



September 16, 2019

Kenneth Kovalchick, Town Planner
Town of Guilderland | Town Hall | Route 20
Guilderland, New York 12084

Re: Rapp Road Development, LLC | Draft Scope Comments

Dear Mr. Kovalchick:

Thank you for providing the City of Albany with the Draft Scope of the DEIS and providing us with the opportunity to comment on this matter. We offer the following comments to the Draft Scope:

GENERAL COMMENT

For each section of the Scope, please provide the methodology that will be utilized in order to reach conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

- Site 2 does not include number of units to be analyzed.
- All square footage should be Gross Square Footage

3.5 Traffic and Transportation

Add the intersection of Rapp Road and S. Frontage Road

3.7 Character of the Community / Neighborhood

This section should specifically name the Rapp Road Historic District and identify how the proposed action may impact the historic nature and viability of this important, but fragile National Register District. This district contains a cluster of 23 homes built by African Americans who migrated predominantly from Shubuta Mississippi as part of the Great Migration (1927 to 1963).

5.0 REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

As noted, the City of Albany does not own Rapp Road and improvements for making it wider, improving drainage, or providing appropriate pedestrian infrastructure are not feasible. Provide an alternative analysis that bypasses the Rapp Road Historic District through construction of a new road that can be built to appropriate standards for increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic that will be expected from this development, as well as other developments within the study area under the ownership of the project sponsor.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions or require further clarification of the City of Albany's comments on this scope.

Sincerely,


Christopher P. Spencer