
Comment regarding Lead Agency for DEIS Rapp Road Residential/Western Avenue Mixed Use Redevelopment Projects

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Attention: Kenneth Kovalchik, Town Planner

Dear Mr. Kovalchik,

I am an attorney and was born and raised off Willow Street in Guilderland. I've spent a great deal of my life adventuring in the Pine Bush and consider it one of the most precious habitats in NY. I've also done a fair share of environmental law and feel strongly that the Guilderland Planning Board should NOT continue as Lead Agency evaluating the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed development.

You know quite well that the development infringes on the natural habitat and buffer surrounding the Pine Bush and that in this day and age you are backing a dying mall, as bricks and mortar are fast becoming questionable investments. In large part due to the issues highlighted by Save the Pine Bush (i.e., presumptively illegal clear cutting, the missing wetland reports and the questionable assumption of lead agency status by your Board), the credibility of the town has been badly damaged by the Board's aggressive stance. You should delay any further actions or decisions on this site pending the resolution of the related lawsuits and, ideally, step aside as lead agency so a more neutral body can take over and conduct the DEIS properly.

Thank You,

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