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**Letter of Transmittal**

**Date:** May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 **Proj. #-** 753.00  
**RE:** Ballston Ave Subdivision

**To:** Lindsey Gonzalez, Land Use Board Coordinator  
City Of Saratoga Springs – City Hall – Zoning Board Of Appeals  
474 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

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1	5/25/16		Site Plan Drawing ( 24"x36")
1	5/25/16		Long Environmental Assessment Form
1	5/25/16		Site Photos
1	5/25/16		Project Narrative
1	5/25/16		Disk with Digital Files of Submission
1	5/25/16		Examples of Proposed Buildings
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1	5/25/16		Previous Use Variance Granted by the Supreme Court
1	5/25/16		City of Saratoga Spring Complementary Core

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**REMARKS:**

Attached please find the above listed items that have been revised for the Ballston Ave Subdivision Zoning Board of Appeals Application. If you have any questions or require additional information please feel free to call the office at 899-5243 ext 104.

Copy filed to prior submissions

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Yates Scott Lansing, PE, CPESC, CPSWQ

**cc:** Steven Gottmann, Ginley & Gottmann, P.C.  
file

*If enclosures are not as noted, kindly notify us immediately*

**Full Environmental Assessment Form**  
**Part 1 - Project and Setting**

**Instructions for Completing Part 1**

**Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor.** Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

**A. Project and Sponsor Information.**

Name of Action or Project: Ballston Ave Subdivision		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): 96 Ballston Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): The proposed project site is located on a 1.36 +/- Acre site on the corner of Finley Street and Ballston Ave in the City of Saratoga Springs, NY. The project proposes to consolidate three (3) lots and construct a residential subdivision with townhouses. The residential subdivision includes 22 single family residential lots. The residential units are included in five (5) 4-unit townhouse buildings and one (1) 2-unit townhouse building as shown on the conceptual plan. Access to the proposed lots will be a private driveway that will be created on Finley Street. Sewer service will be provided by Saratoga County Sewer District #1 and water shall be provided by the City of Saratoga Springs.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Steven Gottmann, Ginley & Gottmann, P.C.	Telephone: [REDACTED]	E-Mail: [REDACTED]
Address: 96 Ballston Avenue		
City/PO: Saratoga Springs	State: NY	Zip Code: 12866
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role): Same	Telephone:	E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):	Telephone:	E-Mail:
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

**B. Government Approvals**

**B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship.** (“Funding” includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)

Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Council, Town Board, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village Planning Board or Commission <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Planning Board - Subdivision and site plan approval	TBD
c. City Council, Town or Village Zoning Board of Appeals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	ZBA - Area variances	
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SCSD #1 - Sewer, Saratoga County Planning Board	TBD
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NYSDEC - Sewer, SPDES NYSDOH - Water	TBD
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources. i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

**C. Planning and Zoning**

**C.1. Planning and zoning actions.**

Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? YesNo

- **If Yes**, complete sections C, F and G.
- **If No**, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1

**C.2. Adopted land use plans.**

a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? YesNo

If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? YesNo

b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) YesNo

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor, NYS Heritage Areas: Saratoga \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? YesNo

If Yes, identify the plan(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**C.3. Zoning**

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance.  Yes  No  
If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?  
UR-2 Urban Residential

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit?  Yes  No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action?  Yes  No  
If Yes,  
i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? Miscellaneous area variances are requested

**C.4. Existing community services.**

a. In what school district is the project site located? Saratoga Springs CSD

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?  
Saratoga Springs Police Department

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?  
Saratoga Springs Fire Department

d. What parks serve the project site?  
Congress Park, Saratoga Spa State Park

**D. Project Details**

**D.1. Proposed and Potential Development**

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)?  
Residential Subdivision

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? 1.36 acres  
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? 1.36 acres  
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 1.36 acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use?  Yes  No  
i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % \_\_\_\_\_ Units: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision?  Yes  No  
If Yes,  
i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)  
Residential (Townhouses)

ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed?  Yes  No  
iii. Number of lots proposed? 22  
iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum 1700 +/- Maximum 2800 +/-

e. Will proposed action be constructed in multiple phases?  Yes  No  
i. If No, anticipated period of construction: 18-24 months  
ii. If Yes:  
• Total number of phases anticipated \_\_\_\_\_  
• Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year  
• Anticipated completion date of final phase \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year  
• Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

f. Does the project include new residential uses?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.

	<u>One Family</u>	<u>Two Family</u>	<u>Three Family</u>	<u>Multiple Family (four or more)</u>
Initial Phase	<u>22</u>	_____	_____	_____
At completion of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,

i. Total number of structures \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: \_\_\_\_\_ height; \_\_\_\_\_ width; and \_\_\_\_\_ length  
 iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: \_\_\_\_\_ square feet

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage?  Yes  No  
 If Yes,

i. Purpose of the impoundment: Potential for impoundments for stormwater mitigation  
 ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water:  Ground water  Surface water streams  Other specify:  
Stormwater  
 iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD million gallons; surface area: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD acres  
 v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD height; \_\_\_\_\_ TBD length  
 vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete):  
Potential stormwater mitigation areas to be constructed in existing earth embankment.

**D.2. Project Operations**

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both?  Yes  No  
 (Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite)  
 If Yes:

i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?  
 • Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Over what duration of time? \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials?  Yes  No  
 If yes, describe. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
 vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
 vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 viii. Will the excavation require blasting?  Yes  No  
 ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:

i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

iii. Will proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments?  Yes  No  
If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Will proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: \_\_\_\_\_
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): \_\_\_\_\_
- proposed method of plant removal: \_\_\_\_\_
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: \_\_\_\_\_ 6600 +/- gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: City of Saratoga Springs Water System
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal?  Yes  No
- Is the project site in the existing district?  Yes  No
- Is expansion of the district needed?  Yes  No
- Do existing lines serve the project site?  Yes  No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: \_\_\_\_\_
- Source(s) of supply for the district: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date application submitted or anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: \_\_\_\_\_

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), maximum pumping capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: \_\_\_\_\_ 6600 +/- gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential sanitary wastewater

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities?  Yes  No  
If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: Saratoga County Sewer District #1
- Name of district: Saratoga County Sewer District #1
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project?  Yes  No
- Is the project site in the existing district?  Yes  No
- Is expansion of the district needed?  Yes  No

• Do existing sewer lines serve the project site?  Yes  No  
 • Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 • Applicant/sponsor for new district: \_\_\_\_\_  
 • Date application submitted or anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 • What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? \_\_\_\_\_

v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge, or describe subsurface disposal plans):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?  
 3405 Square feet or 0.78 acres (impervious surface)  
 59242 Square feet or 1.36 acres (parcel size)  
 ii. Describe types of new point sources. Pavements, roofs and sidewalks  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?  
 Existing drainage course and existing storm water structures  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

• If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

• Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties?  Yes  No

iv. Does proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater?  Yes  No

f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, identify:  
 i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year)  Yes  No  
 ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydroflouorocarbons (HFCs)  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): \_\_\_\_\_

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i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations?  Yes  No

If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): \_\_\_\_\_

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j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply):  Morning  Evening  Weekend  
 Randomly between hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of semi-trailer truck trips/day: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Parking spaces: Existing \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed \_\_\_\_\_ Net increase/decrease \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking?  Yes  No

v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within 1/2 mile of the proposed site?  Yes  No

vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles?  Yes  No

viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes?  Yes  No

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k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade to, an existing substation?  Yes  No

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l. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.

<p>i. During Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>	<p>ii. During Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Friday: _____</li> <li>• Saturday: _____</li> <li>• Sunday: _____</li> <li>• Holidays: _____</li> </ul>
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m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both?  Yes  No

If yes:

i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:  
 General construction noise will be generated during the development of the site. This will be limited to normal daytime working hours. No noises are expected to exceed ambient levels after construction is complete.

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: General site clearing will be required for the installation of private driveways, utilities, and construction of residential units.

