



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

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June 14, 2019

Stephen J. Feeney
Chairman Town Planning Board
Town of Guilderland
5209 Western Turnpike
Guilderland, NY 12084
(via email)

Re: SEQRA/DEC
Rapp Road Development, LLC/New Apartment Complex/Townhomes
Rapp Road, Guilderland, Albany County
19PR01578

Dear Chairman Feeney:

Our office is in receipt of the revise site plan for this project, dated March 19, 2019. The updated plan depicts the closure of a portion of Rapp Road between Gipp Road the proposed development's north access drive as part of the new design.

After reviewing this plan and speaking with historic district community members, our office found that the option of a road closure was a significant and positive step to protect the historic district from increasing traffic. We do understand that there are several variations of this plan being evaluated that would include consideration of impacts to residents of both Gipp Road and Pine Lane. We also note that the section of Rapp Road between Gipp Road and Pine Lane are within the boundary of the City of Albany.

Please be aware that our office would consider any proposal that will close Rapp Road south of Pine Lane to have a significant beneficial impact on the historic district.

If I can be of any further assistance, I can be reached at john.bonafide@parks.ny.gov or (518) 268-2166.

Sincerely,

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Director,
Technical Preservation Services Bureau
Agency Historic Preservation Officer

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