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It will take decades to regrow the beautiful trees. Trees are way more important to our survival than Costco.

Attention: +Kenneth+Kovalchik, +Town+Planner, +Kovalchikk@togny.org

The+Town+of+Guilderland+Planning+Board+should+remove+itself+as+Lead+Agency+for+evaluating+the+Draft+Environmental+Impact+Statement+(DEIS)+for+the+proposed+development+by+The+Pyramid+Companies+(Crossgates)+on+Rapp+Road,+the+Mall+Road+and+Western+Avenue+to+build+up+to+360+Apartments+with+up+to+3+five-story+apartment+buildings,+up+to+50,000+sq+ft+of+office+space+and+up+to+278,900+sq+ft+of+commercial+expansive+retail+including+a+Costco+with+a+700+car+parking+lot+and+a+16+pump+gas+station+because:

- 1.+The+Town+allowed+illegal+alteration+during+the+State+Environmental+Quality+Review+(SEQR)+process+when+the+The+Pyramid+Companies+clear-cut+a+large+wooded+portion+of+the+site+of+the+proposed+Costco+on+March+26,+2020+after+the+applicant+provided+advance+notice+of+the+clear+cutting+to+the+Town.
- 2.+The+Guilderland+Planning+Board+deemed+the+Draft+Environmental+Impact+Statement+(DEIS)+ "complete"+when+it+was+missing+wetland+reports.+As+of+May+10,+2020,+these+reports+still+have+not+been+provided+to+the+public+if+they+have+indeed+even+been+provided+to+the+Town+by+Pyramid.
- 3.+The+Guilderland+Planning+Board+claimed+Lead+Agency+before+the+full+scope+of+the+project+was+revealed.

At+the+very+least,+the+Town+of+Guilderland+Planning+Board+should+postpone+making+any+decisions+regarding+the+DEIS+until+all+pending+lawsuits+against+the+Town+of+Guilderland+and+The+Pyramid+Companies+regarding+the+status+of+the+Planning+Board+remaining+Lead+Agency+are+resolved.

Thank+You,