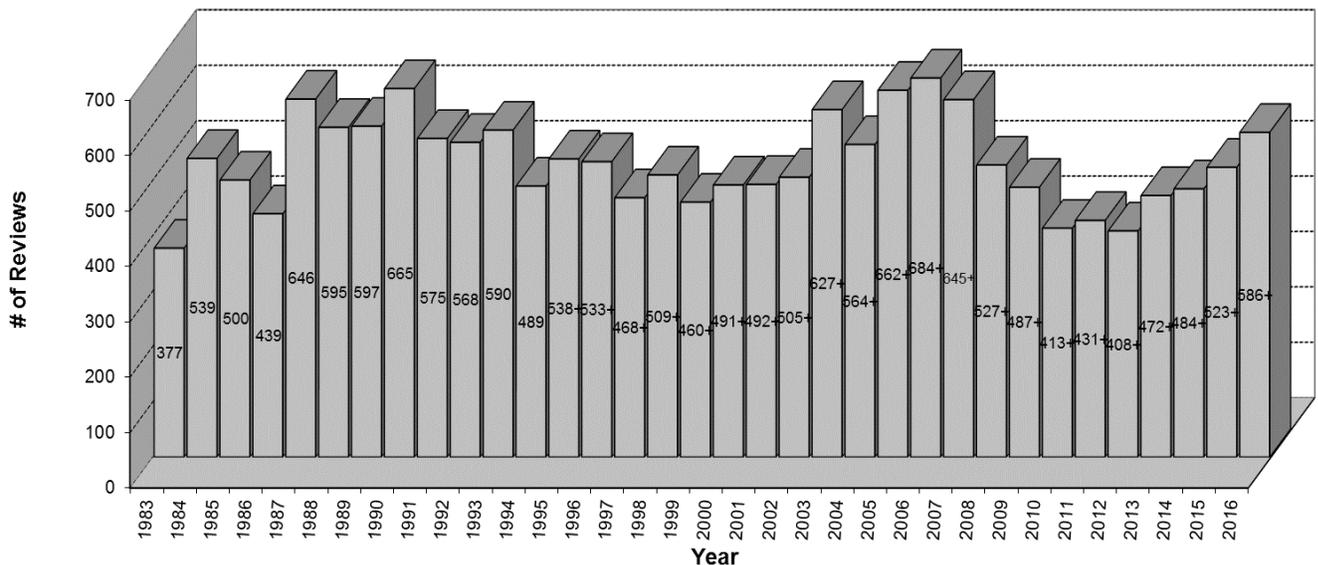


## Bar Graph by Year

The bar graph in Figure #1 depicts the total number of applications reviewed by the County Planning Department from 1983 through 2016, a 34-year time frame. The number of application referrals to the county was at an all-time low of 377 in 1983. The highest number of applications received by the County was in 2006, with 684 reviews processed. In December 1994, the county began entering into agreements with municipalities throughout the county to streamline the General Municipal Law (GML) process. Reviews that were typically deemed “for local determination” by the Planning Department are now being waived for review by the County if they fall within the selected criteria, and an agreement has been reached between the County and municipality. Of twenty-four municipalities, all five towns and thirteen of the nineteen villages have entered into waiver agreements. Therefore, the number of applications reviewed by the County in 1995 through 2016 would have been even higher if all reviews were referred to the Planning Department. The total number of reviews completed in 2016 was 586, an increase of approximately 12% from the previous year and comparable to the number of applications reviewed in 2004. The five-year average for the number of development applications reviewed from 2012 through 2016 is 495. The total number of GML applications reviewed yearly is usually reflective of the economic market and construction industry. The past five years have seen a continual increase in the number of development applications. It will be interesting to see whether this increase continues into 2017.

**Figure 1. Number of GML Applications by Year Reviewed by the Rockland County Planning Department 1983-2016**



+ : These numbers do not include reviews that were waived because of agreements between the county and municipalities.  
 Source: GML Access database maintained by the Rockland County Planning Department, Land Use Unit  
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