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August 19, 2008

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

Re: LaForte – 2609 Route 9L (240.5-1-33)  
Site Plan 14-2007

Dear Mr. Hunsinger:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the submission material regarding the above referenced site plan application. It is troubling the “proposed” disturbance has already occurred at the site, which exhibits standing water and ledge rock existing, without any potential for discussion or plan modification. The Lake George Waterkeeper offers the following comments regarding the proposal:

- 1. The submission lacks topographic information and subsurface investigations necessary for site plan review.** This information should be submitted prior to determining if the application is complete. Topographic information is vital in the evaluation of the stormwater management system which proposes utilizing an existing drainage swale to provide 5 feet of storage volume. This 5’ depth does not appear to exist and will significantly impact the proposed stormwater management plan.
- 2. The proposed stormwater management plan to utilize an “existing wooded swale” for infiltration should be evaluated.** The existing swale has more than 1 foot of standing water present which would indicate an infiltration rate less than the 4 inches/hour rate used in the calculations resulting in increased runoff volumes and rates
- 3. There is standing water and ledge rock present in the area of the proposed Pond 3 as well as the house location.**
- 4. There is evidence of erosion and sedimentation from the disturbed areas of the site.** Additional control measures should be required to protect the adjacent delineated wetlands and should be installed immediately.

It is our assessment that the existing site conditions are much more limiting than assumed in the project design. This will create more stormwater runoff resulting in decreased treatment and a



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greater potential of downstream impacts. This application needs to evaluate and determine increased measures for stormwater treatment and management.

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