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n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting?  Yes  No

If yes:

i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen?  Yes  No  
 Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Product(s) to be stored \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Volume(s) \_\_\_\_\_ per unit time \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., month, year)

iii. Generally describe proposed storage facilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Describe proposed treatment(s):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices?  Yes  No

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r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)?  Yes  No

If Yes:

i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:

- Construction: \_\_\_\_\_ tons per \_\_\_\_\_ (unit of time)
- Operation : \_\_\_\_\_ tons per \_\_\_\_\_ (unit of time)

ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:

- Construction: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Operation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:

- Construction: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Operation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or  
 • \_\_\_\_\_ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment  
 iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: \_\_\_\_\_ years

t. Will proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated \_\_\_\_\_ tons/month  
 iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility?  Yes  No  
 If Yes: provide name and location of facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action**

**E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site**

a. Existing land uses.  
 i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.  
 Urban  Industrial  Commercial  Residential (suburban)  Rural (non-farm)  
 Forest  Agriculture  Aquatic  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertypes	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces	0.21	0.83	+0.62
• Forested	1.15	0.0	-1.15
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	0.0	0.0	0.0
• Other Describe: <u>Lawn/Landscape</u>	0.0	0.53	+0.53

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?  Yes  No  
i. If Yes: explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site?  Yes  No  
If Yes,  
i. Identify Facilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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e. Does the project site contain an existing dam?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:  
• Dam height: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
• Dam length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
• Surface area: \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
• Volume impounded: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons OR acre-feet  
ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Has the facility been formally closed?  Yes  No  
• If yes, cite sources/documentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site?  Yes  No  
If Yes:  
i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply:  Yes  No  
 Yes – Spills Incidents database Provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Neither database  
ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database?  Yes  No  
If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses?  Yes  No

- If yes, DEC site ID number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe any use limitations: \_\_\_\_\_
- Describe any engineering controls: \_\_\_\_\_
- Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place?  Yes  No
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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**E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site**

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? \_\_\_\_\_ Greater Than 6.5 feet According to the most recent NRCS Soil Survey for Saratoga County.

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? \_\_\_\_\_ %

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site: Windsor Loamy Sand (WnA) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 %  
 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 \_\_\_\_\_ %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: \_\_\_\_\_ > 6.5 feet According to the most recent NRCS Soil Survey for Saratoga County.

e. Drainage status of project site soils:  Well Drained: \_\_\_\_\_ 100 % of site  
 Moderately Well Drained: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site  
 Poorly Drained \_\_\_\_\_ % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes:  0-10%: \_\_\_\_\_ 100 % of site  
 10-15%: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site  
 15% or greater: \_\_\_\_\_ % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)?  Yes  No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site?  Yes  No  
 If Yes to either *i* or *ii*, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency?  Yes  No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_
- Lakes or Ponds: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_
- Wetlands: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Size \_\_\_\_\_
- Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) \_\_\_\_\_

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies?  Yes  No  
 If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway?  Yes  No

j. Is the project site in the 100 year Floodplain?  Yes  No

k. Is the project site in the 500 year Floodplain?  Yes  No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer?  Yes  No  
 If Yes:  
 i. Name of aquifer: Principle Aquifer \_\_\_\_\_

m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site: _____ _____ _____	
n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____ _____ ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____ iii. Extent of community/habitat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently: _____ acres</li> <li>• Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres</li> <li>• Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres</li> </ul>	
o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span>	
q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____ _____	
<b>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</b>	
a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____	
b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____ ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____	
c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____ _____ _____	
d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> If Yes: i. CEA name: _____ ii. Basis for designation: _____ iii. Designating agency and date: _____	

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on, or has been nominated by the NYS Board of Historic Preservation for inclusion on, the State or National Register of Historic Places?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes:		
<i>i.</i> Nature of historic/archaeological resource: <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Site <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Building or District		
<i>ii.</i> Name: _____		
<i>iii.</i> Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: _____		
f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes:		
<i>i.</i> Describe possible resource(s): <u>Study to be provided</u>		
<i>ii.</i> Basis for identification: _____		
h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes:		
<i>i.</i> Identify resource: <u>Congress Park and Saratoga Park</u>		
<i>ii.</i> Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): <u>Local Park</u>		
<i>iii.</i> Distance between project and resource: _____ < 2 miles.		
i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes:		
<i>i.</i> Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____		
<i>ii.</i> Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**F. Additional Information**

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

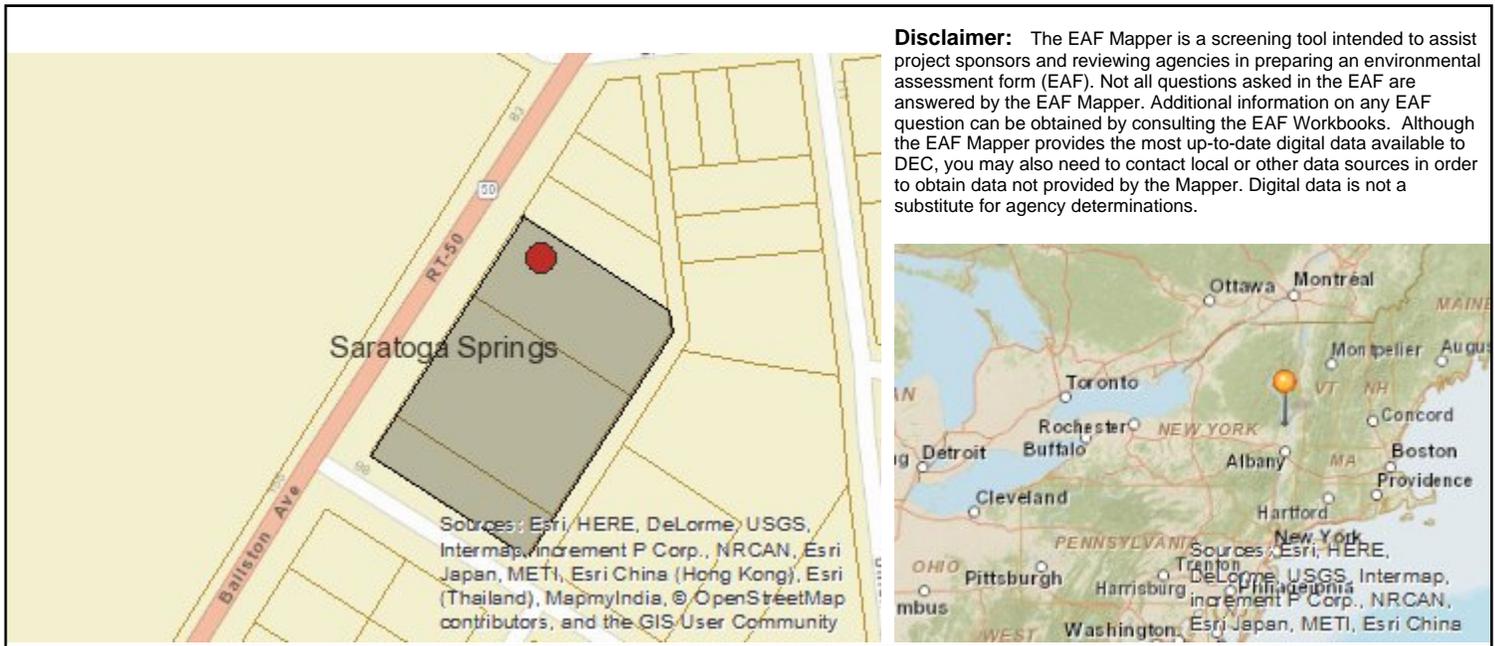
If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

**G. Verification**

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_



B.i.i [Coastal or Waterfront Area]	No
B.i.ii [Local Waterfront Revitalization Area]	No
C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor, NYS Heritage Areas: Saratoga
E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Listed]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Environmental Site Remediation Database]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site]	Yes
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site - DEC ID]	546052
E.2.g [Unique Geologic Features]	No
E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.iii [Surface Water Features]	No
E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.

