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Abstract

§ 213-17 of the Town Code for the Town of North Castle was enacted for the purpose of preventing erosion, minimizing stormwater runoff and flooding, and preserving the Town's character and property values. The means by which the Town attempts to reach this goal is by preventing the development of hilltops, ridgelines and steep slopes.

Resource

Town of North Castle NY Hilltops, Ridgelines and Steep Slopes

Code of the Town of North Castle NY

Chapter 213: Zoning

General Code

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§ 213-17. Hilltops, ridgelines and steep slopes.

- A. For the purpose of preventing erosion, minimizing stormwater runoff and flooding, preserving the Town's character and property values, it is the intent of this chapter to prevent the development of hilltops, ridgelines and steep slopes. Toward this end, wherever possible, new construction shall avoid such areas and existing vegetation in such areas shall not be disturbed. The Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Inspector shall take this objective into consideration in reviewing and acting on any plans submitted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. For purposes of this section, "steep slopes" shall be considered to be those areas with an average slope of 25% or greater over a horizontal distance of 25 feet or more. When development in such areas is proposed, the approval authority shall assure that adequate safeguards for the protection of such measures and the minimization of

impacts to their essential functions are assured. Any application for the development of such areas shall include:

- (1) A soil erosion and sediment control plan and a stormwater management plan prepared in accordance with these regulations, the Town Flooding, Erosion and Sediment Control Law (Local Law No. 3-1982), the Westchester County Best Management Practices Manual Series for Construction-Related Activities, and including any necessary drainage calculations required by the Town Engineer. Such plans shall demonstrate that no substantial sedimentation nor any increase in the peak rate of runoff that would create hazard to the development or to other properties shall result from the proposed development.
 - (2) A plan for the protection of groundwater resources if the same would be affected by the proposed development.
 - (3) A plan for appropriate landscaping and revegetation to minimize the impacts on scenic views and vistas and to wildlife habitat as well as to assure the long-term stability of areas of steep slopes.
- B. Additional materials as may be required by the approving authority shall also be submitted describing necessary design features to be incorporated within the proposed development.