TOWN OF NISKAYUNA Conservation Advisory Council A G E N D A November 15, 2022

7:00 P.M.

VIA HYBRID FORMAT IN PERSON (TOWN HALL) AND VIRTUAL (GOOGLE MEETS)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **1.** August 3, 2022
- 2. September 7, 2022

IV. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

V. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM REFERRALS

- 1. EAF 2022-07: 2721 Balltown Road Multi-Family Dwelling Use Variance Application
- 2. EAF 2022-08: 1851 Union St Mohawk Golf Club Townhomes

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2023 Calendar

VII. REPORTS

- 1. Bethlehem Conservation Easement Program
- 2. Natural Resource Inventory
- 3. Pesticide Outreach Update
- **4.** Low Mow / Biodiversity Initiatives Update
- 5. Climate Smart Communities Program Update

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: December 7, 2022 Hybrid Format

1		TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
2		CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
3		Meeting Minutes
4		August 3, 2022
5	Members Present:	Dart Strayer, Chairman
6		Ashok Ramasubramanian
7		Steven Burkholder
8		Miki Vysohlid
9		Simran Uttukar (Student Representative)
10	Also Present:	Laura Robertson, Town Planner
11		Clark Henry, Assistant Planner
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13 I. CALL TO ORDER

14 Chairman Strayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

15 **II. ROLL CALL**

16 Ms. Ellen Daviero was absent / excused tonight.

17 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

18 **1.** August 3, 2022

Chairperson Strayer asked for any comments or corrections regarding the minutes. Ms. Daviero had
previously emailed Ms. Robertson one correction to line 74 to the minutes which was discussed. Mr.
Ramasubramanian made a motion to approve the amended minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Burkholder.
The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

23 **IV. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Ms. Pam Zabar of Barclay Place addressed the council. She commented about a site owned by the Town highway between River Road and the bike path. She noted a tremendous amount of overgrowth. Ms. Robertson suggested emailing the Supervisor and Highway with pictures regarding the overgrowth.

27 V. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM REFERRALS

1. EAF 2022-04: 1747 Union St - Raizada Mart Addition

The CAC deferred this EAF to the next meeting on September 7. The Council had concerns about the directional driving pattern demarcated and the parking configuration around the building. Chairman Strayer asked for information regarding the parking agreement with Pizza Bueno. The Planning Department stated there is nothing documented in the Planning records.

2. EAF 2022-05: Empire Drive 2 Lot Subdivision

Ms. Robertson gave a brief explanation of the project. The existing lot was proposed to be subdivided into two residential lots – both with single family homes. There were concerns about drainage and preserving trees. The Tree Council was going to take a look at the site and the engineers were working on the drainage.The CAC reviewed the questions related to part 2 of the SEAF.

Will this proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning
 regulation? - No

Will the proposed action result in a change of use or intensity of land? - The Council stated
 that the use is intensified with subdivision but in the case of two lots, this is small.

Will the proposed action have an impact on the character or quality of the neighborhood? The Council answered no but noted that it is critical for some of the tree line to be be maintained to preserve
trees and add screening / benefit for future neighbors.

4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the
 establishment of a CEA? – No CEA

5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect
existing infrastructure for the mass transit, biking or walkway? – The CAC asked for the Planning
Board to require a public access easement for a possible future bike path for connectivity – as recommended
by the Complete Streets Committee. They felt this was important to mitigate traffic impacts.

6. Will proposed action cause increase energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available
 energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? - No

Will the proposed action impact existing public or private water supplies or public or private
 waste water treatment utilities? - No

8. Will proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological,
 architectural or aesthetic resources? – The CAC felt this answer was generally no or small impact but felt
 that protecting as many trees as possible was critical.

9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources? – The CAC stated it
 would be a small adverse impact and recommended reducing the limits of clearing.

Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or
 drainage problems? – No or small impact – this will definitely need to be reviewed by Town Engineers.

62 11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? – No

Mr. Ramasubramanian made a motion to declare a negative declaration for the subdivision on Empire Drive. Mr. Burkholder seconded it. The CAC voted unanimously to recommend a negative declaration.

65 3. EAF 2022-06: 2239 Van Antwerp Rd Subdivision

Mr. Pat Jarosz, the representative for the applicant, was present for the meeting. Ms. Robertson updated the 66 group regarding issues or requests from the Planning Board. The CAC asked Mr. Jarosz to discuss the 67 wetlands mitigation. He stated there will be no encroachment on the wetlands. Ms. Robertson added that an 68 additional 25 foot buffer will be required in addition to the wetland buffer. Ms. Robertson stated the 69 grading limits lines need to be adjusted and noted and the sewer line needs to be notes on the plot plan. Ms. 70 Robertson and CAC discussed the need to create a 10 foot easement for a potential bike path in the future 71 along Van Antwerp Road. Mr. Jarosz was agreeable to adding the easement. The CAC reviewed part 2 of 72 the EAF form. 73

Will this proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning
 regulation? - NO

Will the proposed action result in a change of use or intensity of land? - The Council stated
 that it would slightly increase in intensity.

Will the proposed action have an impact on the character or quality of the neighborhood? The Council answered no but noted that if some of the tree lined can be maintained, especially the larger
 trees - that would be helpful to maintain the quality of the neighborhood.

4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a CEA? – No

5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect
 existing infrastructure for the mass transit, biking or walkway? – The CAC asked add a public access
 land easement for possible future bike path or sidewalk connectivity.

6. Will proposed action cause increase energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available
 energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? - No

Will the proposed action impact existing public or private water supplies or public or private
 waste water treatment utilities? - No

8. Will proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological,
 architectural or aesthetic resources? - There is no knowledge of this.

92 9. Will the proposed action result in an advance change to natural resources? - The CAC stated
93 it would be small and noted to try to limit the area of clearing and allow Tree Council to thoroughly review
94 the property.

Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or
 drainage problems? - No, but it was important here to make sure the wetlands were undisturbed and
 treated correctly.

98 11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? – No

Chairman Strayer made a motion to declare a negative declaration for the subdivision on Empire Drive. Mr.
 Ramasubramanian seconded it. The CAC voted unanimously to recommend a negative declaration.

101 VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

102 There were no discussion items tonight.

103 VII. REPORTS

1041.Natural Resource Inventory

Mr. Ramasubramanian discussed his upcoming presentation with the EDHPEC. Ms. Robertson stated that
 the resolution for adoption of the mini-NRI by the Town Board is ready and will be voted on at the next
 Town Board meeting. Ms. Robertson discussed with Mr. Ramasubramanian if he would like to do a public
 meeting to discuss the findings with the residents of Niskayuna.

1092.Pesticide Outreach Update

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110 Ms. Robertson stated the pesticide outreach is doing well and Ms. Foti is continuing to sell pesticide free 111 signs.

112 **3.** Low Mow / Biodiversity Initiatives Update

113 Ms. Robertson noted the low mow signs have been installed at Blatnick Park and thanked the Highway 114 Department for their help.

115 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- 116 Chairman Strayer made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by seconded by Mr. Ramasubramanian.
- 117 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

1 2 3 4	CONS	TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes September 7, 2022	
5 6 7 8 9 10	Members Present:	Ashok Ramasubramanian Ellen Daviero Steven Burkholder Chelsea Rattner Miki Vysohlid	
11 12 13	Also Present:	Laura Robertson, Town Planner Clark Henry, Assistant Planner	
14	I. CALL TO ORDER		
15	Acting Chairperson Mr. Ramasubramanian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.		
16	II. ROLL CALL		
17	Chairman Strayer and Ms. Simran Uttukar were excused tonight.		
18 19	II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
20	1. August 3, 2022		
21	Voting on the minutes was postponed until the October meeting.		
22	IV. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR		
23 24	Dr. Mary O'Keefe of Niskayuna stat see how the process worked with the	ted her support of environmental goals for the Town and was excited to e CAC.	
25	V. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM REFERRALS		
26	1. EAF 2022-04: 1747 Union	St - Raizada Mart Addition	

Ms. Robertson gave a brief description regarding the project. She stated that the parking and traffic flow configuration as updated since the last meeting. Mr. Ramasubramanian asked for a planting plan. Ms. Robertson and Mr. Henry reminded the Council that the planting area for the site is limited but they will be adding landscaping to the areas that as of now have none. Ms. Robertson added that Mr. Kauffman sent over a plan that will add curbs create delineation to the sidewalk for better pedestrian safety.

Mr. Henry added that the project had recently received a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the addition to the building. Mr. Henry noted that one of the conditions that the Planning Board would like to see addressed is the cleaning up of excess debris around the back of the building. This includes old barrels and boxes. Ms. Robertson added that the County Referral asked for the site to be cleaned up so that the property stays within the general aesthetics of the renovations of Upper Union Street.

The CAC reviewed part 2 of the EAF:

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- Will this proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulation? - No but the CAC added a note that it should conform to the overall upgrades being done to the Upper Union Street corridor to attract customers and businesses.
 - 2. Will the proposed action result in a change of use or intensity of land? The Council stated that it would slightly change due to the possible intensity of use of the retail addition.
 - 3. Will the proposed action have an impact on the character or quality of the neighborhood? The Council answered no but noted that the cleanup of the site is important for this and it should enhance the area.
 - 4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a CEA? N/A
- 5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for the mass transit, biking or walkway? No adverse effect. The CAC added that it might be a positive impact to walkability with the enhancements to the sidewalks and curbing.
 - 6. Will proposed action cause increase energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? No, but the CAC recommended adding energy saving products and sustainable materials to the addition.
 - 7. Will the proposed action impact existing public or private water supplies or public or private waste water treatment utilities? No
- 8. Will proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources? No
 - 9. Will the proposed action result in an advance change to natural resources? No but more plantings will help the area and reduce summer heat for walkers on sidewalk.
 - 10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems? No
- 11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? No, but the
 CAC recommended using pesticide free treatments to maintain the landscaping in the future.
- The CAC asked the Planning Board requested the applicant clarify where snow will be stored.

Mr. Ramasubramanian made a motion to recommend a negative declaration for the Raizada Mart. Ms.
 Rattner seconded it. The CAC voted unanimously in favor of the negative declaration.

77 VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

78 **1. Bethlehem Conservation Easement**

Mr. Ramasubramanian explained to the CAC the program that the Town of Bethlehem has implemented for residents. His hope is to educate the Town and have a similar program for Niskayuna Town residents. Mr. Ramasubramanian described the process of creating a conservation easement on a piece of a residents' property over 5 acres. The process would make that area undevelopable even after resale. He briefly described the various levels of tax exemptions received with this program. He discussed the process the

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Town would need to proceed with the State to adopt this program. Ms. Vysohlid commented that if the acreage amount could be lessened, it might work better in Niskayuna. She noted that there are not many properties of 5 acres or more in Niskayuna. She asked if a study calculating the amount of 2-3 acre properties would help determine if this was feasible for Niskayuna.

Ms. Robertson stated the next step for this program is to do a formal mark up of this program geared to Niskayuna. They could develop a proposal that they were in agreement on and then make a formal recommendation to the Town Board. She stated it would take multiple meetings for this to be ready.

91 2. 2209 Nott St East – the Broken Inn

Ms. Robertson gave a brief description of the proposed outdoor seating project. She displayed a virtual mark-up of the project for the discussion. The CAC stated their concern regarding parking and pedestrian walking safety near Clifton Park Road. Ms. Robertson clarified for the council that Lange's Pharmacy is the land owner of the property and Mr. Nicchi and the Broken Inn are tenants. Though Mr. Nicchi is performing the work, the property is owned by Langes.

