

## 2013 Rulemaking – City Government Perspective

### Principles:

1. No net loss of environmental protection
2. More efficient SEPA review, cheaper to implement
3. Regulatory clarity, easier to understand
4. As good or better public participation in local decision-making (plan level and permitting processes)
  - a. Earlier notice and involvement
  - b. Less duplication
5. Better integration with other statutes
6. SEPA process adds value not just paperwork, and does not duplicate existing environmental quality regulations made applicable through local ordinances
7. Any change is scalable (to reflect diversity of size, expertise and resources between Cities)
8. Any change should support continued efforts to ensure comments occur EARLY in the process and end of process engagement options are limited
9. Plain talk the language

### Priorities:

1. Non-project level actions for possible categorical exemption
  - a. Boundary line adjustments
  - b. Fence Heights
  - c. Side-yard setbacks
2. Project categorical exemptions (including default levels)
  - a. Size of underground utility pipe size
  - b. Size of underground storage tanks
  - c. Wireless facilities
  - d. SEPA currently silent on above-ground tanks
  - e. Some review of the transportation exemptions that add automobile lanes
  - f. Commuter facilities and amenities (not just transit but also regular park and ride)
  - g. Mixed-use/TOD
  - h. Restoration projects
3. Notice reforms
4. SEPA/GMA/SMA integration
5. Exceptions to the exemptions contained in the categorical exemptions
6. Utilities and transportation
7. Environmental checklist
8. Structural issues with the WAC