality Review Act or a comparable statute?
2. How did the municipality acquire the parklands being alienated?
3. When were the parklands acquired?
4. What is, in acres, the size of the park in which the lands being alienated are located?
5. What is the name (if not given above)? Has the park ever been called something else?
6. What is the size, in acres, of the specific parcel being alienated?
7. Where state or federal funds used in the acquisition or development of any portion of the park in which the lands being alienated are located?
8. How are the lands to be alienated currently used?
9. Are there structures 50 years old or older on the property? Are any of the structures listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places? Does the property contain archaeological resources?
10. Does the property contain wetlands, streams, significant habitats or other similar features?
11. What is the reason the lands are being alienated?
12. Describe any alternatives which would make the alienation unnecessary and why they were rejected.
13. How will any remaining parklands be affected by the alienation?
14. What impacts, including aesthetic, historic, environmental, social, cultural and recreational impacts, will the alienation of these parklands have on the surrounding neighborhood?

15. What public facility will provide residents of the community with park resources and recreational facilities to replace of those being alienated?

None

16. Will other lands be dedicated for park purposes to replace those being alienated?

No

Date _____

Signed _____

Title: _____

For the Municipality