The CAC looked at the parking configuration and suggested a barrier line for the public seating to protect 97 people from cars and the elimination of one of the spots on the corner. The raised the concern of outdoor 98 concerts or music being loud that would change the character of the neighborhood. They also requested 99 hours of operation of the proposed outdoor seating. The CAC asked the applicant for a landscape and 100 shading plan for the outdoor space as they felt as proposed it could very hot and unusable in the 101 summertime. Mr. Ramasubramanian stated his concern for the previous hot summer and noted it could be a 102 trend – and that the patio really needed some kind of shade. The CAC stated their concern for cars running 103 their engines near where people are eating and suggested a "no idle zone" near the patio and public seating. 104

105 **3. 2837** Aqueduct Road – Rivers Ledge Senior Center

Ms. Robertson updated the CAC on the status of the project. She noted that the variance for the height of the building was approved by the ZBA. She stated the new plans for the project have not been submitted yet.

109 VII. REPORTS

110 **1. Natural Resource Inventory**

Ms. Robertson noted that the Town Board had a resolution acknowledging the mini-NRI. She added that Supervisor Puccioni thanked the CAC for all the hard work done regarding this inventory. Mr Ramasubramanian noted that the action item in phase one of the NRI was the implementation of hiking trails at the Senior Center. He asked how to proceed with this item. Ms. Robertson suggested a meeting with the Town Supervisor. Mr. Ramasubramanian asked if the NRI report could be added to the CAC website. Ms. Robertson stated yes.

117 **2.** Pesticide Outreach Update

118 There was no update this month.

119 **3.** Low Mow / Biodiversity Initiatives Update

Ms. Robertson stated that she received an update from Mr. Thornton on the birds that have returned to the area this summer during the low mow – and he appeared to be pleased and believe this effort was quite successful for 2022.

123 4. Climate Smart Communities Program Update

Ms. Robertson stated that the compost giveaway day is still being planned. She noted that another 5,000 dollar grant was awarded to the Town from NYSERDA due to the solarize Niskayuna campaign being so successful. She stated that it will be used to purchase LED lights for one of the parks.

127 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ramasubramanian made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Burkholder. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

AGENDA STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. V. 1

MEETING DATE: 11/15/2022

ITEM TITLE: 2721 Balltown Road – site plan application for two 6-unit apartment buildings **PROJECT LEAD**: TBD

APPLICANT: Alex Ritmo, owner

SUBMITTED BY: Laura Robertson, Town Planner

REVIEWED BY:	
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ATTACHMENTS: ■ EAF ■ Site Plan □ Map □ Report □ Other:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Alex Ritmo submitted an Application for Site Plan Approval for the construction of two new 6unit apartment buildings including one accessory garage and associated parking at 2721 Balltown Road. Mr. Ritmo received a use variance for the property on 10/21/20 to convert the existing main animal hospital building into a 6-unit multiple-family dwelling unit.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2721 Balltown Road is located within the R-P Residential and Professional Zoning District. However, as noted the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) granted a use variance to allow the preexisting building (3 residential apartment units on the second floor and an animal hospital on the first floor) to be converted into a 6 unit apartment building – which also received Planning Board site plan approval. Central to several of the Board's recommendations during this process was that the existing buildings contained two non-conforming uses (multi-family apartments and an animal hospital) and the use variance actually made the building more conforming by consolidating it down to one use within the building (multi-family).

A letter dated 10/12/22 authored by Mr. Robert A. Stout of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP was provided with the Application for Site Plan Review stating that Mr. Ritmo is now requesting an amended Site Plan Approval for the construction of two new 6-unit apartment buildings and an accessory garage.

A 1-page site plan drawing labeled Proposed Layout Plan 2721 Balltown Rd. Dwg. No. C-110 by Insite Northeast Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. dated 9/21/22 with no subsequent revisions was also provided with the application.

The Town of Niskayuna reviewed the application and determined that the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a use variance for the site plan application as written and the approval specific

to the existing building does not extend to any future buildings on the property. Therefore the Planning Department denied the site plan application and the applicant will need to return to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a second use variance request.

<u>10/24/22 Planning Board (PB) meeting</u> – The PB provided a number of comments on the proposed plan, including the following.

- New Multi-family apartment buillings are currently only allowed as a right in the R-3 zoning district
- The Multiple-Family Dwellings Code (section 220-26) requires 40' side yard setbacks for new apartment buildings. Conformance with Section 220-26 should be considered in review and recommendation of a potential use variance
- The applicant shall work to minimize the amount of pavement on the site
- The applicant shall consider a parking area under the building rather than constructing a parking garage to minimize impervious surfaces.
- The applicant shall locate the dumpsters such that noise is limited
- The PB requested renderings of how the site would appear post-construction

The Planning Office issued a denial letter for the proposed project based on its noncompliance with the current use variance and the fact that the current zoning code does not allow multi-family dwellings in the R-P zoning district. They noted the next step for Mr. Ritmo and Mr. Stout would be to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The denial letter was issued on 10/31/22.

The Planning Office received updated site plan drawing dated 11/7/22.

- The proposed side setbacks are unchanged (remain 25')
- The amount of pavement on the site has been increased very slightly
- A separate 12-space parking garage structure is proposed
- The 2 garbage dumpsters have been relocated
- Wetlands are indicated but they appear to be added from a GIS source (approximate). The Planning Department recommends a full wetland delineation prior to submittal to the ZBA – as the wetland boundaries and buffers may limit where the pavement or buildings can be places and change the amount of units that could be constructed on the property.

The applicant is expected to file an appeal to the ZBA for a use variance with their case potentially scheduled for December 21, 2022.

The CAC should review the site plan drawings and EAF Part 1 and will need to make a recommendation to the ZBA on SEQR on or before their December 7, 2022 regular meeting.

APPLICANT:	RITMO CONSTRUCTION
SITE ADDRESS:	2721 BALLTOWN ROAD TOWN OF NISKAYUNA, NY
PARCEL NUMBER: TOTAL PARCEL AREA:	311-61 3.39± ACRES
EXISTING ZONING:	R-P RESIDENTIAL & PROFESSIONAL
EXISTING USE:	MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL 6 DWELLING UNITS (11 TOTAL BR)
PROPOSED USE:	MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL 12 DWELLING UNITS (22 TOTAL BR)
EXISTING OPEN SPACE:	EXCESS OF 2,400 SF (400 SQFT PER DWELLING FOR A MINIMUM OF 2,400 SF PURSUANT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 220-26D)
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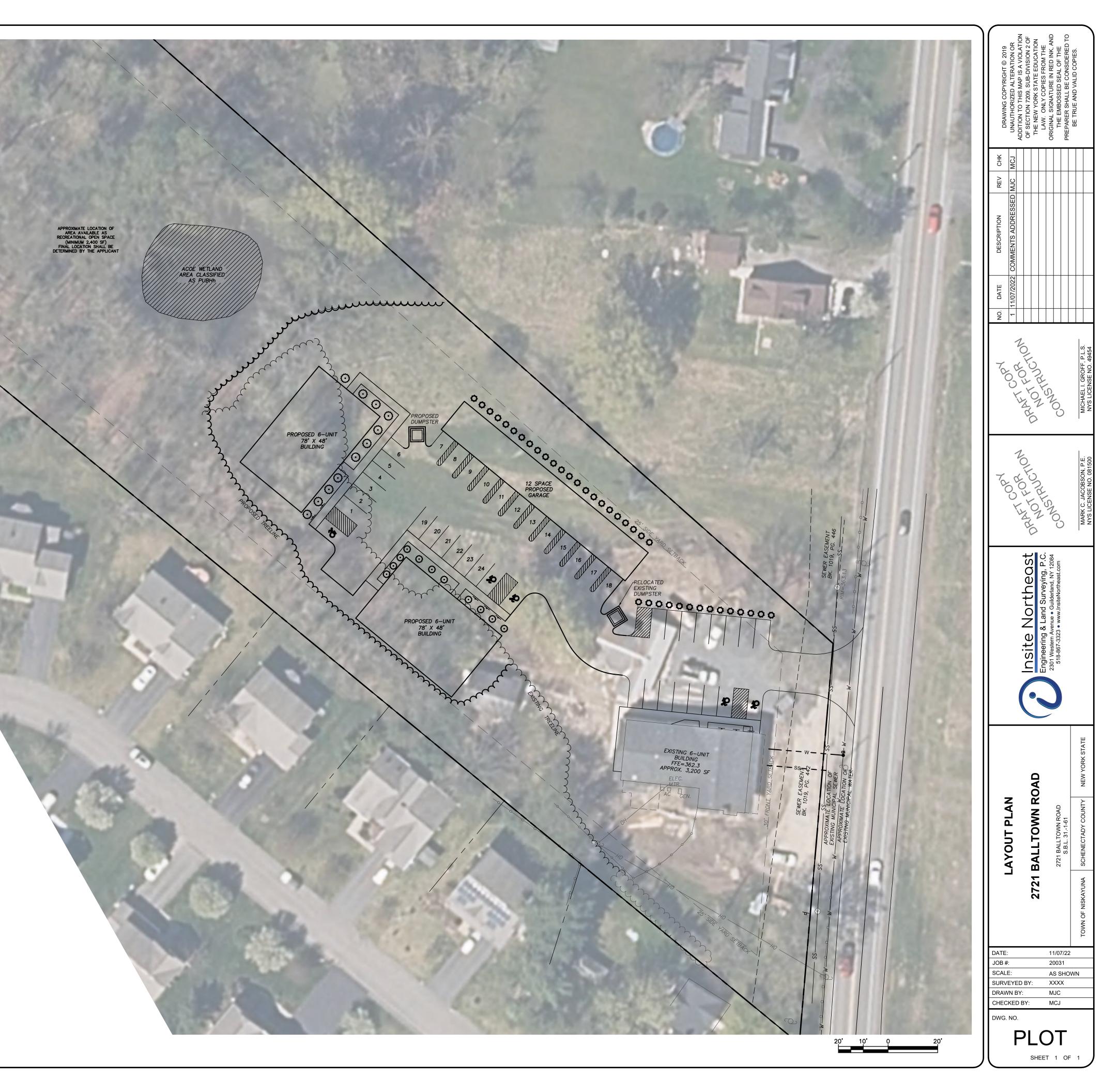
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TOTAL DISTURBANCES: EXISTING: 10,037 SF PROPOSED: 30,669 SF TOTAL: 40,706 SF

SITE STATISTICS:

ACOE WETLAND CLASSIFICATION: SYSTEM (P): PALUSTRINE CLASS (UB): UNCONSOLIDATED BOTTOM WATER REGIME (H): PERMINATLY FLOODED SPECIAL MODIFIER (h): DIKED/IMPOUNDED

REGULATIONS FOR R-P ZONE							
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Laura Robertson, AICP

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT DENIAL

Address: 2721 Balltown Road 31.-1-61

Application Date: October 31, 2022

Alex Ritmo 2990 Furbeck Road Altamont, NY 12009

Re: 2721 Balltown Rd., R-P Residential and Professional Zoning District, 3.40 acres.

Dear Mr. Ritmo:

You are hereby notified, as required by Section 220-67 F of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, that your site plan application to construct two (2) additional six (6)-unit apartment buildings along with an accessory garage structure and associated parking at 2721 Balltown Road has been denied for the following reasons.

