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**KIRYAS JOEL OFFICIALS INVITE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON
DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Village of Kiryas Joel today announced it would conduct a voluntary public scoping session as part of its responsibilities as the designated lead agency reviewing the environmental impact of a petition advanced by local property owners seeking to annex 507-acres to the Village of Kiryas Joel.

The session will take place **Tuesday, March 3, 2015, from 7 – 9:30 p.m.** at *Bais Rachel Paradise Hall*, 5 Israel Zupnick Drive, Monroe, during the session the Village will consider public input regarding the Draft Scope of a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) associated with the 507-acres under consideration located in the Town of Monroe. The Village had earlier issued a final scope for a separate annexation petition seeking to annex 164-acres of the 507-acre total to the Village. In response to the recent determination from the DEC, the Village will expand the scope of its SEQRA review to encompass both petitions eliminating any claims of segmentation of the process.

The Draft Scoping outline can be accessed online by visiting: <http://www.kj-segra.com/507Acres/>

“As DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens noted in his decision designating Kiryas Joel as lead agency, ‘*the Village Board has the broadest governmental powers for investigation of the impacts of the proposed actions,*’” said Ari Felberman, Government Relations Coordinator for the Village of Kiryas Joel. “The Village understands the magnitude of its responsibility and will comply with state law defining its role as lead agency. Additionally, the Village recognizes its responsibility to the public and will solicit input to ensure that multiple perspectives and points-of-view are heard.”

Attendees wishing to offer verbal comments relating to the Draft Scope will be asked to sign in. Remarks will be limited to three minutes per person. The Bais Rachel Paradise Hall has capacity for approximately 500 people, and can support parking for approximately 150 vehicles. Attendees are encouraged to car pool and arrive early to ensure efficient and orderly implementation of security measures.

In addition, written comments on the Draft Scope are welcomed through March 10, 2015 until 5 p.m. Please mail comments to: Tim Miller Associates, Inc., 10 North Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Following the receipt and consideration of verbal and written comments, the Village will issue a Final Scope.