E.2.l. [Aquifers]	Yes
E.2.l. [Aquifer Names]	Principal Aquifer
E.2.n. [Natural Communities]	No
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species]	Yes
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals]	No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District]	No
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark]	No
E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area]	No
E.3.e. [National Register of Historic Places]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.3.f. [Archeological Sites]	Yes
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor]	No

## Ballston Ave Subdivision

PROJECT NARRATIVE  
May 25, 2016

### INTRODUCTION

Under the new Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the City Council on 6/16/2015, the parcels (and overall neighborhood area) in question have been changed from the UR-2 Zoning Designation to a new designation entitled Complementary Core, which most closely mirrors T-4 under the current Zoning Ordinance. From the 6/16/2015 Comprehensive Plan, this new designation is defined in part, as follows: “The Complementary Core designation consists of areas of commercial uses of moderate to high intensity interspersed with higher density residential uses.... The Complementary Core designation offers opportunities to infill and new development that continues to support the Downtown Core...” Under NYS law, the City’s Zoning Ordinance must comply with the Comprehensive Plan approved, resulting in the current revision process being undertaken by the City of the Zoning Ordinance. Since the new Zoning Ordinance could be delayed due to unrelated projects around the City, the application herein has been submitted under the UR-2 zoning, thus requiring variances it may not otherwise need once the new Zoning Ordinance is adopted under the applicable Complementary Core designation. The applicants have been waiting on the revised designation since 2012, when an application was submitted to the City to change the zoning designation of the parcels, but this application was voluntarily withdrawn by the applicants to allow the new Comprehensive Plan to be developed and approved. Almost four years later, the applicants are respectfully requesting that their project be approved and not further delayed by the other controversial projects being considered in the City.

The Ballston Ave Subdivision project proposes five (5) 4-unit townhouses and one (1) 2-unit townhouse on approximately 1.36± acres located at the corner of Ballston Avenue and Finley Street in City of Saratoga Springs, New York. The tax map identification numbers for the parcels are 178.26-1-39, 178.28-1-40, and 178.26-1-46 within the City of Saratoga Springs. The conceptual plan illustrates the general intent of the site development and the configuration of the major elements of the proposed site design. The proposed site plan will require five (5) general area variances for the proposed townhouses.

### EXISTING CONDITIONS

#### *Existing Land Use and Zoning*

The project site is located at the corner of Ballston Avenue and Finley Street in City of Saratoga Springs. The project site will encompass three lots that are currently owned by the applicant. The property address is 96 Ballston Ave Saratoga Springs and has the tax map identification numbers of 178.26-1-39 (small vacant parking lot with office building / 0.18 acres), 178.26-1-40 (vacant residential / 0.74 acres), and 178.26-1-46 (converted residential office/ 0.44 acres). The three lots will be consolidated and will include a total of approximately 1.36 acres. The lots are zoned as UR-2 Urban Residential and the lots are currently being used for commercial uses. The permitted use for this zoning includes single family residences. A general overview of the surrounding land uses in the area includes commercial and residential.

### ***Soil, Topography and Wetlands***

The existing parcels include a two story residence on Finley Street, a two story office building with associated parking on Ballston Ave, a one story office building with associated parking on Ballston Ave and vacant wooded areas. According to the Soil Survey of Saratoga County, New York prepared by National resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the project site consists of one (1) soil type: Windsor loamy sand (WnA). The project site is well drained and consists of slopes 0 – 3 Percent. Wetlands have not been located on the project site.

### **PROPOSED CONDITIONS**

The proposed project includes the utilization of the three lots and removal of the existing buildings. All existing buildings will be removed. The applicant proposes a residential subdivision consisting of 22 single family residential lots. The residential units are included in five (5) 4-unit townhouse buildings and one (1) 2-unit townhouse building. The average minimum lot width is 20 ft. with a minimum front building set back of 10 ft., a rear building setback of 25 ft., and a side building setback of 0-10ft. The proposed minimum lot size is 1,702 sf and proposed maximum lot size of 2,994 sf. A road is proposed on Finley Street to access the site, as shown on the conceptual plan. This road is proposed for dedication to the City of Saratoga Springs. All existing vehicular access points on NYS Route 50 will be removed. Concrete sidewalks are proposed for pedestrian access to Ballston Ave, Finley Street and NYS Route 50.

The current zoning, UR-2, requires two (2) parking spaces per unit. The proposed buildings provide 2 spaces per unit with one (1) space within the enclosed garage and one (1) in the proposed driveway for each unit.

The proposed layout includes an overall building coverage of 33% and will have approximately 39% greenspace. The remaining 28% will consist of impermeable surfaces such as pavement and sidewalks.

### **UTILITIES, STORMWATER AND SOLID WASTE**

It is anticipated that water will be supplied by the City of Saratoga Water Department and sewage (wastewater) service will be provided by the Saratoga County Sewer District (SCSD). Stormwater is anticipated to be managed through on-site structures. Stormwater practices will be discussed in the project specific Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Stormwater control practices will be designed and implemented in accordance with all NYSDEC technical standards and the City of Saratoga Springs guidelines.

### **PROPOSED AREA VARIANCES**

Applications and supporting documents are being made to the City of Saratoga Springs Zoning Board of Appeals to seek relief from the zoning guidelines and requirements and to request the granting of five (5) general area variances for each of the proposed lots in the proposed project.

The project will require the following Area Variances to accommodate the proposed development. The following charts summarize the variances being requested for each proposed lot:

AREA AND BULK REQUIRMENTS						
Lot Number	Zoning District	Minimum lot size (SF)	Minimum Average Width (FT)	Max Principle Building Coverage (%)	Minimum Yard Setback (FT)	
					Each Side	Total Side
1	Proposed	2,640	30	34.2	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,960	30	4.2	8	20
2	Proposed	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,840	40	21.4	8	20
3	Proposed	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,840	40	21.4	8	20
4	Proposed	2,640	30	34.2	0,10	10
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,960	30	4.2	8	10
5	Proposed	2,640	30	34.2	0,10	10
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,960	30	4.2	8	10
6	Proposed	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,840	40	21.4	8	10
7	Proposed	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,840	40	21.4	8	20
8	Proposed	2,640	30	34.2	0,10	10
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,960	30	4.2	8	10
9	Proposed	2,640	30	34.2	0	10
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,960	30	4.2	8	10
10	Proposed	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,840	40	21.4	8	20
11	Proposed	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
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AREA AND BULK REQUIRMENTS						
Lot Number	Zoning District	Minimum lot size (SF)	Minimum Average Width (FT)	Max Principle Building Coverage (%)	Minimum Yard Setback (FT)	
					Each Side	Total Side
12	Proposed	2,611	30	34.5	0,10	10
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,989	30	4.5	8	10
13	Proposed	2,635	31	33.2	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,965	29	33.2	8	20
14	Proposed	1,702	20	50.9	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,898	40	20.9	8	20
15	Proposed	1,704	20	51.3	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,896	40	21.3	8	20
16	Proposed	2,603	31	33.6	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,997	29	3.6	8	20
17	Proposed	2,611	31	34	0,10	10
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,989	29	4	8	10
18	Proposed	1,713	20	51.3	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,887	40	21.3	8	20
19	Proposed	1,716	20	51.8	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,884	40	21.8	8	20
20	Proposed	2,994	36	29.7	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,606	24	0.7	8	20
21	Proposed	2,833	35	30.9	0	0
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	3,767	25	0.9	8	20
22	Proposed	2,576	31	33.7	0,11	11
	UR-2	6,600	60	30	8	20
	Requested Relief	4,024	29	3.7	8	9

**CONCLUSION**

It is our respectful opinion that the Ballston Ave Subdivision project and the proposed Area Variances will not create an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or have any adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood district. The applicant and the applicants engineer look forward to working with the City of Saratoga Springs to advance this residential subdivision project.

