Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do italics or underlining to indicate new matter.	not use
County City Town Village	
of VERNON	
Local Law No. 3 of the year 20 23	
A local law Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operations on Wood Road in the (Insert Title) Town of Vernon, New York	
Be it enacted by the Town Board (Name of Legislative Body)	of the
□County □City ⊠Town □Village	
of VERNON as f	follows:

SEE ATTACHED

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

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New York State Department of State
Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code
One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231-0001
www.dos.ny.gov

PLEASE OBSERVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING LOCAL LAWS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- 1. Each local law shall be filed with the Secretary of State within 20 days after its final adoption or approval as required by section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. The cited statute provides that a local law shall not become effective before it is filed in the office of the Secretary of State.
- 2. Each local law to be filed with the Secretary of State shall be an original certified copy.
- 3. Each local law shall be filed on a form provided by the Department of State. If additional pages are required, they must be the same size as the form. Typewritten copies of the text may be attached to the form. Only legible copies will be accepted.
- 4. File only the number, title and text of the local law.
- 5. In the case of a local law amending a previously enacted local law, the text must be that of the law as amended. Do <u>not</u> include any matter in brackets, with a line through it, italicized or underscored to indicate the changes made. The printed number of the bill and explanatory matter must be omitted.
- 6. For the purpose of filing a local law with the Department of State, number each local law consecutively, beginning with the number one for the first local law filed in each calendar year. The next number in sequence should be applied to each local law when it is submitted for filing, regardless of its date of introduction or adoption. The date of filing of a local law is the date on which the local law is placed on file by the Department.

It is suggested that municipalities use introductory identifying bill numbers for proposed local laws. After the local law is enacted (and approved by the voters, if required), the local law should then be numbered with the next consecutive local law number, as described above, and then submitted to the Department for filing.

- 7. Each copy of a local law filed with the Secretary of State shall have affixed to it a certification by the Clerk of the County legislative body or the City, Town or Village Clerk or other officer designated by the local legislative body. Certification forms are provided herewith.
- 8. A copy of each local law may be mailed or delivered to: NYS Department of State Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12231.

(DO NOT FILE THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET WITH THE LOCAL LAW.)

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.) I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as	s local law No	3		of 20 23	of
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TOWN BOARD on A	AUGUST, 14	20 23	. in accordance with	n the applica	able
(Name of Legislative Body)			_,		
provisions of law.					
2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no dis Chief Executive Officer*.)	10. 0		after disapproval b		
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(Elective Chief Executive Office	er*)				
Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mand vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (g					
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4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption be	ecause no valid	d petition	was filed requestir	ng referend	um.)
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20 23 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.					

^{*} Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

 (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law 	aw No of 20 of
the City of having been submitted to refere	
the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote	
thereon at the (special)(general) election held on 20	, became operative.
6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.) I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local latter County of	n submitted to the electors at the General Election of if section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having e cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the
(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the or correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, paragraph, above.	riginal on file in this office and that the same is a
(Seal) Date:	8/14/2023

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ONEIDA)
TOWN OF VERNON)

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2023 Town of Vernon, County of Oneida

A Local Law Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operations on Wood Road in the Town of Vernon, New York

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Vernon as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Law is to designate certain portions of Wood Road within the Town of Vernon as being open for travel by all-terrain vehicles pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. The Town Board hereby finds that the opening of certain town roads and portions thereof to ATV use and travel is necessary in order for ATVs to gain access to areas and/or trails adjacent thereto which would otherwise be impossible to access without the use of such town highways. It is the purpose of this Local Law to authorize the use of ATVs on portions of Wood Road in the Town of Vernon and to discourage unsafe operation and unlawful trespass upon public and private lands. The Town Board further finds that promoting opportunities for recreational use of all-terrain vehicles and the regulation of same is in the public benefit.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York and Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. Definitions

ATV: An all-terrain vehicle, as defined in Section 2281(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

<u>Designated Road</u>: A town road or portion thereof designated by this Local Law for use and for travel by ATVs.

Section 4. Designated Road

The following road, or the indicated portion thereof, is hereby designated as open to travel by ATVs, the Town Board of the Town of Vernon having specifically determined that it is

otherwise impossible for ATVs to gain access to areas or trails adjacent to said designated road other than by the use of such designated road. The following town road is hereby designated for the purpose of the operation of all-terrain vehicles as authorized by Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 48-C:

Wood Road, a distance of .65 miles, required due to swamp land on the east side of Wood Road. The west side is populated with no access off the roadway. The road is also needed to cross Beaver Meadow Creek. The cumulative effect of these factors force us to use the road for trailhead access.

