



**BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Target Hazard Planning Group  
Brewster Fire Department  
501 North Main Street  
Brewster, NY 10509

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Town of Southeast Planning Board  
1 Main Street  
Brewster, NY 10509

Dear Planning Board Members,

Thank you for allowing the Brewster Fire Department the continued opportunity to review the plans for the “Brewster Yards” project. With regard to the installation of multiple gates on Fields Corners Rd. and the Carmel Town Line, we would like to offer the attached recommendations.

Respectfully,  
Brewster Fire Department -  
Target Hazard Planning Group

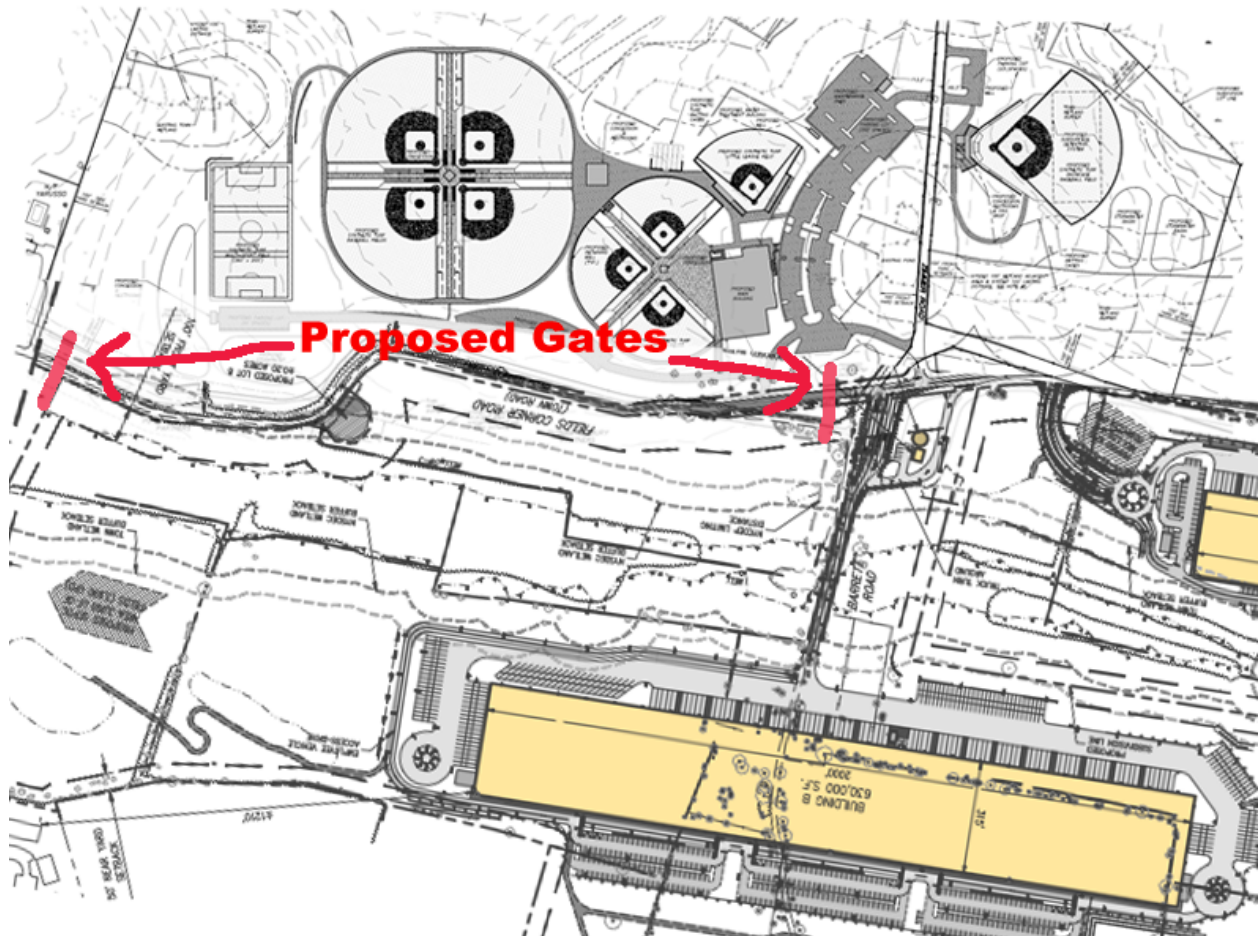


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There are two main projects proposed for the Pugsley Road area.

1. Interstate Logistics
2. Brewster Yards

Below is a compilation of the projects from drawings obtained on the town website. While not exactly to the same scale, it does allow us to have a “birds eye” view of the area.





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The placement of gates at the indicated areas could have a detrimental effect upon our ability to safely and efficiently respond to the site for an emergency.

1. Closing off Fields Corner Rd. would seal off emergency access to the majority and probably most used areas of the Brewster Yards project.
2. If two gates were to be installed, what would happen during winter months with snow on the ground?
3. Would the area between the gates be plowed?
4. Would the roadway between the gates be properly maintained? (potholes and freeze / thaw surface breaks?)
5. A gate at the Patterson Town line would also potentially slow mutual aid companies should we need them to respond to the Interstate Logistics ware house or Brewster Yards for a Fire / EMS mutual aid.
  - a. There are many occasions when the Brewster Fire Department receives more than one Fire or EMS call at a time or is involved with an ongoing EMS call when another emergency request is received.
  - b. We, as all Volunteer Fire Departments, rely on existing mutual aid agreements with our neighboring districts to handle multiple calls for assistance.
6. Gating access would force mutual aid companies to take a circuitous route to reach the assignment.
7. Perhaps Speed Humps would be a better option.

If a gate must be installed, then we would recommend that only one gate be installed at the Patterson Town Line. In addition, this gate should have the following specifications and abilities;

1. The gate should be a minimum of 9 feet wide to allow our vehicles to pass.
2. The gate should be equipped with a sensor that would automatically open when a specific siren tone is projected near the gate location. (This would probably be the most desired and least obstructive to the response process.)
3. If a lock must be installed, Keys must be provided to Carmel Fire Department, Patterson Fire Department and the Brewster Fire Department. We would recommend that the lock be the same as the Fire Road locks currently in use.