## **Examples of Proposed Buildings**

ATTACHMENT TO AREA VARIANCE APPLICATION

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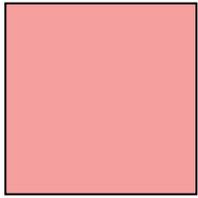
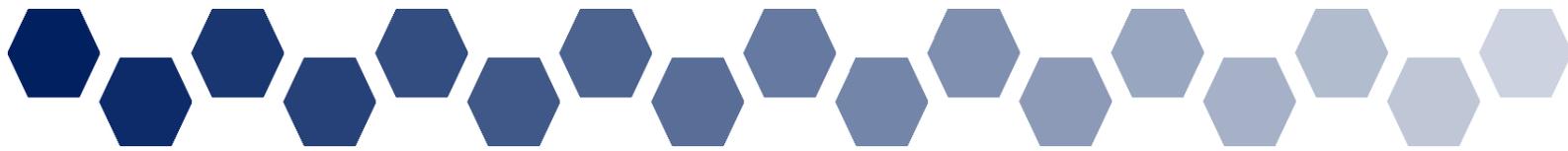




## **City of Saratoga Springs Complementary Core**

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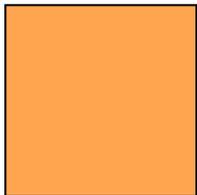


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The Complementary Core designation consists of areas of commercial uses of moderate to high intensity interspersed with higher density residential uses. This area is intended to be pedestrian-oriented with multi-modal transportation options and is a complementary, yet slightly less dense, extension of the Downtown Core. These areas represent a mix of freestanding offices, commercial uses, or clusters of businesses meeting the day-to-day needs of residents. The character of the Complementary Core areas is reflective of an urban environment with buildings near the street, parking to the rear or side, and streetscape elements such as sidewalks, and ample room for street trees.

The Complementary Core designation offers opportunities for infill and new development that continues to support the Downtown Core. Freestanding commercial structures as well as mixed-use, multi-story buildings with residential uses above the commercial uses would both be appropriate in this designation.

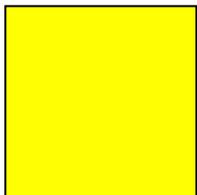


**Community Mixed Use (CMU)**

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The Community Mixed Use designation includes areas of moderate density residential and community-supported commercial uses. These areas are characterized by mixed use neighborhoods that are walkable and connected to adjacent residential neighborhoods. Each area includes a variety of neighborhood-scale businesses and services that meets the needs of the surrounding community.

While the character of each Community Mixed Use areas may vary, all areas are intended to be pedestrian-oriented with an attractive streetscape, along with amenities such as small parks and plazas. In some areas, identity is already well established through architecture and streetscape while in others, identity will be shaped by future planning decisions.



**Core Residential Neighborhood-1 (CRN-1)**

**Core Residential Neighborhood-2 (CRN-2)**

**Core Residential Neighborhood-3 (CRN-3)**

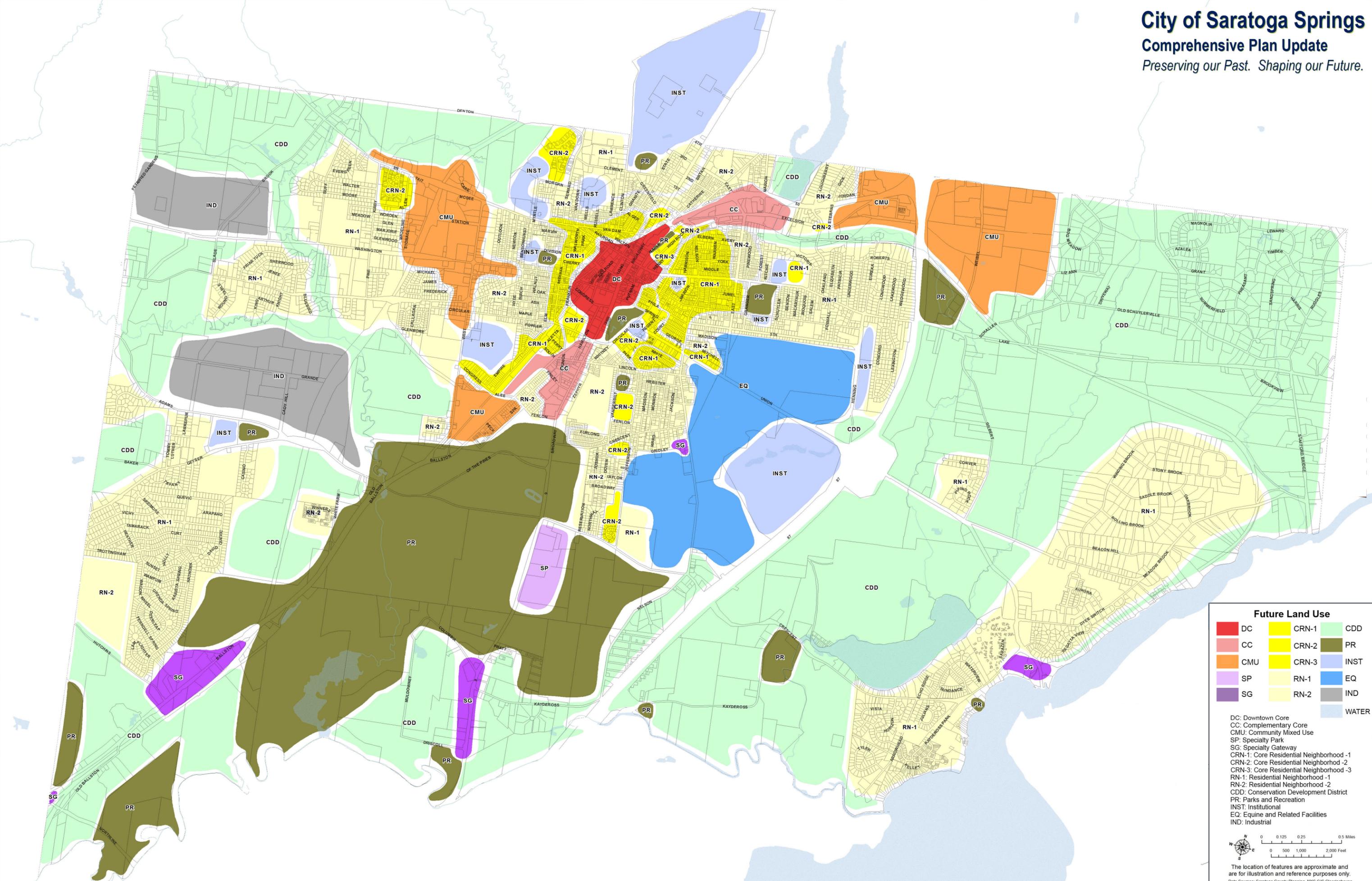
**Core Residential Neighborhood-1 (CRN-1), Core Residential Neighborhood-2 (CRN-2), and Core Residential Neighborhood-3 (CRN-3)**

The Core Residential Neighborhood-1, -2, and -3 designations provide a transition from the Downtown Core and Complementary Core to the predominantly residential neighborhood areas and represent the historic residential village. These areas are primarily residential in use, with single and two-family homes allowed in all three CRN designations, while multi-family uses are allowed only in the CRN-2 and CRN-3 areas. The Core neighborhoods reflect Saratoga’s quintessential residential character and charm through unique architecture, historic elements, front porches, sidewalks, and tree-lined streets.

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## Comprehensive Plan Update

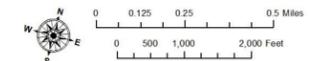
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**Future Land Use**

DC	CRN-1	CDD
CC	CRN-2	PR
CMU	CRN-3	INST
SP	RN-1	EQ
SG	RN-2	IND
		WATER

DC: Downtown Core  
CC: Complementary Core  
CMU: Community Mixed Use  
SP: Specialty Park  
SG: Specialty Gateway  
CRN-1: Core Residential Neighborhood -1  
CRN-2: Core Residential Neighborhood -2  
CRN-3: Core Residential Neighborhood -3  
RN-1: Residential Neighborhood -1  
RN-2: Residential Neighborhood -2  
CDD: Conservation Development District  
PR: Parks and Recreation  
INST: Institutional  
EQ: Equine and Related Facilities  
IND: Industrial