1. Failure to comply with the use variance granted by the ZBA on 10/21/20

The current 6-unit multiple-family dwelling building was granted a use variance by the Niskayuna Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) at their regularly scheduled meeting on 10/21/20. In his approval letter dated 10/23/20 Mr. Fred Goodman, Chairman of the ZBA, states "the Animal Hospital portion of the main building would be converted into three (3) additional apartment units, the existing three (3) units would remain and the kennels and outbuildings associated with the Animal Hospital would be removed". As proposed, the construction of two new additional multiple-family dwelling units does not comply with the use variance granted at the 10/21/20 ZBA meeting; therefore, a new use variance is required.

2. Failure to comply with Section 220-4 of the Niskayuna Zoning Code

Section 220-4 states: "LOT – A portion or parcel of land considered as a unit devoted to a certain use. A "lot" is occupied or is to be occupied by one principal use in one principal building, together with any accessory buildings or uses permitted by this chapter. Only one principal use and one principal building are permitted on any "lot". A "lot" may or may not be the land shown as a "lot" on a duly recorded plat". As proposed, the construction of two new additional

multiple-family dwelling units would constitute additional principal buildings and therefore does not comply with the zoning code. Therefore, a new use variance is required.

3. Failure to comply with Section 220-10 (K) of the Niskayuna Zoning Code

Section 220-10 District regulations states: "The principal uses and accessory uses permitted and those uses allowed upon granting of a special permit in each district are set forth in this section as follows". Section 220-10 (K) lists the principal, accessory and special permit uses for the R-P zoning district. As proposed, multiple-family dwelling units are not listed as principal or special permitted uses. Therefore, a new use variance is required.

Under the provisions of Section 220-69 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna, you may appeal this decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the undersigned within 60 days.

10/31/2022

Date

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Deputy Zoning Enforcement Officer

cc: Thomas Cannizzo, Building Inspector Kenneth Hassett, Building Inspector Alaina Finan, Deputy Town Attorney WHITEMAN OSTERMAN & HANNA LLP

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October 12, 2022

VIA EMAIL & HAND DELIVERY

Chairman Walsh and Members of the Planning Board Town of Niskayuna One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, NY 12309

Re: 2721 Balltown, LLC/Alexander Ritmo – Site Plan 2721 Balltown Road (SBL: 31-1-61)(the "Premises")

Dear Chairman Walsh and Members of the Planning Board:

We represent Alex Ritmo and 2721 Balltown, LLC, owner of the above referenced Premises (collectively with 2721 Balltown, LLC, referred to as the "Applicant"). The Premises are located in the Residential and Professional zoning district ("R-P District") under the Town of Niskayuna (the "Town") Zoning Ordinance (the "Zoning Ordinance"). The Applicant is requesting Site Plan Approval to construct two 6-unit apartment buildings on the Project Site with related off-street parking and infrastructure (the "Project").

By letter dated October 2nd, 2022, our client submitted an Application for Building and Zoning Permit with respect to the Project (the "Permit Application"). The Permit Application is included here as **Attachment A** for your reference. As set forth in the Permit Application, in 2020, the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals (the "ZBA") issued the Applicant a use variance for the Premises in connection with the conversion of a pre-existing non-conforming animal hospital/apartment building into a 6-unit apartment building. Subsequently, the Planning Board issued Site Plan Approval for the same. The use variance issued by the ZBA and Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board are included with the enclosed Permit Application.

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The project as initially contemplated in 2020 has been completed and the building occupied. The Applicant is now requesting an amended Site Plan Approval to construct two additional 6-unit apartment buildings on the Premises, along with an accessory garage and associated parking. The Project includes two buildings with 6-units each, inclusive of 11 bedrooms per building, along with twelve (12) additional parking spaces.

We believe the law provides that once a use variance has been granted, the contemplated use becomes a conforming use and, as a result, no further use variance is required for its expansion, provided an amended Site Plan approval is obtained from this board. In furtherance of this perspective, we submitted a letter to the Planning Board Attorney on February 10, 2022 containing reference to relevant case law. That letter is also included in the attached Permit Application.

We respectfully request to be placed on the next available agenda of the Planning Board. To that end, we are enclosing:

- 1) Planning Board Site Plan Application (Attachment B);
- 2) Short Environmental Assessment Form (Attachment C);
- 3) Layout Plan, prepared by Insite Northeast Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C. (Attachment D); and
- 4) Our Firm's Check in the amount of \$200, representing the Site Plan Application Fee.

Further, we are including 11 additional copies of the Layout Plan and five additional copies of the SEAF for the Board's convenience.

We look forward to meeting with and obtaining initial feedback from the Planning Board. Upon receipt of such feedback, the Applicant will provide any additional information requested by the Planning Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at (518) 487-7730 or <u>rstout@woh.com</u>.

Very truly yours,

Isl Robert A. Stout

Robert A. Stout

ATTACHMENT A

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October 2, 2022

<u>VIA EMAIL</u> Thomas Cannizzo/Kenneth Hassett, Building Inspectors One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309

Re: 2712 Balltown, LLC/Alexander Ritmo – Site Plan Property: 2721 Balltown Road (SBL: 31-1-61) (the "Premises") Application for Building and Zoning Permit

Dear Mr Cannizzo and Mr. Hassett:

We represent Alex Ritmo and 2721 Balltown, LLC, owner of the above referenced Premises (Mr. Ritmo and 2712 Balltown, LLC are collectively referred to as the "Applicant"). The Premises is located in the Residential and Professional zoning district ("R-P District") as set forth in the Town of Niskayuna (the "Town") Zoning Ordinance (the "Zoning Ordinance"). In 2020, the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals (the "ZBA") issued the Applicant a use variance for the Premises in connection with the conversion of a pre-existing non-conforming animal hospital/apartment building into a 6-unit apartment building. Subsequently, the Planning Board issued Site Plan Approval for the same. The use variance issued by the ZBA and Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board are included here as **Attachments A and B**, respectively.

The project as initially contemplated in 2020 has been completed and the building occupied. The Applicant is now requesting an amended Site Plan Approval to construct two additional 6-unit apartment buildings on the Premises, along with an accessory garage and associated parking (the "Amended Project"). The Amended Project includes two buildings with 6-units each, inclusive of 11 bedrooms per building, along with twelve (12) additional parking spaces. A proposed layout plan is included as **Attachment C**.

We believe the law provides that once a use variance has been granted, the contemplated use becomes a conforming use and, as a result, no further use variance is required for its expansion, provided an amended Site Plan approval is obtained. In furtherance of this perspective, we submitted a letter to the Planning Board Attorney on February 10, 2022 containing reference to relevant case law. Please see **Attachment D** (without attachments). As a threshold issue, we are asking to confirm that our client's application may be advanced without further review by the ZBA. We believe the case law supports such an approach. However, we understand that it is generally the Town's preference to subject physical expansions of projects that have previously received a use variance to additional ZBA review pursuant to use variance criteria, in addition to also requiring Site Plan Review. If that is the case, we believe we can make a showing to the ZBA that a unique set of circumstances, including unanticipated issues encountered during the construction process and unanticipated market forces, including rampant inflation, have combined to prevent the Applicant from realizing a reasonable rate of return on his investment for the initial project.

In sum, the Applicant is proposing the additional units to further assist in recouping his initial investment and realize a reasonable return in connection with the already issued use variance. Since the Amended Project is in its early stages of development, and because we would like some clarity from your office and the Planning Board as to whether an additional use variance is required prior making an additional investment in the Amended Project, our client has not yet prepared a full set of site/construction plans.

We look forward to receiving feedback from the Town's Building Department and Planning Board, and providing whatever additional information the Town believes appropriate. To that end, we have enclosed an Application for Building and Zoning Permit, included as **Attachment E**, which we are also submitting in quadruplicate hard copy to your office, as provided for in Section 220-67 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at (518) 487-7730 or <u>rstout@woh.com</u>.

Very truly yours, *Rob Stout* Robert A. Stout

Enclosures

cc: Laura Robertson, Town Planner Clark Henry, Assistant Town Planner

Attachment A

Niskayuna Zoning Board of Appeals

Use Variance Approval Letter dated October 23, 2020

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA ZONING BC. : KD OF APPEALS One Niskayuna Circle Niskayun: New York 12309 (518) 386-4530

FILED TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

October 23, 2020

Alex Ritmo 2990 Furbeck Rd Altamont, NY 12009

MICHELE M MARTINELLI TOWN CLERK

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Dear Mr. Ritmo,

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on October 21, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals ("the Board") reviewed the following case:

Appeal by Alex Ritmo for a variance from Section 220-52 (A) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna as it applies to the property at 2721 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, New York, located in the R-P: Residential and Professional Zoning District, to convert a preexisting non-conforming animal hospital / apartment building into a 6-unit apartment building. The Animal Hospital portion of the main building would be converted into three (3) additional apartment units, the existing three (3) units would remain, and the kennels and outbuildings associated with the Animal Hospital would be removed. Section 220-52 (A) states "No nonconforming use shall be changed to other than a conforming use for the district in which it is situated". As proposed, multiple-family dwelling units are not listed as Permitted (conforming) Uses in Schedule of Supplementary Regulations 220 Attachment 22 Schedule I-H R-P District. Therefore, a use variance is required.

It was the decision of the Board to grant the use variance as written.

The Board based its decision on the findings of fact set forth in the applicant's appeal and the discussion between the applicant (or the applicant's representative) and the Board members during the meeting. You can view a video of the meeting at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSg2z9RWL w.

The approval of a variance by the Board does not constitute authorization to proceed with the establishment on extension of any use, nor the construction of any structure. It shall authorize the filing of an application for permits with the Building Department on approval as required by Town Code.

Town Code Section A235-10(D) provides: "Unless otherwise specified, any order or decision of the Board for a permitted use shall expire if a building or occupancy permit for the use is not obtained by the applicant within 90 days from the date of the decision; however, the Board may extend this time an additional 90 days." As such, you must proceed with applying for a permit within 90 days of the date of this decision.

Sincerely,

Fred Boodman/2mg

Fred Goodman Chairman

cc: Town Clerk Building Department ZBA File

Attachment B

Niskayuna Planning Board and Zoning Commission

Site Plan Resolution dated December 14, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 36

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA DULY CALLED AND HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020 AT 7:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE, PURSUANT TO NYS EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1:

HONORABLE: KEVIN A. WALSH, CHAIRMAN MORRIS AUSTER GENGHIS KHAN MICHAEL A. SKREBUTENAS CHRIS LAFLAMME PATRICK MCPARTLON DAVID D'ARPINO DACI SHENFIELD LESLIE GOLD

One of the purposes of the meeting was to take action on a final site plan approval.

The meeting was duly called to order by the Chairman.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. D'Arpino. whom moved its adoption, and seconded by Mr. Khan.

WHEREAS, Alex Ritmo, owner of Ritmo Construction, has made an application to the Planning Board for site plan review with a use variance for a 6 unit multi-family dwelling unit apartment at 2721 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, and

WHEREAS, the site plan is shown on a drawing entitled "Proposed Layout Plan 2721 Balltown Road" dated 11/20/20 authored by Institute Northeast Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., and

WHEREAS, the zoning classification of the property is R-P Residential and Professional zoning district, and

WHEREAS, the previous owner / use, Aqueduct Animal Hospital was a registered nonconforming use at this address, and

WHEREAS, per Town Zoning Code Section 220-10 District Regulations K R-P Residential and Professional the proposed 6 unit multi-family dwelling unit apartment building is neither a (1) permitted principal use, (2) permitted accessory use or (3) special principal use it is therefore nonconforming, and WHEREAS, the site plan application was denied by the Planning Board and Zoning Commission by reason of Article IX. Nonconforming Uses and Structures Section 220-52 Changes in nonconforming uses (A) which states "No nonconforming use shall be changed to other than a conforming use for the district in which it is situated". Schedule of Supplementary Regulations 220 Attachment 22 Schedule I-H R-P District does not include multiple-family dwelling units as a Permitted (conforming) Use, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ritmo submitted an appeal to the Niskayuna Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and during their regularly scheduled meeting on 10/21/20 was granted a use variance, and

WHEREAS, a zoning coordination referral was sent to the Schenectady County Department of Economic Development & Planning on September 25, 2020 and they responded that they deferred to local consideration, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert E. Rice Jr., P.E., Regional Program and Planning Manager for the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), contacted Ms. Robertson, Town Planner, in a letter dated December 2, 2020 regarding SEQR: 2020.1-6.013 Site Plan Application 2721 Balltown Road, Town of Niskayuna, Schenectady County. Mr. Rice's letter included the following four points.

