

# Administrative Procedures – Public Input Statement

## Instructions:

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. This form must be completed for the following filings made during the rulemaking process:

- Proposed Rule Filing
- Final Proposed Filing
- Adopted Rule Filing
- Emergency Rule Filing

### 1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Act 250 Rules

### 2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Natural Resources Board

### 3. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The Board plans to hold an evening hearing on February 25, 2015, via Vermont Interactive Technologies (VIT) at four sites (Newport, Middlebury, Williston and Randolph Center); a daytime hearing in Montpelier at the March 10, 2015 Board meeting; and an evening hearing at the Rutland Free Library on March 18, 2015. The proposed rule revisions and comments will be posted on the Board's website, and the public can comment by email.

Extensive stakeholder outreach was conducted on the Master Plan and Partial Findings rule (Rule 21), in accordance with to Act 199 of 2013 (adj.), involving Regional Planning Commissions, Andy Rowe, Rep. Bill Botzow, Bill Nedde, Bill Sayer, Springfield Regional Development Corporation, Bob Stevens, Bobbie Miller, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Cathy Lamberton, Chris Rice, Chris Snyder, Claudine Safar, Curt Carter, Dan Hershenson, Dave Snedeker, David White, Diana Peduzzi, Don Marsh, Ed Bove, Frank Cioffi, George Twigg, Isaac Chavez, Jamie Stewart, Jim Goss, Jim Sullivan,

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Joan Goldstein, John Mandeville, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Kevin Mullin, Larry Slason, Maureen Connolly, Michael Zahner/VT Chamber, Mitch Wonson, Nate Stearns, Ned Houston, Parker Riehle, Peter Odierna, Peter Van Oot, Richard Bryant, Rob Apple, Robin Scheu, Ruth Wallman, Sam Andersen, Conservation Law Foundation, Sarah Hadd, Sharon Murray/Vermont Planners Association, Agency of Natural Resources, Agency of Transportation, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Board also circulated copies of draft proposed rules for comment to: The Agency of Natural Resources Office of Planning and Legal Affairs, Department of Housing and Community Development, Agency of Transportation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce and Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation, Michael Zahner/VT Chamber, Jim Dumont, Steve Reynes, Peter Gregory/Two Rivers - Ottauquechee Regional Commission/Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies, as well as to the Board's regional staff and District Commissioners.

The draft proposed rules were also discussed at several public Board meetings, and the Board heard comments at those meetings from the Vermont Natural Resources Council and David White.

**4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

Please see above. Information on the proposed rules, hearings, and comment period, will also be circulated to the Vermont Bar Association Environmental Section listserv, the Vermont Planners Association listserv, and emailed to interested persons, including those identified above.

**Run Spell Check**