A Map showing the ATV trail and stretch of roadway to be open to ATV use as above set forth is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

Section 5. Rules, Conditions and Restrictions

- a. No ATV shall be operated on Town roadways, except in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.
- b. No ATV shall be operated on any designated Town road unless it is properly licensed, registered, and insured as required by the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.
- c. No person shall operate an ATV on a designated Town road at a rate of speed in excess of 25 mph.
- d. No person shall operate an ATV on a designated Town road between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- e. All operators of ATVs shall proceed in single file when driving upon or crossing a designated Town road.
- f. All operators of ATVs on any designated Town road shall strictly observe all vehicular traffic signs and signals and all other rules and regulations applicable to vehicular traffic and shall obey all the orders and directions of any state or local law enforcement officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic.
- g. No person shall operate an ATV in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to unreasonably endanger the person or property of another or cause injury or damage thereto.
- h. No Town roadways shall be used by ATVs except those so designated in this Local Law.
- i. The Town Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to repeal this Local Law to prohibit ATV use on Town roadways.

Section 6. Annual Permit

An annual permit to use the aforesaid designated Town roadway must be obtained from the Town by Back Country ATV Club, which permit must be renewed each year at a cost to be established by resolution of the Town Board and may be amended by resolution.

Section 7. Signage

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Highway Superintendent shall install signs and markers identifying the designated roads upon which ATVs may ride within the Town of Vernon. The cost and installation of said signs and markers shall be paid by Back Country ATV Club.

Section 8. Penalties

Any person who violates any provisions of this Local Law shall be guilty of an offense as defined by Section 10.00 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, and the violator or offender shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$200 for the first offense; and a fine of not more than \$500 for a second or subsequent offense.

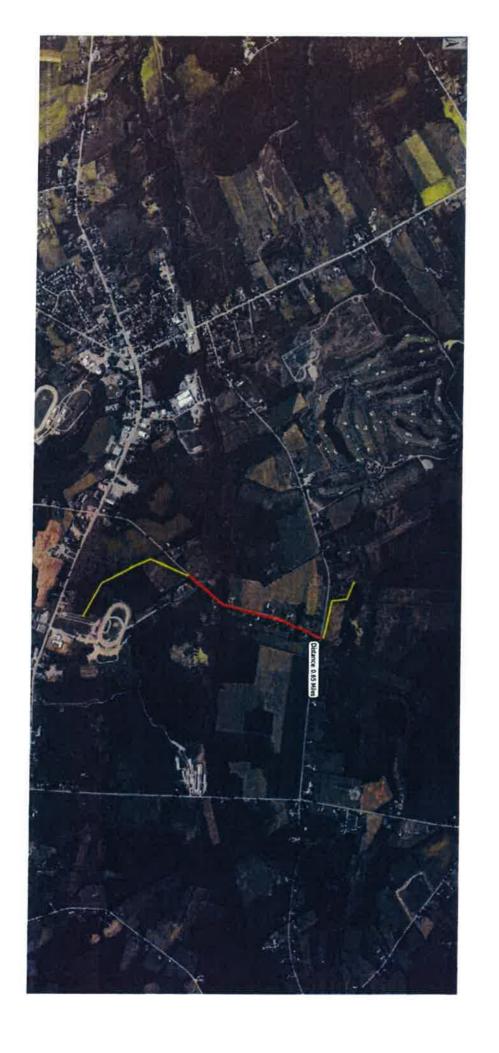
Section 9. Severability

Should any section or provision of this Local Law be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 10. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT A



SEOR RESOLUTION - NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TOWN OF VERNON LOCAL LAW PERMITTING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OPERATIONS ON WOOD ROAD IN THE TOWN OF VERNON, NEW YORK

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Vernon, Oneida County, New York, held at the Vernon Town Hall, Vernon, New York, in said Town, on the 14th day of August, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by J. Randall Watson, Town Supervisor.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman John Peters
who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gene Bennath, to-wit:

WHEREAS,

- In accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review regulations (SEQR), the Town Board of the Town of Vernon announced its intent to serve as Lead Agency to conduct an environmental review of a local law to permit and designate Wood Road within the Town of Vernon highway system as being open for travel by all-terrain vehicles pursuant to the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.
- 2. The Vernon Town Board has determined that the opening of Wood Road, or a portion thereof, to ATV use and travel is necessary in order for ATVs to gain access to areas and/or trails adjacent thereto which would otherwise be impossible to access without the use of such town highway. The Town road, or portion thereof, designated for the purpose of the operation of all-terrain vehicles is: Wood Road.
- 3. The Vernon Town Board has considered the proposed action pursuant to the parameters and criteria set forth in the applicable provisions found under 6 NYCRR §617.2 and 617.3 and has determined that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action as defined under SEQR and does not meet or exceed any threshold for a Type I Action.
- 4. The Vernon Town Board, in its capacity of Lead Agency, has caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form to assess the significance of and potential environmental impact of the action described above.