- 1. The NYSDOT acknowledges the Town of Niskayuna as Lead Agency for environmental review. NYSDOT believes we are an involved agency under SEQR.
- 2. A NYSDOT Highway Work Permit will be necessary...driveway shall be improved to meet commercial highway standards.
- 3. Access shall be limited to one driveway. NYSDOT would require removal of driveway to the south.
- 4. A PERM 32 NYSDOT permit application will be required for any utility work or connection needed in the NYSDOT right-of-way.

WHEREAS, the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) reviewed EAF 2020-08 for the project during their 11/4/20 meeting and voted to recommend a negative declaration with comments, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board referred this application to the Town's Superintendent of Water, Sewer and Engineering, the Fire District Chief and the Chief of Police and there were no objections to the proposal, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board, acting in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations and local law, has contacted all involved agencies, and they have concurred with the Planning Board that it should assume the position of lead agency for site plan review of this project.

WHEREAS, this Board has carefully reviewed the proposal and by this resolution does set forth its decision heron,

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RESOLVED, that the Planning Board and Zoning Commission hereby determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and hereby directs the Town Planner to file a negative SEQR declaration for the site plan:

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board and Zoning Commission finds the above referenced site plan meets the requirements of the Zoning Code, and therefore, hereby approves this site plan and tenant change with the following conditions.

- The final parking lot configuration and curb cut onto Balltown Road shall be provided to the Planning Office for review and approval at a future date, and such configuration shall comply with the points identified in the letter authored by Mr. Robert E. Rice Jr, P.E., Regional Program and Planning Manager, of the New York State Department of Transportation dated December 2, 2020.
- Mr. Ritmo will work with the Architectural Review Board (ARB) on façade upgrades and building modifications at 2721 Balltown Road to give it a more residential feel in harmony with the neighboring properties in this predominantly residential zoning district.

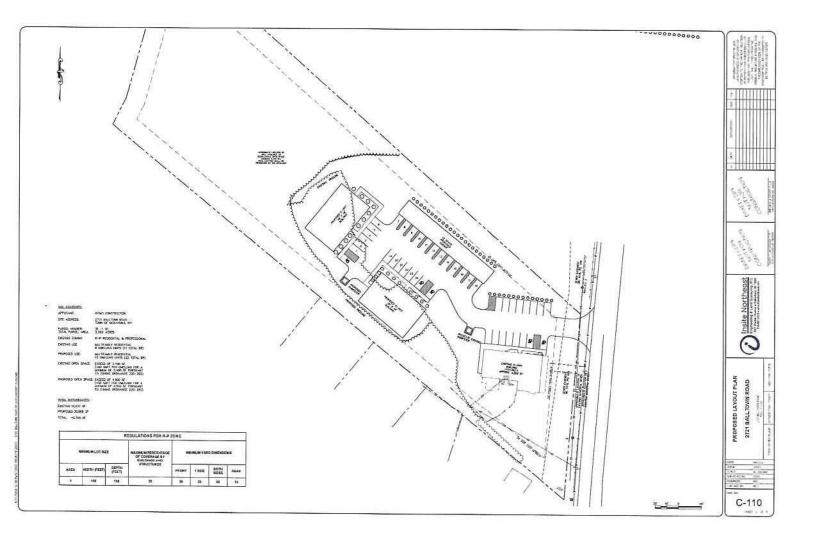
Upon roll call the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

KEVIN A. WALSH, CHAIRMAN -- Aye MORRIS AUSTER -- Aye GENGHIS KHAN -- Aye MICHAEL A. SKREBUTENAS -- Aye CHRIS LAFLAMME -- Aye PATRICK MCPARTLON -- Aye DAVID D'ARPINO -- Aye DACI SHENFIELD LESLIE GOLD

The Chairman declared the same duly adopted.

Attachment C

Layout Plan prepared by Insite Northeast Engineering and Land Surveying dated September 21, 2022



Attachment D

Letter to Planning Board Attorney, Alaina Finan, Esq., dated February 10, 2022

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& HANNA LLP

Attorneys at Law www.woh.com

One Commerce Plaza Albany, New York 12260 518.487.7600 phone 518.487.7777 fax

Robert A. Stout Jr. Partner 518.487.7730 phone rstout@woh.com

February 10, 2022

Via Email Only

Alaina Finan, Esq. Planning Board Attorney Town of Niskayuna One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, NY 12309

Re: 2721 Balltown Road (the "Premises")

Dear Ms. Finan:

We represent Alex Ritmo and 2721 Balltown, LLC, owner of the above referenced Premises, located in the Town's Residential and Professional (R-P) District. At its meeting on October 23, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a use variance in connection with the conversion of a pre-existing non-conforming animal hospital/apartment building into a 6-unit apartment building. The variance was required because multiple-family dwelling units are not listed as Permitted Uses in the Schedule of Supplementary Regulations 220 Attachment 22, Schedule I-H, R-P District. Please see enclosed Attachment A, Town of Niskayuna Zoning Board of Appeals letter dated October 23, 2020 (the "ZBA Approval").

Subsequently, Mr. Ritmo obtained Site Plan approval from the Planning Board by Resolution No. 2020-36, filed as of December 15, 2020. Please see enclosed Attachment B. Given the success of the approved project, Mr. Ritmo is currently exploring his options and is considering seeking approval from the Town for an additional multiple-family dwelling unit on the Premises, which is an approximately 3.4 acre parcel. While any such proposal would be subject

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to Site Plan review and approval by the Planning Board, we seek to initially confirm that no additional use variance is required from the Zoning Board of Appeals related to any potential extension of the previously approved use.

In making such request, we note that the Appellate Division, Second Department has observed that "a use for which a use variance has been granted is a conforming use and, as a result, no further use variance is required for its expansion, unlike a use that is permitted to continue only by virtue of its prior lawful, nonconforming status..." Scarsdale Shopping Center Associates, LLC v. Board of Appeals on Zoning for the City of New Rochelle 64 A.D.3d 604 at 606. The Appellate Division went on to point out that: "[t]he use of the property remains subject to the terms of the use variance ... and, where the Board of Appeals has previously determined that the development is limited only to a certain extent by the terms of the variance, the Board of Appeals is not free to later disregard that determination ..." Id. See also Kogel v. Zoning Board of Appeals of Town of Huntington, 58 A.D. 3d 630 (Second Dept. 2009).

In the present instance, the ZBA Approval recites the nature of the underlying application that required a use variance, namely, the applicant's request to convert a pre-existing non-conforming animal hospital/apartment building into a 6-unit apartment building. The ZBA Approval contains no limiting language, other than providing that a building/occupancy permit must be obtained within 90 days and that: "*The approval of a variance by the Board does not constitute authorization to proceed with the establishment on¹ extension of any use, nor the construction of any structure. It shall authorize the filing of an application for permits with the Building Department on approval as required by Town Code.*" The effect of this is to require that prior to proceeding with or extending the use, the applicant need obtain the requisite building and other permits required.

Prior to our client investing in preparing the necessary site plan/building permit applications, we seek to confirm that the Town will not require an additional use variance, should our client submit a proposed site plan related to the extension of the previously approved use. We believe requiring a use variance would be inconstant with how courts have handled the issue.

Are you available for a brief conversation to discuss your perspective on the next appropriate steps to have this request be considered?

Very truly yours, *Rob Stout* Robert A. Stout Jr.

¹ We believe the intended language was "or" extension of any use.

Attachment E

Building Permit Application Form

Application # _____



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND ZONING PERMIT

One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 Phone: 518-386-4522 Fax: 518-386-4592 Email: building@niskayuna.org

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE to the Town of Niskayuna Building Department for the issuance of a building and zoning permit pursuant to Town Code and the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Application is hereby made for the construction of new buildings and accessory structures, additions and alterations to all buildings and structures, signage installation, drainage, excavation, fill and grading work, and replacement, removal and demolition projects, as herein described. The Applicant or Owner agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and all conditions expressed on this application which are part of these requirements, and will also allow or arrange for inspectors to enter the premises for inspections.

BUILDING SITE ADDRESS 2721 Balltown Road

DESCRIBE WORK APPLIED FOR Applicant is pro six-unit apartment buildings on the Proper		ct two (2) additional
ESTIMATED VALUE OF ALL WORK (labor and materia	als): TC	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Please submit three sets of plans with this applicati	on.	
APPLICANT Alex Ritmo/2721 Balltown,LLC	DA	AY PHONE (518) 538-0250
CHECK ONE: O CONTRACTOR		
ADDRESS 2721 Balltown Road	ontractor	
CITY Niskayuna	STATE NY	ZIP 12309
EMAIL ADDRESS ritmoconstruction@gmail.co	om>	
CONTRACTORADDRESS		Y PHONE
CITY	STATE	ZIP
Note: Proof of insurance is required. Please review contractors and homeowners have filed all appropriate	w our Insurance Red documents with the B	quirements document to ensure uilding Department.

PROPERTY OWNER 2721 Balltown, LLC	DAY PHONE (518) 538-0250		
ADDRESS (if different than above) c/o Robert Sto	ut, Esq., Whiteman Os	terman & Hanna	
CITY One Commerce Plaza, Albany	STATE NY	ZIP 12260	

PLEASE SIGN Page 2

The <u>applicant</u> has reviewed and fully understands the requirements and conditions listed on this application. Article II, Section 75.5B of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna requires that where such application is made by a person other than the owner, it shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the owner or applicant that the proposed work is authorized by the owner and that the applicant is authorized to make such application.

Applicants who are the owners of the property DO NOT need to have this application notarized.

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11. FINAL BUILDING INSPECTION		
12. FINAL GRADING AND SOIL EROSION CONTROL		
13. (ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS)		
APPROVED BY DATE		
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ATTACHMENT B

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

Application for Site Plan Review

Applicant (Owner or Agent):	Location:
Name Alexander Ritmo	Number & Street 2721 Balltown Road
Address 2721 Balltown Road	Section-Block-Lot <u>31 - 1 _ 6</u>
Niskayuna, NY	
Telephone <u>518-538-0250</u> Fax	Zoning District R-P District
Proposal Description:	

The Applicant is proposing to construct two (2) additional six 6-unit apartment buildings along with an accessory garage and associated parking on the Premises

Each site plan application shall be accompanied by:

- 1. Twelve (12) site plan maps prepared by a licensed engineer, architect or surveyor.
 - a. The site plan shall include the following: the title of the drawing, including the name(s), address(es), phone and fax numbers of the applicant and the name address, phone and fax number of the person, firm or organization preparing the map.
 - b. The North point, date and scale.
 - c. Boundaries of the property.
 - d. Existing watercourses and direction of existing and proposed drainage flow.
 - e. The location of all proposed site improvements; proposed water and utility facilities; a description of the method of sewage disposal and location of such facilities; the location of all proposed signs; and location of proposed areas of vegetation.
- 2. A lighting plan showing the lighting distribution of existing or proposed lights, specifications, photometric data, and catalog cuts of the proposed fixture(s) which meet the requirements of Article VIIIB of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Niskayuna entitled "Guidelines for Lighting of Outdoor Areas under Site Plan Review".
- 3. Six (6) copies of the short or long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), as required by 6NYCRR Part 617, "State Environmental Quality Review", and Chapter 95, "Environmental Quality Review", of the Code of the Town of Niskayuna.

