



SustainCNY Coalition NEWS

Special Notice

July 15, 2024

Wetlands Permitting Action Needed for Micron Plant, Clay, NY

The deadline is fast approaching to submit written comments to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on the Section 404 federal wetlands permit related to the proposed White Pine Commerce Park Chip fab development (the Micron plant).

Public comments, and requests that a public hearing be held, **must be in writing so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date [July 31, 2024] of the ACOE notice.**

In brief, Micron is going to build on top of 200 acres of wetlands plus destroy over a mile of an existing stream. In all likelihood, surrounding wetlands will also get adversely impacted because the hydrology will be altered, and the development will increase the risks of non-point source pollution. Three endangered species, the Sedge Wren, Indiana Bat, and Northern Long-Eared Bat, will be affected.

If this proposed permanent loss in wetlands and the consequential related impacts concern you, please submit comments clearly referencing "Application No: LRB-2000-02198 (Section: NY)" to:

US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District

Attn: Margaret Crawford

7413 County House Road

Auburn, New York 13021

File via email to: celrb-micron.public.comments@usace.army.mil

SustainCNY urges you to comment on your own, or to use the template letter attached to this email and send it to the ACOE so that at a minimum, these three demands are made:

1) If Micron/OCIDA has to build on this site, they should be required to construct or rehabilitate between 300 and 400 acres of wetlands in the vicinity to offset the loss.

2) That, in addition to this written comment period, a public hearing be held to obtain public comments because it is necessary to assure the public has adequate opportunity to be heard.

3) The review of this permit be subject to the NEPA EIS, and the permit is not issued until the NEPA prescribed process, including adequate public review and comment on all aspects and details of the mitigation plans for this action as well as other aspects of the proposed development, are completed.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter in the development of the proposed chip fabs in Clay, NY. If you would like further information about this or other matters relating the SustainCNY, please contact us at info@sustainCNY.org.

How to Be More Involved

We are volunteer-driven, and **the critical tasks of advocacy, education, and outreach require funding to be effective.** You can help us grow our work by [donating through the GreeningUSA website](#)- please note that the donation is for Sustain CNY.

Organizations which want to join Sustain CNY can contact us at info@sustaincny.org and we will send you a very simple sign-on form to fill out or you can fill out this [Google Form](#).

Individuals can participate through a member organization– we recommend [joining GreeningUSA](#), which has reasonable dues at \$40 per year. Let us know your area(s) of interest and we will connect you with the relevant working group/subcommittee.