



June 17, 2018

Saratoga Springs Zoning Board of Appeals
City Hall
474 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Chairman Torpey:

We recognize and respect the diversity of opinion regarding our proposed project at 173 Lake Avenue. In the spirit of full disclosure, we want to make sure that the facts related to our proposed use of the facility are on the record for the Board's consideration.

9 Miles East Farm proposes to create a small community market in 173 Lake Avenue, with a limited selection of high-quality, primarily locally sourced groceries and household items. There would also be a prepared food component consistent with zoning regulations.

We are proposing a small kitchen in the space, roughly 323 square feet, in which we would prepare healthy, locally sourced meals intended for consumption by the immediate community.

The 323 square food kitchen at 173 Lake Avenue would simply not be big enough for any kind of large-scale production. We'd need several thousand square feet of industrial space if that was our goal. We'd put that kind of facility in an industrial park somewhere.

We currently produce meals at larger scale in our on-farm commercial catering kitchen, and intend to continue to produce those meals in that facility for our workplace wellness customers.

The point of the 173 Lake Avenue project is to give the East Side of Saratoga Springs the high-quality, distinctive, walkable local market with great food and great service that we think the community deserves.

We've served the Saratoga Springs community for more than a decade and have hundreds of customers in the immediate vicinity who have signed a petition stating their support for the idea of having healthy meals, fresh vegetables, and convenience items available in their neighborhood.

Cordially,

Gordon Sacks
Founder & Farmer