- 4. If the application is being made by someone other than the current property owner, the applicant or the agent for the applicant must provide proof that they are authorized to pursue this site plan approval. Such proof may be in the form of a contract for sale or letter by the current owner that the applicant/agent is authorized to proceed with this application.
- 5. Administration Fees: An application for site plan approval shall be submitted to the Planning Board at least ten (10) business days prior to a regular meeting of the Planning Board. Each petition shall be accompanied by a minimum fee of *two hundred dollars* (\$200.00) plus an additional fee based on the square footage of new building construction. Fees are payable to the Town of Niskayuna.
- 6. Consulting Fees: The cost incurred by the Town for the review of an application by the Town Engineer, consulting engineering firm or other consulting fees, in connection with a Board's review of a proposed application shall be charged to the applicant. The Board to whom the application is made shall obtain an estimate from any designated consultant of the amount sufficient to defray the cost of such services and shall collect from the applicant the estimated charges. Any portion of the estimated charges so collected, which are not expended by the Town, shall be returned to the applicant. Any such costs incurred by the Town beyond the estimated charges initially collected from the applicant, shall be collected from the applicant prior to final action upon the application.

Signature of applicant: Date: Signature of owner (if different from applicant): Date: 10/10/22

Revision 03-09-05

ATTACHMENT C

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

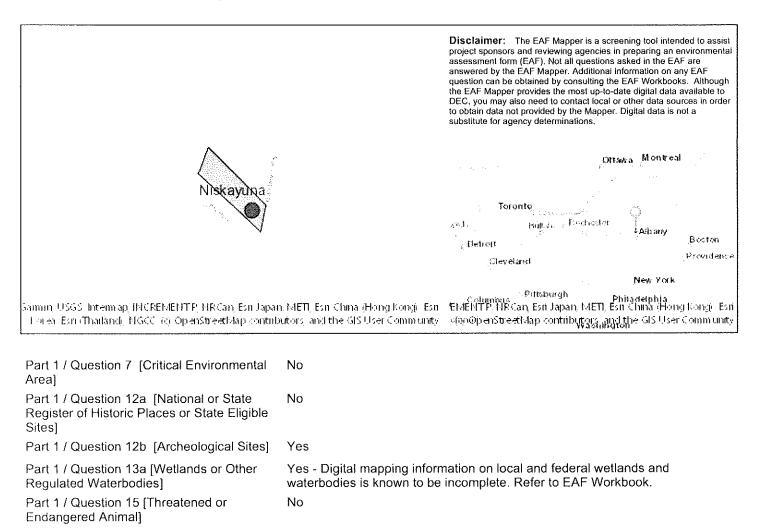
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information					
Alex Ritmo/2721 Balltown, LLC					
Name of Action or Project:					
Sile Plan Application					
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):					
2721 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY					
Brief Description of Proposed Action:					
The Applicant is proposing an expansion of the existing multi-fam of Appeals in October 2020 to redevelop a mixed-use veterinary of now requesting to construct two (2) additional six-unit apartment I	clinic/three-unit apartm	ent building into a six-unit			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone: 518-	538-0250		
Alex Ritmo		E-Mail:			
Address: 2721 Balltown Road					
City/PO: Niskayuna		State: NY	Zij 123	p Code: 09	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative	e adoption of a plan.	local law, ordinance,		NO	YES
administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the p	proposed action and	the environmental reso	urces that		
may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2					
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval	or funding from any	other government Age	ency?	NO	YES
If Yes. list agency(s) name and permit or approval:				\checkmark	
 3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous pro or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor 		<u>3.4</u> acres .704 acres .93 <u>3.4</u> acres	3 if prior dist	urbance is in	cluded
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or ne	ar the proposed action	on:			
		nercial 🔽 Residentia	l (suburban))	
Forest Agriculture	uatic 🔲 Other	(Specify):			
Parkland					

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		\checkmark	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?		\mathbf{V}	
		NO	YES
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?			\checkmark
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
If Yes, identify:		\checkmark	
		NO	YES
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?			
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?			$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?		$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:			\mathbf{V}
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			\checkmark
			VEO
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or distric which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the			YES
Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?			
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		NO	YES
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?			
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:			
There is a nearby pond on the Property. The Applicant is not proposing any disturbances to the existing pond.			***
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
Shoreline Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional		
Wetland 🔲 Urban 🗹 Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?		
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes.		$\mathbf{\nabla}$
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	$\mathbf{\nabla}$	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:		\checkmark
All storm water generated at the site will be directed to established conveyance systems. The entire site disturbance, including existing and proposed structures, will be less than one acre.		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?	NO	YES
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
20.Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES
completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:		
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BE	ST OF	<u> </u>
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Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain] No

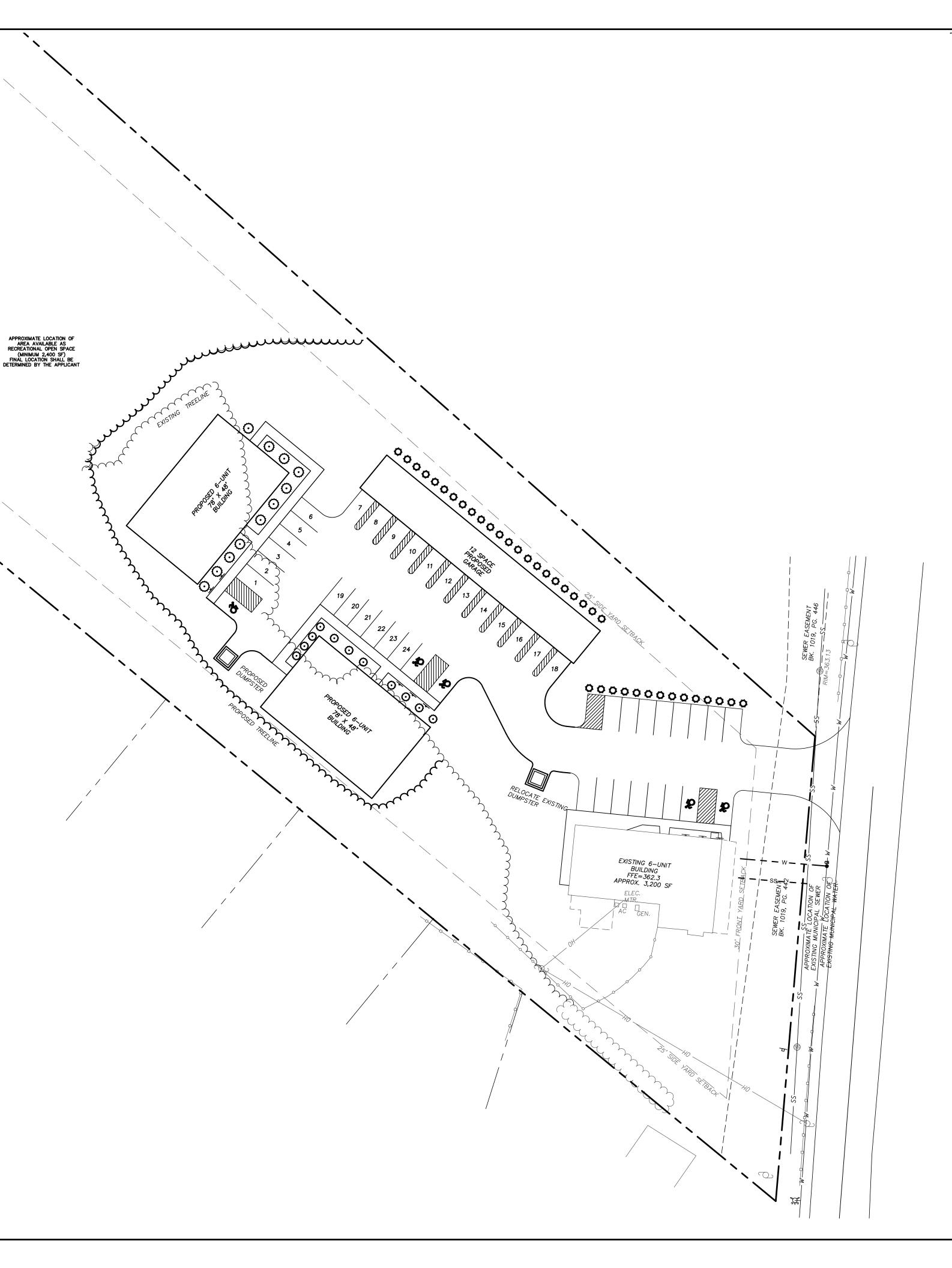
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site] No

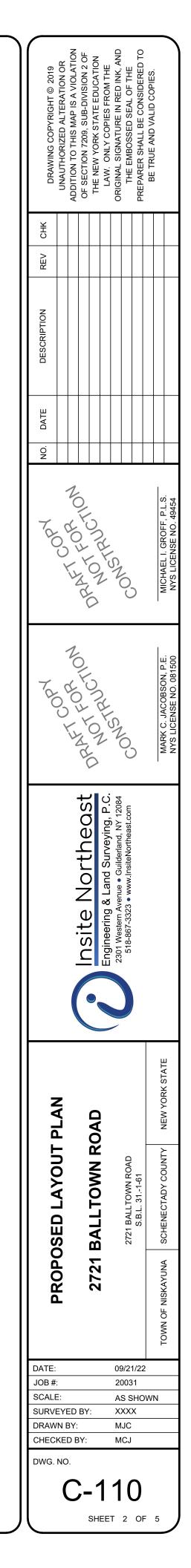
ATTACHMENT D

SITE STATISTICS:	
APPLICANT:	RITMO CONSTRUCTION
SITE ADDRESS:	2721 BALLTOWN ROAD TOWN OF NISKAYUNA, NY
PARCEL NUMBER: TOTAL PARCEL AREA:	311-61 3.39± ACRES
EXISTING ZONING:	R-P RESIDENTIAL & PROFESSIONAL
EXISTING USE:	MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL 6 DWELLING UNITS (11 TOTAL BR)
PROPOSED USE:	MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL 12 DWELLING UNITS (22 TOTAL BR)
EXISTING OPEN SPACE:	EXCESS OF 2,400 SF (400 SQFT PER DWELLING FOR A MINIMUM OF 2,400 SF PURSUANT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 220-26D)
PROPOSED OPEN SPACE:	EXCESS OF 4,800 SF (400 SQFT PER DWELLING FOR A MINIMUM OF 4,800 SF PURSUANT TO ZONING ORDINANCE 220-26D)

TOTAL DISTURBANCES: EXISTING: 10,037 SF PROPOSED: 30,669 SF TOTAL: 40,706 SF

REGULATIONS FOR R-P ZONE							
м	INIMUM LOT SIZ	2E	MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF COVERAGE BY BUILDINGS AND	MI	NIMUM YARI	D DIMENSIO	NS
AREA	WIDTH (FEET)	DEPTH (FEET)	STRUCTURES	FRONT	1 SIDE	BOTH SIDES	REAR
1	100	150	20	30	25	50	25









TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

COUNSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

AGENDA STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. V. 2

MEETING DATE: 11/14/2022

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION: 1851 Union St. – Mohawk Club – major subdivision of an existing 14 acre portion of the property to construct twenty-two (22) new single-family townhomes.

