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July 21, 2008

Mr. Chris Hunsinger, Chairman
Town of Queensbury Planning Board
742 Bay Road
Queensbury, NY 12804

Re: Paulsen – Pickle Hill Road (266.3-1-38)
Site Plan 29-2007

Dear Mr. Hunsinger:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the submission material regarding the above referenced site plan application and would like to offer the following items for consideration by the Board:

STORMWATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

1. Soil investigations for the on-site wastewater treatment systems indicated seasonal high groundwater ranging from 38" to 52". The base of the proposed drywells will be 6' deep – 1' of cover, 4' deep and 1' of crushed stone. It appears these structures may be into the seasonal high groundwater. Soil investigations should be provided to determine the adequacy of the soils for stormwater management and treatment.
2. The Lake George Waterkeeper would recommend the use of bioretention (rain gardens) for stormwater management. This would include the use of amended soils as well as native plantings. This would eliminate the potential inability to provide adequate separation from seasonal high groundwater.
3. The plans indicate all clearing has been performed with little or no additional clearing required. It would seem this area was previously disturbed, possibly for timber harvesting, without any consideration of stormwater management. To maximize stormwater management and treatment, the existing conditions should be undisturbed woods conditions instead of the grass conditions utilized.
4. Will there be some consideration for stabilization of the proposed driveway swales. Erosion is evident on the existing logging road and protection measures should be incorporated.

Thank you for your consideration. The Lake George Waterkeeper looks forward to working with the Town of Queensbury 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: Brian Grisi – Adirondack Park Agency
Michael White – Lake George Park Commission