

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Montgomery Town Board to consider the establishment and designation of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA) as described below within the Town of Montgomery on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

The purpose of the CEA designation is to alert landowners, developers, and regulatory agencies to exceptional local environmental features during State Environmental Quality Review. The designation ensures that these features are not overlooked, and that potentially harmful impacts to them are evaluated in determining the environmental significance of a proposed action.

The proposed Tin Brook and Beaverdam Brook Aquifer CEA comprises approximately 3030 acres and encompasses the major portions of two unconsolidated aquifer areas within the town. The Beaverdam Brook Aquifer lies to the east and south of the Village of Montgomery, extending from just north of NYS Rt 17K south to the town boundary. This part of the CEA encompasses the headwaters of the Beaverdam Brook. The Tin Brook Valley Aquifer lies to the east and northeast of the Village of Walden, extending from the boundary with the Town of Shawangunk south to just below Coldenham Road. These aquifers feed the wellfields of municipal and public school wells and the Route 17K/208 business corridor, and coincide with other important resources including forests, meadows, wetlands, streams, and floodplains.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that descriptions of the proposed Critical Environmental Area and a map of its location are available on the town's website <https://sites.google.com/site/townofmontgomerycac/critical-environment-areas> for review or at the Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY 12549.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by directing comments in writing to the Town Board. All reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. In such a case, please notify the Town Clerk in advance at the above address or by phone (845-457-2660 ext. 3) so that arrangements can be made.

By order of the Town of Montgomery Town Board dated March 29, 2022.

Tara Stickles, Town Clerk