PROJECT LEAD: TBD

APPLICANT: Matthew Moberg, agent for the owner

SUBMITTED BY: Laura Robertson, Town Planner

REVIEWED BY:

□ Planning Board (PB) □ Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) □ Town Board □ OTHER:

ATTACHMENTS: □ EAF ■ Site Plan □ Map □ Report □ Other:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Matthew Moberg, agent for the owner of the Mohawk Golf Club, submitted a Sketch Plan Application for a Major Subdivision of a 14 acre portion of the existing property including the construction of twenty-two (22) single-family townhomes at 1851 Union St.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The property is located within the R-1 Low Density Residential zoning district.

The following drawings were provided with the application.

- 1. A 1-page drawing entitled "Sketch 22-lot Townhouse Layout Residential Subdivision Mohawk Golf Club 1851 Union St. and 1245 Ruffner Rd." by ABD Engineers, LLP 411 Union St. Schenectady, NY dated October 20, 2022 and labeled Dwg. "5429A-S4 Townhouse" with no subsequent revisions.
- 2. A 2-page drawing set entitled "Unit A" by Pigliavento Builders

The sketch plan includes the removal of a single family home on Ruffner Road in order to construct access to the greater Mohawk Golf Club parcel. The road is proposed as a boulevard with a strip of greenspace between traffic lanes.

ZONING CODE ANALYSIS

Niskayuna Zoning Code Article IV: Use Regulations

<u>Section 220-10 District Regulations:</u> includes "single-family dwellings" as Permitted principal uses in the R-1 zoning district.

<u>Section 220-4 Definitions</u>: includes "dwelling, single family – A detached building designed for or occupied exclusively by one family. See "dwelling."

<u>Dwelling:</u> – A building designed or used exclusively as the living quarters for one or more families. This shall not be deemed to include mobile home, motel, hotel or tourist home. See "single-family dwelling", "multi-family dwelling" and "dwelling unit."

<u>Dwelling, multi-family:</u> - A detached building containing separate living units for two or more families which may have joint services or facilities or both. Such dwellings may include, among others, garden apartments, cooperatives or condominiums.

<u>Dwelling unit:</u> – A building or portion thereof providing complete housekeeping facilities for one family. For the purposes of this chapter, a single-family dwelling shall consist of one "dwelling unit."

<u>Townhouse</u>: - A single-family dwelling which is one of a series of noncommunicating dwelling units having a common wall between each adjacent unit, each with private outside entrance, having individual yard areas and having open space or ancillary buildings and parking areas which may be shared in common.

Based on the definitions above, the Planning Department finds that Townhomes, as single family dwellings, are a permitted principal use in the R-1 zoning district but, with their contiguous sidewall, do not comply with the side setback requirement of the R-1 district and therefore require area variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The aforementioned sketch plan drawing provided with the application includes the table of 67 required area variances shown below.

ZONING:

	Front Setback	Side Se:back (L)	Side Setback (R)	Rear Setback	Lot Width	Lot	Lot Area	Maximum
			17			Depth		Coverage
Recuired	35 ft	20 ft	20 ft	25 ft	100 ft	125 ft	18,000 ⊊	25%
Lot1	35	N/A	0	95	66	188	12,674	19%
Lot2	35	0	38	95	70	188	13,112	19%
Lot3	47	39	0	66	77	170	12,905	19%
Lot4	35	0	45	66	79	156	15,652	16%
Lot5	35	40	0	104	61	175	23,379	10%
Lot6	35	0	40	58	61	134	13,92i	18%
Lot7	35	33	0	48	61	134	12,054	20%
Lot8	35	0	33	73	61	152	15,761	16%
Lot9	35	40	0	69	75	152	12,063	20%
Lot10	56	0	36	65	72	178	12,235	20%
Lot11	35	37	0	88	68	180	12,240	20%
Lot12	35	0	37	88	68	180	12,240	20%
Lot13	35	36	0	87	68	180	12,240	20%
Lot14	35	0	36	87	68	180	12,240	20%
Lot15	58	37	0	64	72	179	12,23!	20%
Lot16	35	0	46	53	83	114	12,210	20%
Lot17	35	57	0	21	92	94	12,387	20%
Lot18	35	0	55	60	83	151	38,506	6%
Lot19	35	49	0	59	69	154	12,35!	20%
Lot20	35	0	44	61	83	154	12,575	19%
Lot21	35	38	0	94	69	185	12,81)	19%
Lot22	35	0	N/A	95	69	187	13,25#	18%
TO AL VARIANCES	0	11	11	1	22	2	20	
GRAND TOTAL	67							

-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) - SINGLE FAMI	LY DWELLINGS
NOTE: BOLD NUMBERS INDICATE VARIANCE	E REQUESTED

Additional Utility Concerns

The Town of Niskayuna maintains a 6 inch watermain on Ruffner Road, which is in the High Pressure Zone. This Zone may not have the capacity to handle the addition of 22 single family units. An independent engineering analysis of the water system capacity for this area will be required.

The sewer line to the Niskayuna Waste Water treatment plant is near or at capacity. An independent engineering analysis of the sewer system capacity for this development may be required.

There are known drainage issues in the area. Depending on where the storm water management pond is discharged to – an independent downstream drainage analysis may be required.

A wetland delineation will be required.

Emergency Access

Section 189-17 (J) (1) states: "Where culs-de-sac are designed to be permanent, they should, in general, not exceed 500 feet in length and shall terminate in a circular turnaround having a minimum right-of-way radius of 60 feet and pavement radius of 45 feet." As these cul-de-sacs appear to be longer than 500 feet , the Planning Board should discussed a proposed secondary means of access for emergencies if possible.

General Planning

It is important to keep in mind the long term gains to the Mohawk Golf Club that come from integrating potential residential development into the golf course campus while preserving the natural and scenic quality of open space and ensuring the subdivision is in harmony with the development pattern of the neighboring properties.

Some thoughts to consider that may help with some of the above goals include:

- 1. A more organic shaped road which follows the contours of the land and has vistas which open out onto the golf course, which would add value both to the golf course and the proposed homes.
- 2. A walking connection from the proposed subdivision to the golf course.
- 3. Quality open spaces such as a gathering pavilion or picnic area which overlook the golf course and provide amenities to the home owners, which would continually connect them to the land and to the golf course.
- 4. Discussion on parkland, preservation of natural features and trees, and conformance with

the Comprehensive Plan are important to the ultimate layout of any proposed subdivision in the area.

The applicant is before the PB this evening to present the project and answer any questions that arise. The PB should assess the project with the understanding that a future step in the process will be to make a recommendation to the ZBA.



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

Planning Department One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, New York 12309 Phone: (518) 386-4530 Fax: (518) 386-4592

Application for Sketch Plan Approval – 5 Lots or More

Applicant: Matthew Moberg (MGC Golf Operations, LLC)						
Address: 8 Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12205						
Phone Number: 518-377-0315	Email:	mmoberg@homesteadfunding.com				
Owner Name (if different from petitioner):						
Address:						
Phone Number: Email:						
Description / Address of Property: 1851 Union Street & 1245 Ruffner Road						
Section – Block - Lot: 50.00-1-4.11 & 50.08-1-18						

Each application shall be accompanied by:

- 1. A digital copy, three (3) full size copies and thirteen (13) 11x17 copies of any large scale plans or maps.
- 2. Administrative Fees: An application for Sketch Plan Approval shall be submitted to the Planning Department at least ten (10) days prior to a regular meeting of the Planning Board. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$200. Fees are payable to the *Town of Niskayuna*.
- **3.** Consulting Fees: The cost incurred by the Town for the review of an application by the Town Engineer, consulting engineering firm or other consulting fees, in connection with a Board's review of a proposed application shall be charged to the applicant. The Board to whom the application is made shall obtain an estimate from any designated consultant of the amount sufficient to defray the cost of such services and shall collect from the applicant the estimated charges. Any portion of the estimated charges so collected, which are not expended by the Town, shall be returned to the applicant. Any such costs incurred by the Town beyond the estimated charges initially collected from the applicant prior to final action upon the application.

Signature of applicant: Matthew Mober	9 Date: 10/28/2022
Signature of owner (if different from applicant): _	Michael Rutherford

Upon approval of Sketch Plan:

An Application for Approval of Plat Plan – Major Subdivision must be filed along with all appropriate documentation.



D ENGINEERS, LLP. 411 Union Street Schenectady, NY 12305 518-377-0315 Fax 518-377-0379 www.abdeng.com

DEDICATED RESPONSIVE PROFESSIONAL

October 20, 2022

Re: Mohawk Golf Club Subdivision 1849 Union St & 1245 Ruffner Rd Town of Niskayuna Project #5429A

Ms. Laura Robertson, Town Planner **Town of Niskayuna** One Niskayuna Circle Niskayuna, NY 12309-4381

Dear Laura:

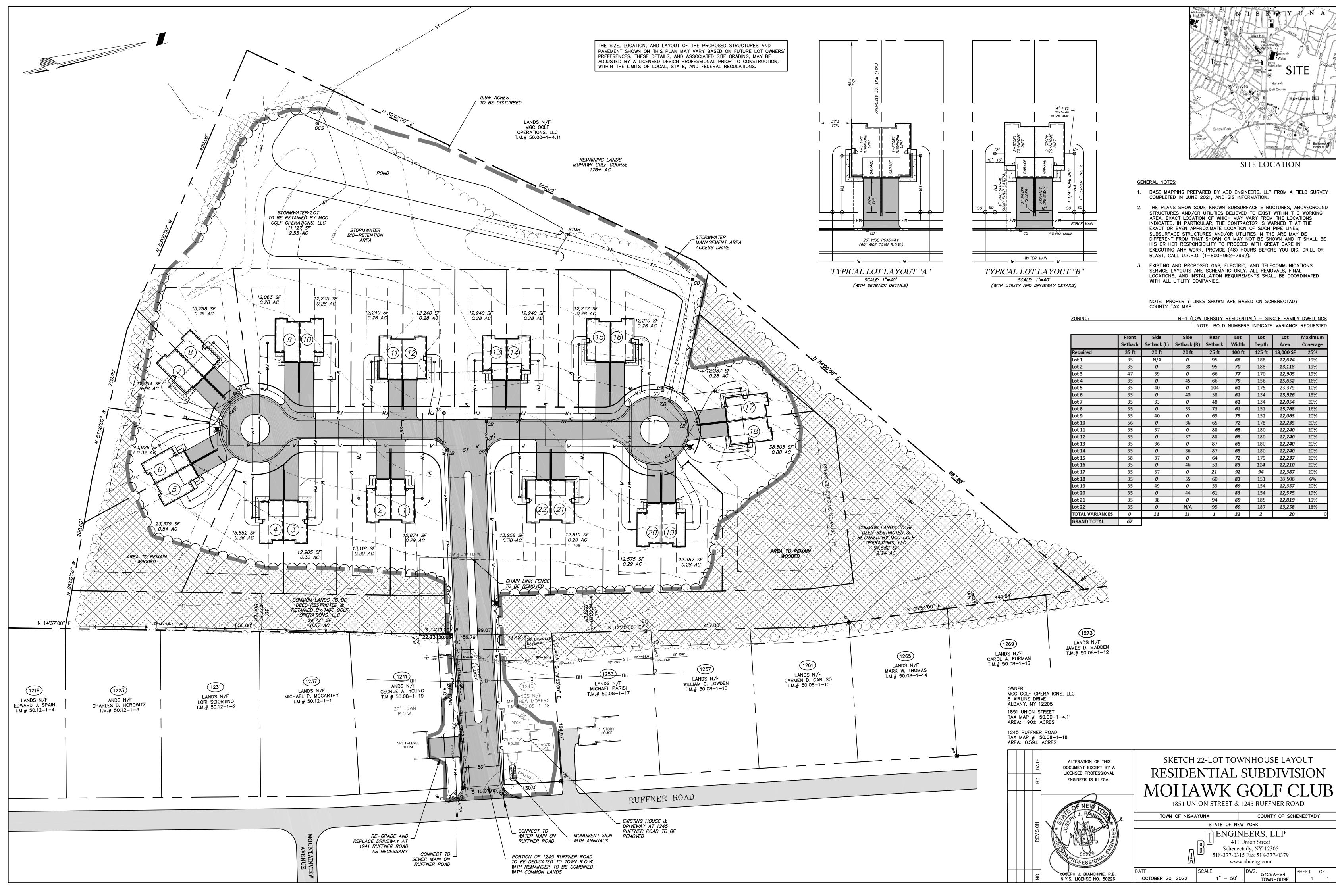
The Mohawk Golf Club is proposing to subdivide approximately fourteen (14) acres from an unused area of their golf course, adjacent to Ruffner Road. The course owns an existing home at 1245 Ruffner Road, which will be removed; a new boulevard entrance will be built through the lot, incorporating part of a disused twenty-foot-wide Town right-of-way. The boulevard will branch off onto two new cul-de-sacs on which a total of twenty-two (22) new single-family townhouse lots are proposed. This project is proposed as a conventional subdivision with public roads built to Town standards, buffer lands, and a stormwater management pond which will be maintained as a golf course feature by the Mohawk Golf Course. Because the Town Code does not have provisions for conventional townhome development, a table of the requested area variances is provided on the plan.

