

May 22, 2020

Town of Forestburgh Planning Board  
332 King Road  
Forestburgh, NY 12777

RE: Forestburgh Pond Residential Subdivision,  
NYS Route 42 and Hartwood Road, Town of Forestburgh  
SBL No. 30-2-6.2  
Planning document referenced: "Forestburgh-Pond-Revised-Plans-04\_08\_2020-site.pdf"  
By Applicant/Developer: NEW YORK LAND AND LAKES  
155 MAIN STREET, SUITE D  
ONEONTA, NEW YORK 13820

Dear Chairperson Richard Robbins and fellow Planning Board members,

By way of introduction, I DAVID LICHT and DORIS VILA LICHT my wife own about 2 acres of land situated near the beginning of the proposed subdivision plans (34 Stag Forest Road or ref B on existing planning documents). We purchased this property in 2014 and for over 5 years have been law-abiding, tax-paying members of the Forestburgh community.

You may remember that we paid a visit to a Board meeting in fall 2019 to hear more about the subdivision laws that were in the process of being amended by the Board. There wasn't a full discussion about the 'plans' at that meeting, but I stood up to say that it was certain that a development like this would have negative impacts on the current environment we grew to love and in fact was the reason we bought a home here.

I have read through the proposal and documents for the project and feel there are some serious omissions. I don't see an EIS proposal for aquifer use and possible depletion and impact on the current owners. I also don't see adequate discussion or an EIS for the effect of the additional waste water entering the ground, except that it will be handled on the site of each unit.

References to noise and emissions during the construction are grossly underestimated. Clearly the developers have not lived here. Also it is stated that the waste water and construction debris and rubble will be handled on site. There is no mention of how that will be accomplished.

The 'plan' also says there is no significant animal life in the the area. This is absurd! We routinely see all kinds of animals. Deer, bear, birds, fisher, coyote, bobcat, groundhogs, gophers, wild turkey and eagles to mention a few.

Additionally we agree wholeheartedly with Jennifer Langusch who lives at 68 Stag Forest Rd. Her discussion of the overcrowding and additional traffic on new roads is especially succinct.

We hope you will consider our words and reactions to the 'plan.' Please put in place tighter restrictions that will preserve this beautiful area!

Sincerely,  
David and Doris LICHT  
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