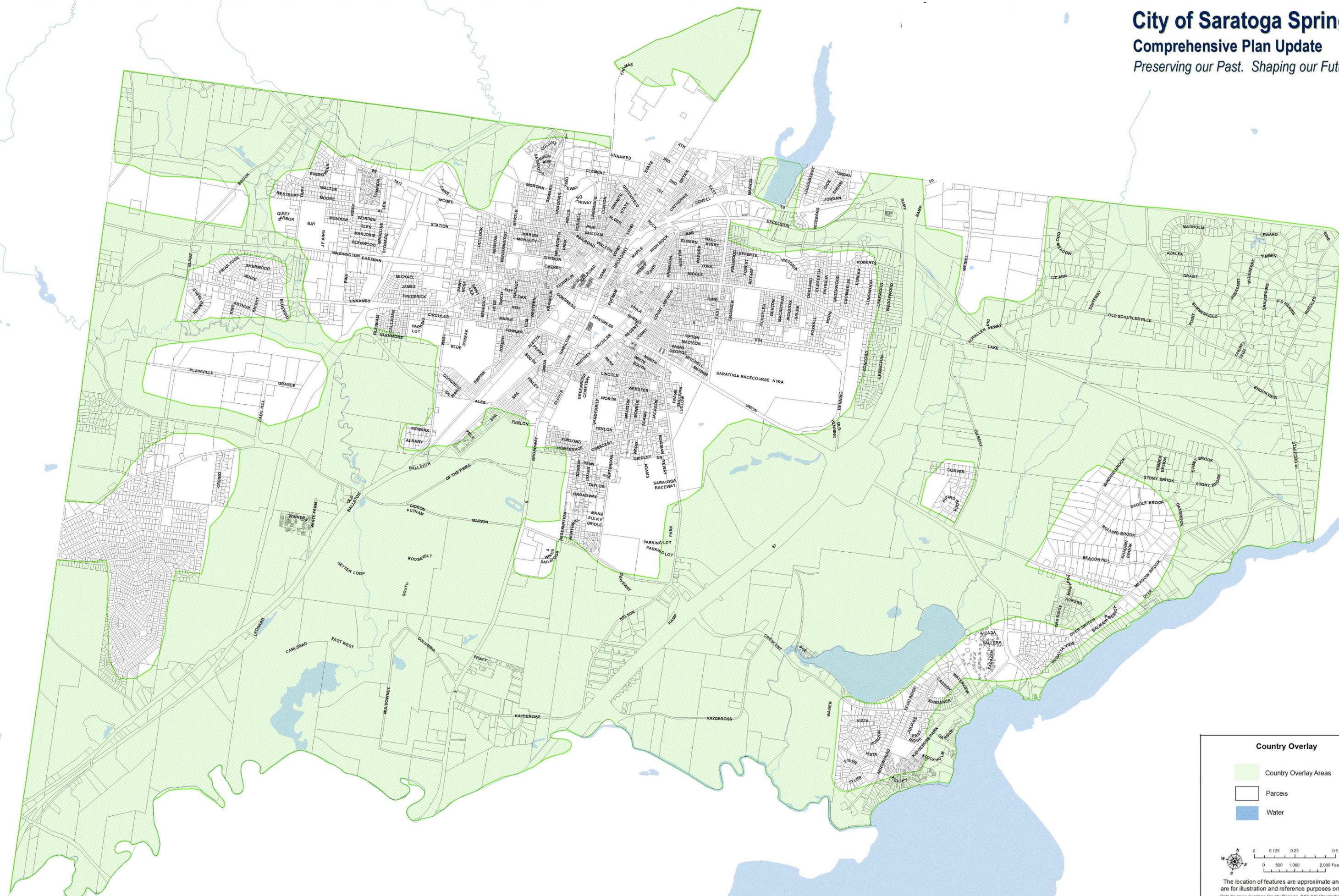


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# City of Saratoga Springs

## Comprehensive Plan Update

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**Country Overlay**

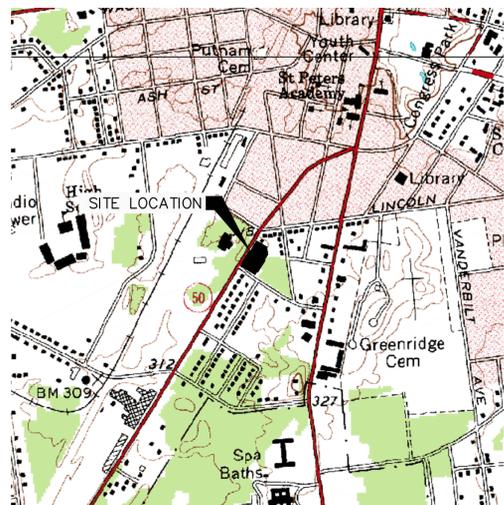
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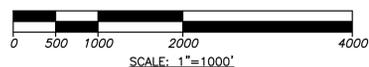
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Map: Leland Barrows, 2011

# BALLSTON AVE SUBDIVISION

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK



SITE LOCATION MAP



**SITE STATISTICS:**

ZONING - URBAN RESIDENTIAL-2 (UR-2)

TOTAL PARCEL SIZE - 1.36 ± AC.

NUMBER OF PROPOSED LOTS - 22 LOTS  
 (5) 4-UNIT TOWNHOUSES - 20 LOTS  
 (1) 2-UNIT TOWNHOUSES - 2 LOTS

**AREA AND BULK REQUIREMENTS**

MIN LOT SIZE = 6,600 SF  
 MIN AVG WIDTH = 60 FT

MAX BUILDING COVERAGE: PRINCIPLE = 30%  
 ACCESSORY = 10%

MINIMUM SET BACKS:  
 FRONT = 10 FT  
 REAR = 25 FT  
 EACH SIDE = 8 FT  
 TOTAL SIDE = 20 FT

MINIMUM 1ST FLOOR AREA:  
 1 STORY = 900 SF  
 2 STORY = 700 SF

MAX BUILDING HEIGHT = 60 FT

MINIMUM % TO REMAIN PERMEABLE = 25%

**PARKING SUMMARY**

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS REQUIREMENTS:  
 RESIDENCES (UR-2) = 2 SPACES PER UNIT

REQUIRED = (2 SPACES PER UNIT) X (1 UNIT PER LOT) = 2 SPACES PER LOT

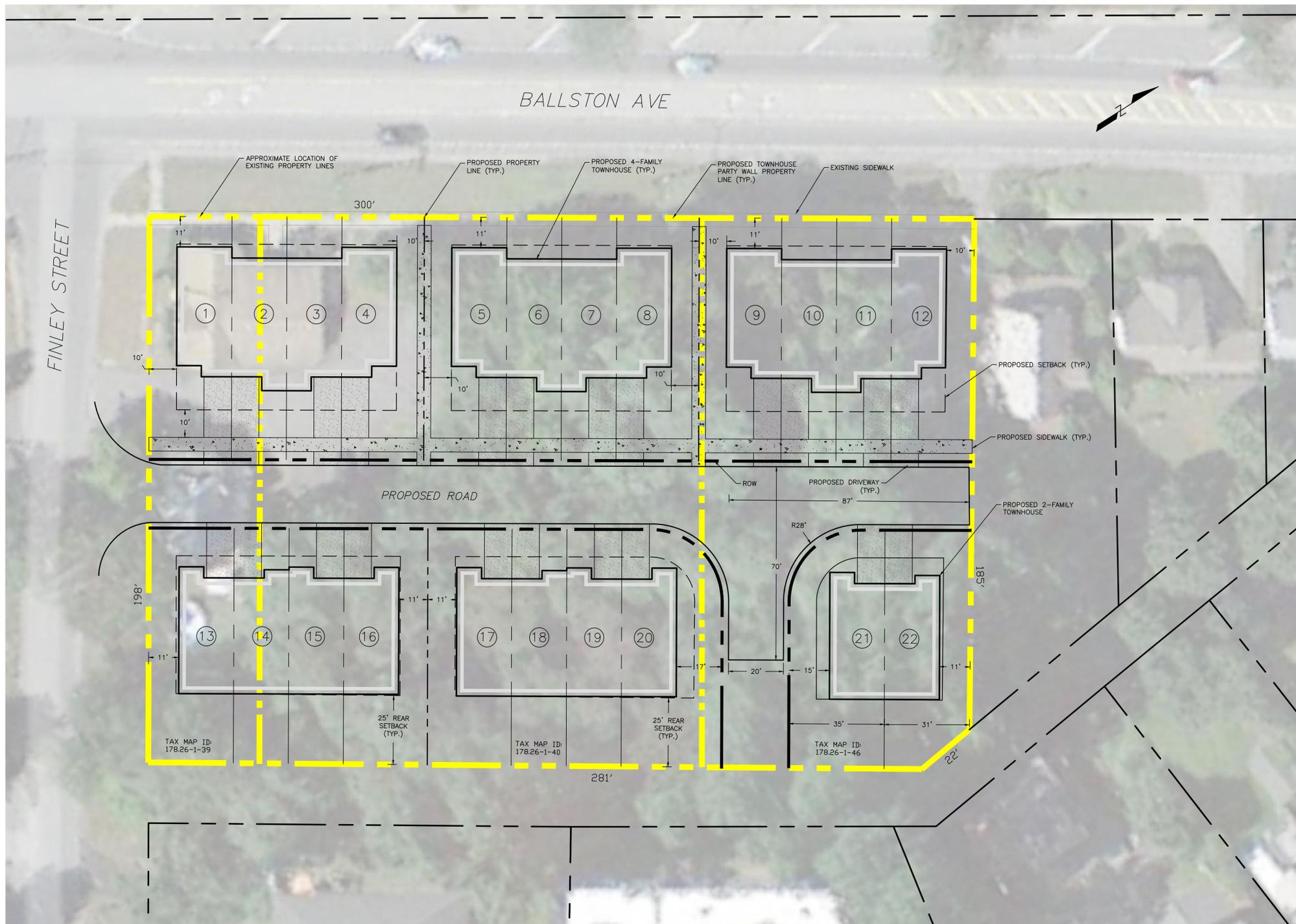
PROVIDED = 2 SPACES PER LOT, 1 SPACE PROVIDED WITHIN ENCLOSED GARAGE AND 1 SPACE PROVIDED IN EACH DRIVEWAY.