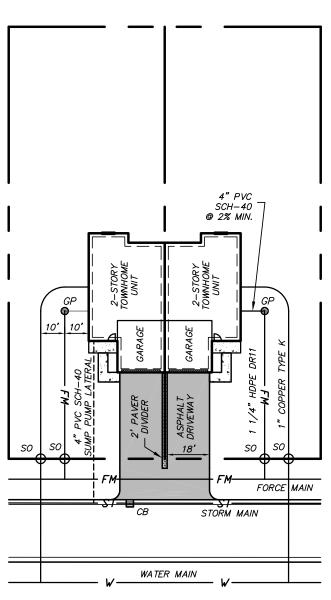
Enclosed for sketch review of this proposed subdivision are twelve (12) copies of the Subdivision Plan. We would greatly appreciate your immediate consideration of this project and placement on the November 14, 2022 Planning Board agenda. Should you have any questions or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

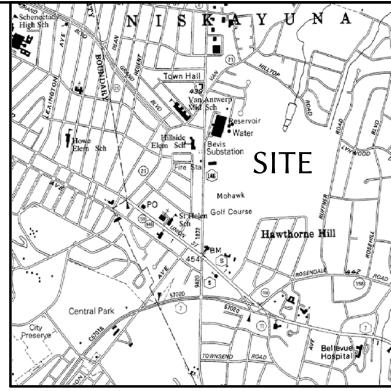
Very truly yours,

ABD ENGINEERS. LLP Il Bianchine, P.E. Jos Partner

JJB:dmk encl. cc: Matt Moberg w/encl (via email) Bill Sweet w/encl (via email) 5429A-2022-10-20





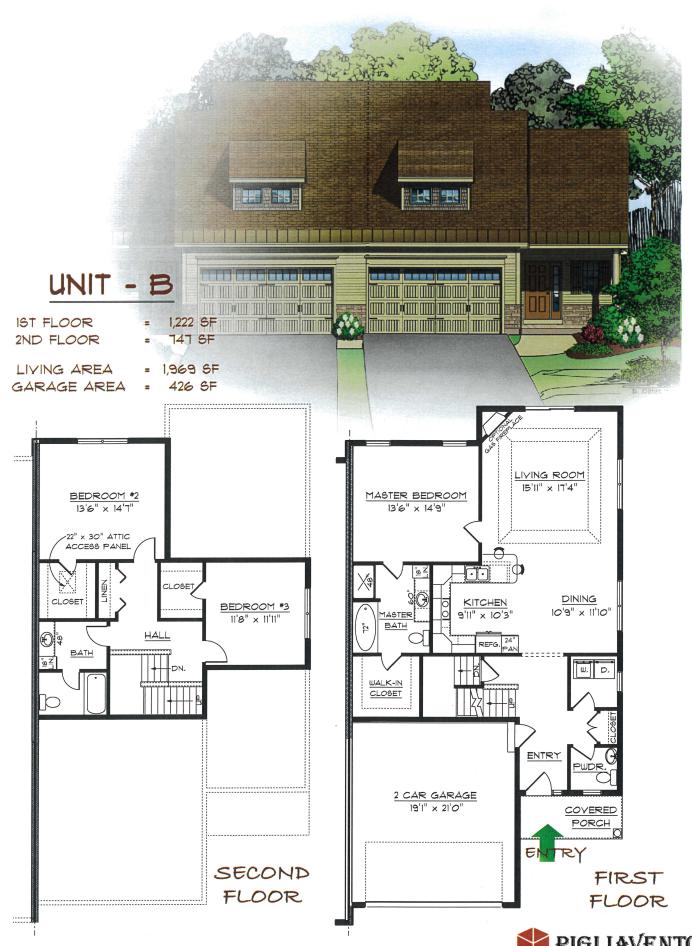


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Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project and Setting

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project:					
Mohawk Golf Club Subdivision - Ruffner Road					
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map):					
1851 Union Street/1245 Ruffner Road					
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need):					
Subdivide 14± acres from existing Mohawk Golf Course, adjacent to Ruffner Road. A new boulevard entrance will be built through 1245 Ruffner Road to access two new cul-de-sac streets, on which twenty-two (22) new single-family townhouse lots are proposed as an Average Density Development, with roads to be dedicated to the Town, and common lands to remain under ownership of the Golf Course.					
Name of Applicant/Sponsor:	Telephone: 814-571-4414				
Matthew Moberg (MGC Golf Operations, LLC)	E-Mail: mmoberg@homesteadf	unding.com			
Address: 8 Airline Drive					
City/PO: Albany	State: NY	Zip Code: 12205			
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role):	Telephone: 518-377-0315				
Joseph J. Bianchine, P.E. (ABD Engineers, LLP)	E-Mail: joe@abdeng.com				
Address:	-				
411 Union Street					
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:			
Schenectady	NY	12305			
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):	Telephone:				
	E-Mail:				
Address:	·				
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:			

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)						
Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)				
a. City Counsel, Town Board, ☑Yes□No or Village Board of Trustees	Town of Niskayuna Town Board, approval for Average Density Development	To be submitted				
b. City, Town or Village ✓Yes No Planning Board or Commission	Town of Niskayuna Planning Board, Subdivision Approval	To be submitted				
c. City, Town or □Yes☑No Village Zoning Board of Appeals						
d. Other local agencies □Yes☑No						
e. County agencies	Schenectady County Planning Board, referral	To be submitted				
f. Regional agencies						
g. State agencies □Yes☑No						
h. Federal agencies	Army Corps of Engineers, Wetland Determination	To be submitted				
i. Coastal Resources. i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? □Yes ☑No						
<i>ii.</i> Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? □ Yes ☑ No □ iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? □ Yes ☑ No						

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.	
 Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? If Yes, complete sections C, F and G. If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1 	☐ Yes Z No
C.2. Adopted land use plans.	
a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located?	∠ Yes □ No
If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located?	⊿ Yes □ No
b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?)	⊿ Yes □ No
If Yes, identify the plan(s): NYS Heritage Areas:Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor	
c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan?If Yes, identify the plan(s):	∐Yes Z No

C.3. Zoning	
 a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district? <u>R1 (Low Density Residential)</u> 	☑ Yes □ No
b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit?	☑ Yes□ No
 c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? If Yes, <i>i.</i> What is the proposed new zoning for the site? 	☐ Yes Z No
C.4. Existing community services.	
a. In what school district is the project site located? <u>Niskayuna CSD</u>	
b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site? <u>Niskayuna PD</u>	
c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site? Niskayuna FD #1	
d. What parks serve the project site? www.endline.com www.endline.com	

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, ind components)? Residential	ustrial, commercial, recreational; if m	ixed, include all
b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?	14± acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?	12± acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned		
or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?	190± acres	
c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use?		🗌 Yes 🔽 No
<i>i</i> . If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion square feet)? % Units:	n and identify the units (e.g., acres, m	iles, housing units,
d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision?		∠ Yes □ No
If Yes,		
<i>i</i> . Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commerce Residential	cial; if mixed, specify types)	
<i>ii.</i> Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed?		∠ Yes □ No
<i>iii</i> . Number of lots proposed? <u>22 resident</u> ial + 1 HOA		
<i>iv</i> . Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum0.22±	Maximum 0.93±	
e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases?		🗌 Yes 🖊 No
<i>i</i> . If No, anticipated period of construction:	24 months	
<i>ii.</i> If Yes:		
 Total number of phases anticipated 		
Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolities)	ion) month year	
 Anticipated completion date of final phase 	monthyear	
• Generally describe connections or relationships among phases,	including any contingencies where pro-	ogress of one phase may
determine timing or duration of future phases:		

	t include new reside				∠ Yes N o
If Yes, show num	bers of units propos				
	One Family	<u>Two</u> Family	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)	
Initial Phase	22 Townhouses				
At completion					
of all phases					
g. Does the propo	sed action include r	new non-residential	l construction (inclu	uding expansions)?	☐ Yes 7 No
If Yes,			,		
<i>i</i> . Total number	of structures	1	1.1.1.4	width; andlength	
<i>ii</i> . Dimensions (iii)	in feet) of largest pr	oposed structure: _	height;	width; andlength	
				l result in the impoundment of any agoon or other storage?	⊿ Yes □ No
If Yes,	Cleation of a water	suppry, reservon,	poliu, lake, waste h	agoon of other storage:	
<i>i</i> . Purpose of the	impoundment: Tem				
-	oundment, the princ	cipal source of the v	water:	Ground water Surface water stream	ms Other specify:
Stormwater run			- tained liquids on	1 de sie courses	
<i>111</i> . 11 Other than w	vater, identify the ty	pe of impounded/c	ontained liquids an	a their source.	
iv. Approximate	size of the proposed	d impoundment.	Volume:	TBD million gallons; surface area:	acres
v. Dimensions of	f the proposed dam	or impounding stru	icture: TB	D height; length	
vi. Construction	method/materials for	or the proposed dar	n or impounding st	ructure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, cond	crete):
TBD					
D.2. Project Op	orations				
		avaguation mi	-in an dradging d		
				uring construction, operations, or both? or foundations where all excavated	☐ Yes ⊘ No
materials will r		tion, grading or mo		of foundations where an excavated	
If Yes:	,				
	rpose of the excava				
				o be removed from the site?	
Volume	(specify tons or cub	bic yards):			
• Over wh	at duration of time?	s of materials to be	excavated or dred	ged, and plans to use, manage or dispose	e of them
				geu, and plans to use, manage of dispos-	
	onsite dewatering o				Yes No
If yes, descrit	be				
w What is the to	tal area to be dredge	ed or excavated?		30765	
			time?	acres	
vii. What would b	be the maximum der	oth of excavation of	r dredging?	feet	
	vation require blast				☐Yes ☐No
					— —
			<u></u>		
				crease in size of, or encroachment	√ Yes No
Into any existin If Yes:	ng wetland, waterbo	ody, snorenne, beau	ch or adjacent area?		
	vetland or waterbody	v which would be a	iffected (by name, v	water index number, wetland map numb	er or geographic
	Freshwater Forested/S			I	
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ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placem alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in sq Wetlands will be channeled using culverts to further direct them to the existing municipal storm system.	
<i>iii.</i> Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? If Yes, describe:	∐Yes ∠ No
<i>iv.</i> Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? If Yes:	✓ Yes□No
 acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: <u>TBD</u> expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: TBD 	
 purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): 	
Site preparation	
proposed method of plant removal: Excavation	
if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): <u>N/A</u>	
v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance:	
N/A	
c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water?	√ Yes □ No
If Yes:	
<i>i.</i> Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: 6,000± gallons/day	
<i>ii.</i> Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? If Yes:	✓ Yes □ No
	✓ Yes No
 Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? Is the project site in the existing district? 	\checkmark Yes \square No
Is expansion of the district needed?	\square Yes \square No
 Do existing lines serve the project site? 	\Box Yes \blacksquare No
<i>iii.</i> Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project?	$\mathbf{\nabla}$ Yes $\mathbf{\Box}$ No
If Yes:	
Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project:	
1,100± feet of new water main	
Source(s) of supply for the district: <u>Schenectady-Niskayuna SSA</u>	
<i>iv.</i> Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site?	☐ Yes ∕ No
If, Yes:	
Applicant/sponsor for new district:	
Date application submitted or anticipated:	
Proposed source(s) of supply for new district:	
<i>v</i> . If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project:	
N/A vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: 3,000±	
d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes?	✓ Yes □No
If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: <u>5,400±</u> gallons/day	11 (1
<i>ii.</i> Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe a comproviment volumes or properties of each):	ll components and
approximate volumes or proportions of each):	
<i>iii.</i> Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? If Yes:	✓ Yes □ No
Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: <u>Niskayuna Wastewater Treatment Plant</u>	
Name of district: Niskayuna Sewer District #6	
 Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? 	✓ Yes N o
 Is the project site in the existing district? 	✓ Yes □No
• Is expansion of the district needed?	☐ Yes ∑ No

