STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring a public hearing to be held when land is proposed to be converted for public use

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 96-aa to read as follows:

§ 96-aa. Conversion of land for certain public use; public hearing required. 1. In any municipality with a population of less than one million, where the state or any organization is attempting to convert land or property owned to public use for the purposes of, including but not limited to trails, park areas and recreation areas, it shall be required that the state or any such organization holds a public hearing with the town board, planning board or zoning board of the municipality in which such land proposed to be converted is located, to hold public comment and allow for neighbors within a five-mile radius of the land proposed to be converted and other members of the community to bring forth and address any privacy or safety concerns.

2. When a hearing is scheduled pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the municipality which is conducting such hearing shall provide at least ten days' notice of such hearing to members of the community in a clear and conspicuous manner on the municipality's website and shall mail notice of such hearing to all properties within a five-mile radius of the proposed location of the land to be converted.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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