**NOTES**

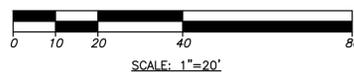
1) THE PROPOSED ROAD SHALL BE DEDICATED TO THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS.

LOT NUMBER	ZONING DISTRICT	MIN LOT SIZE (SQ FT)	MIN AVG WIDTH (FT)	MAX PRINCIPLE BUILDING COVERAGE (%)	MINIMUM YARD SETBACK (FT) EACH SIDE	MINIMUM YARD SETBACK (FT) TOTAL SIDE
1	PROPOSED	2,640	30	34.2	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
2	PROPOSED	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
3	PROPOSED	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
4	PROPOSED	2,640	30	34.2	0,10	10
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
5	PROPOSED	2,640	30	34.2	0,10	10
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
6	PROPOSED	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
7	PROPOSED	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
8	PROPOSED	2,640	30	34.2	0,10	10
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
9	PROPOSED	2,640	30	34.2	0,10	10
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
10	PROPOSED	1,760	20	51.4	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
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12	PROPOSED	2,611	30	34.5	0,10	10
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
13	PROPOSED	2,635	31	33.2	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
14	PROPOSED	1,702	20	50.9	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
15	PROPOSED	1,704	20	51.3	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
16	PROPOSED	2,603	31	33.6	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
17	PROPOSED	2,611	31	34	0,10	10
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
18	PROPOSED	1,713	20	51.3	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
19	PROPOSED	1,716	20	51.8	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
20	PROPOSED	2,994	36	29.7	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
21	PROPOSED	2,833	35	30.9	0	0
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20
22	PROPOSED	2,576	31	33.7	0,11	11
	UR-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL	6,600	60	30	8	20



CONCEPT PLAN



UNAUTHORIZED ADDITION TO THIS PLAN IS A VIOLATION OF THE NYS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING LAW. LANSING ENGINEERING, P.C.

BALLSTON AVE SUBDIVISION  
 CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK



CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT PLAN

PROJ. NO: 753.00  
 SCALE: AS SHOWN  
 DATE: 05/25/16  
 CLP-1  
 SHEET 1 OF 1

**Previous Use Variance  
Granted by the Supreme Court**

ATTACHMENT TO AREA VARIANCE APPLICATION

05/25/16

STATE OF NEW YORK

SUPREME COURT

COUNTY OF SARATOGA

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RALPH SIANO and JANE SIANO,

Petitioners.

**DECISION, ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

**RJI No. 45-1-2005-1545**

**Index No. 2005-2771**

-against-

THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS,

Respondent.

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**PRESENT: HON. THOMAS D. NOLAN, JR.**  
**Supreme Court Justice**

**APPEARANCES: GINLEY & GOTTMAN, P.C.**  
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ANTHONY J. IZZO  
Assistant City Attorney  
Attorney for Respondent  
474 Broadway  
City Hall, Room 9  
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

In this proceeding under Article 78 of the CPLR, petitioners challenge the decision of respondent, Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Saratoga Springs (hereinafter Zoning Board) denying their application for a use variance, which, if granted, would allow petitioners' contract vendees to convert 96 Ballston Avenue from a single-family residence to a law office.

In 1993, petitioners and a partner purchased for \$15,000.00 at a foreclosure sale the subject property which, by all accounts, was a neglected 2,800 square foot single-family

residence. After buying out their partner's one-half interest for \$20,000.00,<sup>1</sup> petitioners invested another \$175,000.00 plus their labor over the next two years to completely renovate the structure to make it suitable for their home. During the construction phase, an existing strip mall then located across Ballston Avenue underwent an expansion consisting of a supermarket and large parking lot directly across from the residence. In 1996, petitioners began renting the property first to families and later, as traffic and safety issues made the residence less attractive to families with children, to college students and to military personnel temporarily stationed in the Saratoga area. In 2002, petitioners decided to sell the property. Between 2002 and 2005, they listed it with three realtors at prices varying from \$259,000.00 to \$289,000.00.<sup>2</sup> According to petitioner and their realtors, the property was shown to 40 to 50 prospective purchasers. Only three purchase offers, all contingent on a zoning change to allow a commercial use, were made. The latest offer, from a law firm, is for \$250,000.00. It is this offer that precipitated this proceeding before the Zoning Board.

The City's building inspector's denial of petitioners' application for a use variance was appealed to the Zoning Board. On October 17, 2005, a public hearing was held. Petitioners offered their own testimony and that of their realtor, Daniel Gaba, photographs of the neighborhood and neighboring properties, a financial analysis detailing income and expenses of the property from 2000 to 2005, a sketch plan of the site, a petition signed by neighbors who did not object to the use change, and an opinion from an appraiser that the property's location rendered it unappealing to residential buyers. At the hearing, no appearance or evidence was

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<sup>1</sup>According to plaintiffs, the property, at market value, was then worth \$40,000.00.

<sup>2</sup>The 2005 assessment was \$262,000.00.

offered in opposition. Petitioners' evidence disclosed that the Ballston Avenue corridor is an area with residential and commercial uses. Petitioner's property is bordered to the immediate south by a professional office (for which a use variance was granted); to the immediate east by a group residence for the developmentally challenged; to the north, one lot away, by a single-family residence housing a realtor's office; and to the west, on the opposite side of Ballston Avenue, by a strip mall housing numerous businesses ranging from a bank to a tavern to a free standing Price Chopper grocery store directly opposite petitioners' property. Petitioners' proof further established that their residence and their lot are considerably larger than most existing single-family residences and lots in the neighborhood.

During the October 24, 2005 meeting of the Zoning Board, a resolution proposing to grant the variance was made and seconded but voted down with five of the Zoning Board's seven members voting "no". The resolution's failure, constituting a denial of the appeal, prompted this proceeding wherein petitioners contend that the denial was unsupported by substantial evidence, arbitrary and capricious, and an abuse of discretion. Petitioners offer that they have proved the requisite elements to establish that the existing zoning classification causes them unnecessary hardship and are thus entitled to a use variance.<sup>3</sup> In its answer, the Zoning Board contends that its denial was properly, lawfully, and rationally made and therefore not arbitrary and capricious and was supported by evidence in the record.