• Do existing sewer lines serve the project site?	∠ Yes N o
 Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? 	$\mathbf{\nabla}$ Yes \square No
If Yes:	
Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project:	
1,100± feet of new LPSS with grinder pumps.	
<i>iv.</i> Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site?	□Yes 2 No
If Yes:	
 Applicant/sponsor for new district: Date application submitted or anticipated: 	
 Date application submitted or anticipated: What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? 	
<i>v</i> . If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including speci	fving proposed
receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):	5 81 1
Ν/Α	
<i>vi</i> . Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste:	
Ν/Α	
e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point	∠ Yes N o
sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point	
source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?	
Square feet or 2.5± acres (impervious surface)	
Square feet or $14\pm$ acres (parcel size)	
<i>ii</i> . Describe types of new point sources. Roof drains, foundation drains, pavement wing-edges	
<i>iii.</i> Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent provided in the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent provided in the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent provided in the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent provided in the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent provided in the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent provided in the stormwater management facility (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility) (i.e. on-site stormwater matagement facility) (i.e. on-site stormwater matagement facility) (i.e. on-site stormwater matagement facility) (i.e. on-site stormwater matageme	opartias
groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?	operties,
On-site bio-retention area	
If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands:	
Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties?	☐ Yes Z No
<i>iv.</i> Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater?	
f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel	Yes No
combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations?	
If Yes, identify:	
<i>i</i> . Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)	
<i>ii</i> Stationary sources during construction (e.g. power generation structural heating batch plant crushers)	
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h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants,	☐Yes 7 No
landfills, composting facilities)? If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric):	
<i>ii.</i> Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to g	renerate heat or
electricity, flaring):	senerate near or
i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as	∐Yes √ No
quarry or landfill operations?	
If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust):	
j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial	∑ Yes No
new demand for transportation facilities or services?	
If Yes: \Box with the formula Γ (Charles 11.4, the half \Box Market \Box Free interms \Box We have Γ	
<i>i</i> . When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): \square Morning \square Evening \square Weekend	
Randomly between hours of to <i>ii.</i> For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump truck	(3).
N/A iii. Parking spaces: Existing0 ProposedNANet increase/decrease iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking?	Ν/Δ
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v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing New private roads with access to existing Town road are proposed to serve the 22 townhome lots.	access, describe:
<i>vi.</i> Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site?	∏Yes ∏ No
<i>vii</i> Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric	∐Yes ∑ No
or other alternative fueled vehicles?	
viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing	☐Yes 7 No
pedestrian or bicycle routes?	
k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand	Yes No
for energy?	
If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action:	
<i>ii.</i> Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/	local utility or
other):	iocal utility, of
iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation?	Yes No
l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.	
<i>i</i> . During Construction: <i>ii</i> . During Operations:	7)
 Monday - Friday:7am-5pm Nonday - Friday:Residential (24/7) Saturday:7am-5pm Saturday:Residential (24/7) 	
 Saturday: 7am-5pm Sunday: 7am-5pm Sunday: 7am-5pm Sunday: Residential (24/2) 	
Holidays: 7am-5pm Holidays: Residential (247)	
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m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both?	☑ Yes □No
If yes:	
<i>i</i> . Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:	
Noise from construction equipment	
<i>ii.</i> Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen?	✓ Yes □No
Describe: Tree clearing for development	
n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting?	∠ Yes □ No
If yes: <i>i</i> . Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:	
Residential building lighting, 75+ feet from nearest residential property line.	
<i>ii.</i> Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen?	☑ Yes □No
Describe: Tree clearing for development	
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o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest	🗌 Yes 🛛 No
occupied structures:	
p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons)	Yes No
or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage?	
If Yes: <i>i</i> . Product(s) to be stored	
<i>ii.</i> Volume(s) per unit time (e.g., month, year)	
iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities:	
q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides,	□ Yes □No
insecticides) during construction or operation? If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Describe proposed treatment(s):	
ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices?	□ Yes □No
r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal	□ Yes □No
of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:	
Construction: tons per (unit of time)	
Operation : tons per (unit of time)	
<i>ii.</i> Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste • Construction:	:
Construction:	
Operation:	
<i>iii</i> . Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:	
Construction:	
• Operation:	

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility?	🗌 Yes 🖌 No
If Yes:	1 1011
<i>i</i> . Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting,	, landfill, or
other disposal activities):	
<i>ii.</i> Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:	
• Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or	
• Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment	
iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: years	
t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardor waste?	us 🗌 Yes 🖉 No
If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility:	
<i>ii.</i> Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents:	
<i>iii</i> . Specify amount to be handled or generatedtons/month	
<i>iv.</i> Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents:	
v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility?	Yes No
If Yes: provide name and location of facility:	
If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility	•
E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action	
E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site	
a. Existing land uses.	
<i>i</i> . Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.	
Urban 🔲 Industrial 🔲 Commercial 💆 Residential (suburban) 🔲 Rural (non-farm)	
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic	
<i>ii.</i> If mix of uses, generally describe:	

Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	0	2.5	+2.5
Forested	14.0	2.6	-11.4
Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non- agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	0	0	0
Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	0	0	0
Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	0	0	0
Wetlands (freshwater or tidal) (Isolated)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	0	0	0
Other Describe: Landscaped	0	8.9	+8.9

d. Are there any facilities serving ethildren, the elderly, people with disublities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? If Yes, . Addentify Pacilities:	c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?<i>i.</i> If Yes: explain:	□Yes☑No
If Yes:	day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? If Yes, <i>i</i> . Identify Facilities:	∀ Yes N o
If Yes:	a Deas the majort site contain on existing dam?	
• Dam length:	If Yes: <i>i</i> . Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:	
 Surface area:gallons OR acre-feet		
 Volume impounded:gallons OR acre-fect <i>ii.</i> Dan's existing hazard classification:		
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h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? □Yes☑ No If Yes: i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site □Yes☑ No @Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): □ □ Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): □ □ Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): □ ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: □ □ iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? □ Yes☑ No If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): □		ed:
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<i>v</i> . Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses?	☐ Yes Z No
 If yes, DEC site ID number:	
 Describe any use limitations:	
 Describe any engineering controls:	
• Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place?	☐ Yes ☐ No
• Explain:	
E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site	
a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? 6+ fee	et
b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings?	_% ☐Yes ☑No
c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:Silt Loam	100_%
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	0⁄/0
d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average:2± feet	
e. Drainage status of project site soils: Well Drained: % of site ✓ Moderately Well Drained: 100 % of site	
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15% or greater:	_% of site
g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site?	🗌 Yes 🖌 No
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m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site:	
Typical Suburban	
n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? If Yes:	☐Yes Z No
<i>i</i> . Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation):	
<i>ii.</i> Source(s) of description or evaluation:	
iii. Extent of community/habitat:	
Currently:acres	
Following completion of project as proposed: acres	
• Gain or loss (indicate + or -):acres	
o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as	☐ Yes ∑ No
endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened spe	
If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Species and listing (endangered or threatened):	
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p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of	☐ Yes √ No
special concern?	
If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Species and listing:	
q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing?	∐ Yes ∑ No
If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use:	
E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site	
a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304?	∐ Yes ∑ No
If Yes, provide county plus district name/number:	
b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present?	∐ Yes ∠ No
<i>i.</i> If Yes: acreage(s) on project site?	
<i>ii.</i> Source(s) of soil rating(s):	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National	∐ Yes ∑ No
Natural Landmark?	
If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . Nature of the natural landmark: Biological Community Geological Feature	
<i>ii.</i> Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent:	
d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	☐ Yes √ No
If Yes:	
<i>i</i> . CEA name:	
ii. Basis for designation:	
iii. Designating agency and date:	

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commission Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.	
<i>i</i> . Nature of historic/archaeological resource: Archaeological Site Historic Building or District <i>ii</i> . Name:	
<i>iii.</i> Brief description of attributes on which listing is based:	
f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	∐Yes Z No
 g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? If Yes: <i>i</i>. Describe possible resource(s): <i>ii</i>. Basis for identification: 	Yes No
 h. Is the project site within fives miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? If Yes: <i>i</i>. Identify resource: Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway 	ℤ Yes □ No
<i>ii.</i> Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or etc.): <u>Scenic Byway</u>	scenic byway,
<i>iii</i> . Distance between project and resource:1 miles.	
 i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? If Yes: <i>i</i>. Identify the name of the river and its designation: 	☐ Yes ∑ No
<i>ii.</i> Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666?	□Yes □No

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Joseph J. Bianchine, P.E. (ABD Engineers, LLF	P) Date 7/20/2022
Signature Signature	Title Professional Engineer



B.i.i [Coastal or Waterfront Area]	No
B.i.ii [Local Waterfront Revitalization Area]	No
C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor
E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site -	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF

E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Listed]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Environmental Site Remediation Database]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site]	No
E.2.g [Unique Geologic Features]	No
E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.iii [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	No
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]	No
E.2.I. [Aquifers]	Yes
E.2.I. [Aquifer Names]	Sole Source Aquifer Names:Schenectady-Niskayuna SSA
E.2.n. [Natural Communities]	No
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	No

E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	No
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area]	No
E.3.e. [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.3.f. [Archeological Sites]	No
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor]	No

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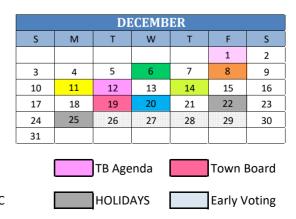


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February	1	
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May	3	
June	7	
July	5	
August	2	
September	6	
October	4	
November	8	
December	6	

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Board meeting room. Dates and times are subject to change.