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August 3, 2009

Mr. Keith Hanchett, Chairman  
**Town of Lake George Planning Board**  
Old Post Road  
Lake George, NY 12845

Re: Ahmed – Route 9N (264.15-1-18)  
Site Plan Application #17-2009

Dear Mr. Hanchett:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the information submitted for the above referenced site plan application. The Waterkeeper supports the applicant's recognition of water quality and for taking the initiative to implement stormwater management for the redevelopment project despite the Town's stance none would be required. We also support the applicant's proposal for the use of an oil-water separator for additional treatment of stormwater runoff.

The Lake George Waterkeeper offers the following comments regarding the application:

**1. Grading information should be provided for the proposed stormwater basin.**

The stormwater basin behind the building is sized to be 3,000 cf and based on the scaled dimensions of 70 feet long by 10 feet wide, would require an average depth of 4.25 feet. It is unclear how the site will be graded to accomplish this with the existing topographic conditions and proximity to the building.

**2. The Waterkeeper would recommend the installation of a grass swale along the rear of the building prior to discharge to the proposed basin.**

A grass swale would improve sediment and pollutant removal of runoff prior to the basin which would improve treatment efficiency, prevent clogging and reduce construction cost.

**3. The Waterkeeper would recommend some plantings and amended soils in the stormwater basin to incorporate aspects of a rain garden to promote infiltration and treatment.**

**4. The Waterkeeper would suggest the use of the landscaping island separating the access drives to be utilized as a stormwater management tool to further reduce runoff.**

A curb cut could be provided during the site improvements to direct runoff into the proposed planted island which would act as a bioretention basin/rain garden.



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Thank you for the consideration. The Lake George Waterkeeper looks forward to continuing to work with the Town of Lake George Planning Board in defending the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Navitsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Navitsky, PE  
Lake George Waterkeeper

cc: Michael White – Lake George Park Commission  
Brian Grisi – Adirondack Park Agency