A zoning board must make appropriate factual findings upon which its decision is based

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<sup>3</sup>On December 19, 2005, after this proceeding was commenced, the Zoning Board adopted a resolution formally denying petitioners' application. Subsequently, petitioners and respondent Zoning Board stipulated that this subsequent resolution be "not part of the record, and that the Court shall not consider it in making its decision" and requested that the stipulation be "so ordered" and the court honored that joint request.

to facilitate proper and reasoned judicial review of its decision, Matter of Syracuse Aggregate Corp. v Weise, 5 NY2d 278, 283 - 284 (1980), and if it does not, the court may remit the matter to “make findings that correlate the evidence in the record to the standards governing the issuance of a use variance and indicate what evidence it acted upon in reaching its determination”. Matter of Androme Leather Corp. v City of Gloversville, 1 AD3d 654, 655 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept 2003), lv denied 1 NY3d 507 (2004). Yet, remand is not mandatory, and the merits of a proceeding may properly be reached provided the factual underpinnings for the decision are present elsewhere in the administrative record. Matter of Fisher v Makowitz, 166 AD2d 444 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dept 1990); Matter of Concerned Citizens Against Crossgates v Town of Guilderland Zoning Bd. of Appeals, 91 AD2d 763 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept 1982). In this case, both petitioners and the Zoning Board advocate against remand and urge that the court search the record, namely the written minutes and the DVD recordings of the two meetings of the Zoning Board. Since parties are free to chart their own course in litigation, unless public policy is affronted, CPLR 2104, Mitchell v New York Hosp., 61 NY2d 208, 214 (1984); Rich v Rich, 282 AD2d 952 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept 2001), including “fashion[ing] the basis upon which a particular controversy will be resolved, Cullen v Naples, 31 NY2d 818, 820 (1972), and even though the factual underpinnings for the Zoning Board’s decision are not included within its formal denial resolution, but are disclosed elsewhere in the record, the merits may be reached.

Now the substance of the challenge. “Zoning boards relieve the pressures created by imperfect land use controls and help interpret variance ordinances as ‘safety valve[s]’ for the zoning system, which enables the board to do substantial justice between the owner who wishes to improve [or to change the use of] his property and the owners of nearby property that will be

affected by the building to be erected' or improved [or by the change of use]." Matter of Center Square Assn. v City of Albany Bd. of Zoning Appeals, 19 AD3d 968, 970 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept 2005); quoting in part Matter of Cobb v Board of Appeals of City of Buffalo, 128 Misc 67, (Sup Ct, Erie County, 1926). "Zoning boards are afforded considerable discretion and their determinations are generally not disturbed if they have a rational basis and are supported by substantial evidence." Matter of Androme Leather Corp. v City of Gloversville, *supra*, at 656. General City Law § 81-b (3) (b) establishes the criteria which a city zoning board must apply to use variance applications. An applicant for a use variance has the burden to show that the zoning ordinance's restrictions are causing unnecessary hardship by establishing four elements: (1) that the property cannot yield a reasonable return when used for a permitted purpose; (2) that the hardship results from unique characteristics of the property; (3) that the proposed use will not alter the essential nature of the neighborhood; and (4) that the hardship was not self created. Matter of Diana v City of Amsterdam Zoning Bd. of Appeals, 243 AD2d 939 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dept 1997).

This extensive and well-developed record demonstrates that petitioners are entitled to a use variance for a law office. The Zoning Board's denial simply was not based upon a reasoned consideration of or supported by the evidence in the record.

The first element, that petitioners have been unable to generate a reasonable return on their property as a single-family rental unit, was convincingly proved by "dollars and cents" evidence. Petitioners adequately demonstrated that a consistent or long term rental of this property as a residence at a rent sufficient to meet all expenses and produce a reasonable profit was made impossible by the heavy traffic upon this main gateway street into the City of Saratoga Springs and by the lights and noise and activity generated by a 24 hour, supermarket directly

across the street. Thus petitioners, by necessity, were forced to rent to short term tenants by virtue of the location's drawbacks. Petitioners' economic proof conclusively established that the rentals were not yielding a reasonable return on petitioners' investment. The Zoning Board's dismissive observation that petitioners should not have made an investment of that magnitude supports a conclusion that it closed its eyes to the detailed financial analysis before it.

Moreover, there was overwhelming proof that petitioners made honest and extended efforts to sell the property as a single-family residence at a reasonable price, but those efforts, over three years, attracted not one buyer interested in the property for residential use. According to the petitioners and realtor, Gaba, who had handled the listing for two years, no one to whom the property was shown was interested in it as a single-family residence, and all the showings were to persons interested in it as an office or other business. The property was listed for sale at a price reasonably close to its assessed valuation and did not sell during a time when properties throughout the City were selling rapidly and significantly above their assessed values. The Zoning Board's other dismissive observation that petitioners could always lower their asking price supports a conclusion that it did not give reasoned consideration to the element of reasonable return and to the petitioners' evidence on that element.

The second element, a hardship unique to this property, rather than of general application to the neighborhood, was also clearly proven. Here, petitioners have a large structure on a large double lot with road frontage of 100 feet, dimensions larger than those of most of the smaller residential family units on Ballston Avenue. Once again, this property is directly bordered on two sides, the south and east, by commercial/business uses and is opposite a strip mall and a Price Chopper supermarket.

The third element, neighborhood impact, was also demonstrated. The neighborhood will not be adversely affected or its essential nature changed or altered by a law office. The lot will adequately and safely accommodate all parking needs of the proposed law office use. This property is nearly surrounded by commercial enterprises. Even the owner of the residential property located immediately adjacent to the north does not oppose the application. This section of Ballston Avenue is permeated with commercial and business uses more intense than a law office. The record evidence establishes that a use variance was granted several years ago to allow a similar professional office use on the property immediately to the south of this property. Petitioners ought not take the brunt of the Zoning Board's desire, expressed in this record, that the City Council consider rezoning the Ballston Avenue corridor to allow business and commercial uses as a matter of right.

The last element, self-created hardship, was also satisfied. On the one hand, when petitioners acquired the property, they knew that it was zoned for residential use, and indeed, have abided by that limitation for over 10 years. On the other, since their acquisition, the commercial uses in the neighborhood have intensified, particularly directly across the street. These post-acquisition changes have further eroded the attractiveness or suitability of this property for residential use. The character of the neighborhood, although mixed to some degree when petitioners purchased the property, has become more commercial as the result of development by others, not petitioners. None of these post acquisition developments was self-imposed.

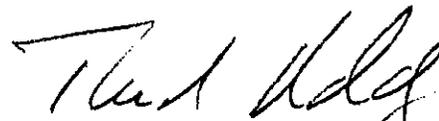
In sum, the record, when viewed in total, demonstrates undue hardship warranting a use variance. The petition is granted and the denial of petitioners' application is vacated. Since the

record fails to demonstrate any reason why the application should be remanded to the Zoning Board for further proceedings, petitioners are entitled to judgment granting their application for a use variance to permit a law office at 96 Ballston Avenue.

This memorandum shall constitute the decision, order and judgment of the court. All papers, including this decision, order and judgment, are being returned to petitioners' counsel. The signing of this decision, order and judgment shall not constitute entry or filing under CPLR 2220. Counsel is not relieved from the applicable provisions of that section relating to filing, entry and notice of entry.

So Ordered and Adjudged.

DATED: June 13, 2006  
Ballston Spa, New York



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HON. THOMAS D. NOLAN, JR.  
Supreme Court Justice

State of New York  
Supreme Court, Appellate Division  
Third Judicial Department

Decided and Entered: June 7, 2007

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In the Matter of RALPH SIANO  
et al.,

Respondents,

v

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS,  
Appellant.

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Calendar Date: April 25, 2007

Before: Crew III, J.P., Spain, Mugglin, Lahtinen and Kane, JJ.

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Michael Englert, City Attorney, Saratoga Springs (Anthony J. Izzo of counsel), for appellant.

Ginley & Gottmann, P.C., Saratoga Springs (Steven H. Gottmann of counsel), for respondents.

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Appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court (Nolan Jr., J.), entered June 20, 2006 in Saratoga County, which granted petitioners' application, in a proceeding pursuant to CPLR article 78, to annul a determination of respondent denying petitioners' request for a use variance.

Judgment affirmed, upon the opinion of Justice Thomas E. Nolan Jr.

Crew III, J.P., Spain, Mugglin, Lahtinen and Kane, JJ.,  
concur.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed, with costs.

