

## **Before and After Study Narrative**

### **Rapp Road, Guilderland, NY**

The following Before and After Study provides on-the-ground perspective views of the Project Site from 4 vantage points, showing the “Before” view and “After” view which, where applicable, includes the to-be-constructed soil berm, stockade fence and mature tree visual barriers.

The 4 perspective views are from:

1. Westmere Terrace looking North
2. Paden Circle looking East
3. Rapp Road at Gipp Road looking South
4. Rapp Road at Southern end of Historic District looking South

#### **View 1 – from Westmere Terrace**

On the Amended Site Plan, the garden apartment buildings have been shifted approximately 300’ north, away from Westmere Terrace, and therefore, reducing any potential visibility from this vantage point.

The After study illustrates that the majority of the building mass will be directly screened by the to-be-constructed 20’ berm, 6’ stockade fence and 12’ to 15’ trees. Any view of the building from Westmere Terrace is less than what may have been viewable with the approved Site Plan, because the buildings are shifted further north, away from Westmere Terrace.

#### **View 2 – from Paden Circle**

From Paden Circle, the east-west orientation of the buildings on the Amended Site Plan is similar to the approved Site Plan, so the distance is about the same and, therefore, any visibility of buildings from Paden Circle is unchanged.

The After study illustrates that the majority of building mass will be directly screened by the berm, fence and trees along the west boundary.

#### **View 3 – from Rapp Road at Gipp Road**

The Rapp Road and Gipp Road intersection is about 800’ south of the Historic Neighborhood.

The 4.8 acre Designated Forever Wild area on the north end of the Project Site will be undisturbed, so will remain fully vegetated with mature trees as shown in the Before study. This 200’ wide buffer will fully screen the new buildings from this vantage point, as shown in the After study.

#### **View 4 – from Southern End of Historic District**

The entrance into the Historic District is about 1,200’ from the first building on the Amended Site Plan.

The 4.8 acre Designated Forever Wild area and the additional mature trees, houses and rise in topography along Rapp Road between the Historic District and the Project Site, create a solid barrier that fully shields any view from the Historic District. Thus, the Before and After studies are the same.