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CATSKILL -- Although a state environmental review found no significant impacts were associated with the proposed development of the Greene County waste transfer and recycling station, members of the county Legislature's Conservation Committee discovered Tuesday night the state Department of Environmental Conservation wants a archaeological investigation and traffic study -- at the total added cost of \$10,600.

The station, proposed for 67 acres north. of the village of Catskill between state Route 385 and Brown's Crossing Road, will cost the county an estimated \$1.4 million.

The additional studies are a part of the state's permit process.

Information on site layout impacts, and the effects of facility noise, odors, dust and visual impacts on the surrounding community are all included in the permit application process.

The traffic analysis, which was to begin this month, will identify the off-site traffic impacts, traffic forecasts and improvements required for the full potential of the proposed industrial park at the site.

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County Administrator Douglas Brewer said the tests are consistent with how the state handles transfer station sites, and that if the county does not do the tests, "We will not be able to construct in the spring." Brewer also said the permit process, when completed, will then call for a public hearing.

It was during a public hearing on the siting process that lawmakers heard traffic complaints and residents living near the proposed site express their apprehension.

Brewer said area residents' concerns must be answered.

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That's according to the Greene County Legislature's Conservation Committee, which discovered the requirement Tuesday night while working on the county's proposed waste transfer and recycling station.

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