ENTER:

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Michael J. Novack  
Clerk of the Court

## **Previous Approved Variances**

ATTACHMENT TO AREA VARIANCE APPLICATION

05/25/16





# CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

## DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

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### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

In the matter of the request for administrative action relating to application

#2007.103  
Ginley & Gottman  
96 Ballston Ave  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

to: approve final details including the front porch and ramp as shown on the drawings submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals on 12/10/07 and the Planning Board on 12/12/07.

the Chairperson of the Design Review Commission finds that, in accordance with Section 8.3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Design Review Commission, the requested action is not substantive in nature and is not contrary to the intent of the original Commission decision. Therefore, the request for administrative action, as described above, is approved.

The Chair shall report the result of this action at the Design Review Commission on January 27, 2008.

12/14/07  
Date

Patrick V Kane  
Chair

cc: Michael Biffer, Building Inspector  
File

**Ballston Ave Subdivision  
Site Photos**

ATTACHMENT TO AREA VARIANCE APPLICATION

05/25/16



116 Ballston Ave (Facing North - Front)



96 Ballston Ave (Facing South - Front)



Vacant Lot (Front)



96 Ballston Ave (Front)



116 Ballston Ave (Front)



116 Ballston Ave (Facing East on Finley Street)



116 Ballston Ave (facing West on Finley Street)



FEES: Make checks payable to the "Commissioner of Finance". Fees are cumulative and required for each request below.

- Interpretation \$ 400
- Use variance \$1,000
- Area variance
- Residential use/property: \$ 150
- Non-residential use/property: \$ 500
- Extensions: \$ 150

**INTERPRETATION – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING** (add additional information as necessary):

1. Identify the section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance for which you are seeking an interpretation:

Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you request that this section be interpreted? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. If interpretation is denied, do you wish to request alternative zoning relief? Yes No

4. If the answer to #3 is "yes," what alternative relief do you request?  Use Variance  Area Variance

**EXTENSION OF A VARIANCE – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING** (add additional information as necessary):

1. Date original variance was granted: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Type of variance granted?  Use  Area

3. Date original variance expired: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Explain why the extension is necessary. Why wasn't the original timeframe sufficient?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

When requesting an extension of time for an existing variance, the applicant must prove that the circumstances upon which the original variance was granted have not changed. Specifically demonstrate that there have been no significant changes on the site, in the neighborhood, or within the circumstances upon which the original variance was granted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**USE VARIANCE – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING** (add additional information as necessary):

A use variance is requested to permit the following: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Zoning Board to grant a request for a use variance, an applicant must prove that the zoning regulations create an unnecessary hardship in relation to that property. In seeking a use variance, New York State law requires an applicant to prove all four of the following “tests”.

- I. That the applicant cannot realize a reasonable financial return on initial investment for any currently permitted use on the property. “Dollars & cents” proof must be submitted as evidence. The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return for the following reasons:

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A. Submit the following financial evidence relating to this property (attach additional evidence as needed):

1) Date of purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2) Indicate dates and costs of any improvements made to property after purchase:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3) Annual maintenance expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Annual taxes: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5) Annual income generated from property: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6) City assessed value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Equalization rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Market Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7) Appraised Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Appraiser: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Appraisal Assumptions: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Has property been listed for sale with the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)?  Yes If "yes", for how long? \_\_\_\_\_  No

1) Original listing date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Original listing price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If listing price was reduced, describe when and to what extent: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) Has the property been advertised in the newspapers or other publications?  Yes  No

If yes, describe frequency and name of publications: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) Has the property had a "For Sale" sign posted on it?  Yes  No

If yes, list dates when sign was posted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) How many times has the property been shown and with what results? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. That the financial hardship relating to this property is unique and does not apply to a substantial portion of the neighborhood. Difficulties shared with numerous other properties in the same neighborhood or district would not satisfy this requirement. This previously identified financial hardship is unique for the following reasons:

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**AREA VARIANCE – PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING** (add additional information as necessary):

UR-2 Area & Bulk Schedule  
Requirements

The applicant requests relief from the following Zoning Ordinance article(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensional Requirements

From

To

See the attached project narrative for the requested variances for each individual lot.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To grant an area variance, the ZBA must balance the benefits to the applicant and the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community, taking into consideration the following:

- 1. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by other feasible means. Identify what alternatives to the variance have been explored (alternative designs, attempts to purchase land, etc.) and why they are not feasible.

Alternative designs have been considered by the applicants to create a development for the parcel that is both appropriate to the neighborhood and marketable to the community. The existing 6,600 SF lot area requirements and associated residential density is not compatible with the NYS 50 corridor and the existing commercial uses immediately across the street and along the corridor. It is our opinion that the proposed variances allow flexibility to provide a more appropriate density that is compatible with the existing adjacent uses and provides an appropriate transition to the existing residential uses set back from the Route 50 corridor. The proposed plan also complies the 2015 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City Council on 6/16/2015 under the Complementary Core (i.e. T4) designation, but it is being submitted under the UR-2 zoning designation. See Project Narrative Introduction for further details.

- 2. Whether granting the variance will produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. Granting the variance will not create a detriment to nearby properties or an undesirable change in the neighborhood character for the following reasons:

The proposed variances will not produce an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties. It is our opinion that the proposed variances allow flexibility to provide a more appropriate density that is compatible with the existing adjacent uses and provides an appropriate transition to the existing residential uses set back from the Route 50 corridor. The proposed plan also complies the 2015 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City Council on 6/16/2015 under the Complementary Core (i.e. T4) designation, but it is being submitted under the UR-2 zoning designation. See Project Narrative Introduction for further details.

3. Whether the variance is substantial. The requested variance is not substantial for the following reasons:

The proposed variances are not substantial. It is our opinion that the proposed variances allow flexibility to provide a more appropriate density that is compatible with the existing adjacent uses and provides an appropriate transition to the existing residential uses set back from the Route 50 corridor. The proposed plan also complies the 2015

Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City Council on 6/16/2015 under the Complementary Core (i.e. T4) designation, but it is being submitted under the UR-2 zoning designation. See Project Narrative Introduction for further details.

4. Whether the variance will have adverse physical or environmental effects on neighborhood or district. The requested variance will not have an adverse physical or environmental effect on the neighborhood or district for the following reasons:

The proposed variances will not have adverse physical or environmental effects on the neighborhood district. The project will be provided with public water and public sewer services to protect the environmental water quality and fire protection. Storm water runoff will be managed in accordance with all applicable regulations. Clearing will be limited and green space will maintained to

the greatest extent possible. It is our opinion that the proposed variances allow flexibility to provide a more appropriate density that is compatible with the existing adjacent uses and provides an appropriate transition to the existing residential uses set back from the Route 50 corridor. The proposed plan also complies the 2015 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City Council on 6/16/2015 under the Complementary Core (i.e. T4) designation, but it is being submitted under the UR-2 zoning designation. See Project

Narrative Introduction for further details.

5. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created (although this does not necessarily preclude the granting of an area variance). Explain whether the alleged difficulty was or was not self-created:

The proposed variance requests have been created to provide a more appropriate density that is compatible with the existing adjacent uses and provides an appropriate transition to the existing residential uses set back from the Route 50 corridor. The

proposed plan also parallels the various master plan updates and zone changes that are already approved and/or under consideration by the City of Saratoga Springs. The proposed plan also complies the 2015 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City Council on 6/16/2015 under the Complementary Core (i.e. T4) designation, but it is being submitted under the UR-2 zoning designation. See Project Narrative Introduction for further details.

DISCLOSURE

Does any City officer, employee, or family member thereof have a financial interest (as defined by General Municipal Law Section 809) in this application?  No  Yes If "yes", a statement disclosing the name, residence and nature and extent of this interest must be filed with this application.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I/we, the property owner(s), or purchaser(s)/lessee(s) under contract, of the land in question, hereby request an appearance before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

By the signature(s) attached hereto, I/we certify that the information provided within this application and accompanying documentation is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and accurate. I/we further understand that intentionally providing false or misleading information is grounds for immediate denial of this application.

Furthermore, I/we hereby authorize the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and designated City staff to enter the property associated with this application for purposes of conducting any necessary site inspections relating to this appeal.

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(applicant signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(applicant signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is not the currently the owner of the property, the current owner must also sign.

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