- 5. The Vernon Town Board has carefully reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form and other relevant environmental information and has considered the impact on the environment of the above described action. Based upon a review and examination of the Environmental Information, and upon the Town Board's knowledge of the area surrounding the roadway in question, and the information and map provided by the Back Country ATV Club specifying the exact location of and distance of the portions of the designated roadway proposed for ATV access to existing ATV trails, as well as the rules and restrictions imposed by the proposed Local Law, the Town Board makes the following findings:
 - (a) The proposed action is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to land resources or land use since it only involves the use of a portion of an existing town roadway by ATV operators and will not affect the surrounding areas.
 - (b) The proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on water, including surface groundwater and stormwater, and will not affect any protected water body. The proposed action will not encroach or have any significant impacts on federal or state wetlands that may be located in proximity to the designated roadway.
 - (c) The proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impact to air quality from ATV operations on the designated roadway, since said operation is temporary in nature over a limited portion of said roadway.
 - (d) The proposed action will not result in a significant adverse impact on plants or animals as it only involves ATV use on a portion of an existing roadway.
 - (e) The proposed action will not result in a significant adverse impact on agricultural resources.
 - (f) The proposed action will not have a significant adverse impact on aesthetic resources, including the surrounding area, as it only involves use of a portion of an existing roadway.
 - (g) The proposed action will not result in a significant adverse impact to historic or archaeological resources, as the designated roadway does not contain any such historic or archaeological resource.
 - (h) The proposed action will not have an adverse impact on existing open space and recreation. By designating portions of roadways for travel by all-terrain vehicles, it will promote opportunities for recreational use by the public.

- (i) The designated roadway is not located in or contiguous to any Critical Environmental Area (CEA) as designated pursuant the 6 NYCRR §617.14(g) of the SEQRA regulations.
- (j) The proposed action will not have a substantial adverse impact on transportation or to the existing traffic patterns, and any increase in traffic due to the ATVs traveling over portions of the designated roadway will be minimal and temporary.
- (k) The proposed action will not have a significant adverse impact from objectionable noise and odor. Any impacts to noise and/or odor from ATVs will be minor and temporary in nature.
- (l) The proposed action will not have any adverse impact on energy usage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Vernon Town Board, declares that, based on the foregoing, the proposed action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and hereby issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the reasons set forth herein; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the requirements of SEQRA have been satisfied. This Resolution and notice of negative declaration shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

John Peters voting Aye
Gene Bennati voting Aye
Myron Thurston voting Aye
Steen Adamkowski voting Day
J. Randall Watson voting Day

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
TOWN OF VERNON, NEW YORK			
Name of Action or Project:			
A Local Law Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operations on Certain Public Road	ls in the Town of Vernon, New	v York	
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Certain Portions of Wood Road within the Town of Vernon as shown on the attached map			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Proposed Local Law to designate certain portions of Wood Road within the Town of Vernon as the authority granted in Section 2405 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, adjacent thereto which would otherwise be impossible to access without the use of such town	in order for ATVs to gain acc	terrain vehicles pursuant to ess to areas and/or trails	
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 315/829-2985		
TOWN OF VERNON E-Mail: townsupervisor@townofvernon.com		townofvernon.com	
Address:			
4305 Peterboro Road			
City/PO: State: Zip Code: NY 13476			
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other	r government Agency?	NO YES	
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? N/A acres N/A acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
☐ Urban			
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Speci	ify):		
Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A	
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?			V	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?			V	
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?		NO	YES	
			V	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES	
If Yes, identify:		V		
		NO	YES	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		V		
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	1	V	Ħ	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		V		
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:				
N/A				
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water:	_	~		
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:				
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12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district		NO	YES	
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the		V	П	
State Register of Historic Places?	F			
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?				
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?			YES	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?				
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:				
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply	:	
☐Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional		
☐Wetland ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?	V	
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	V	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO V	YES
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	V	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	~	
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO	YES
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO	YES
II Tes, describe.	~	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	V	
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BE MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor/name: Town of version Title: Town Attorney	ST OF 2023	

Agency Use Only [If applicable]			
Project:			
Date:			

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

		No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	~	
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	V	
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	~	
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	~	
5.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?		
6.	Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	V	
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	~	
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	~	
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	V	
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	~	
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	~	
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	V	

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Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3: Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.			
Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.			
TOWN OF VERNON 8/14/2023			
Name of Lead Agency J. Randall Watson, Town Supervisor	Date		
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)		