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

Re: Bauer – Route 9N (251.07-1-53.11)
Site Plan Application #26-2009

Dear Mr. Hanchett:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the information submitted for the above referenced site plan application. The applicant proposes the construction of a single family residence in a Critical Environmental Area (CEA) approximately 100 feet from the shoreline of Lake George. The Waterkeeper supports the use of the Puraflow biofiltration modules to provide enhanced treatment for the wastewater system.

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

1. The application should require a major stormwater management plan.

The overall disturbance exceeds 15,000 sf and requires a major stormwater plan. In addition, the project is located within a CEA which provides the Planning Board the ability to require a major stormwater plan. The Waterkeeper feels the major stormwater plan would provide greater water quality protection for Lake George.

2. The proposed renovation for the existing residence to an accessory storage structure should include additional details.

Information should be provided on the on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) for the existing residence to be renovated. Where is it located and what is the plan for removal and mitigation since the residence will be discontinued?

3. Runoff in the vicinity of the existing boat ramp should be addressed.

The grading appears to currently direct runoff from the existing access drive to the boat ramps towards the lake. It appears runoff towards the ramp and ultimately the lake would be increased by the proposed grading on the south side of the house and with the retaining wall. This situation should be improved.

4. The Waterkeeper recommends improving the existing shoreline buffer with additional planting to reduce damage from site disturbance and improve water quality treatment through the removal of sediments, nutrients and pollutants.

We recognize the planting of three coniferous trees along the shoreline but feel lower canopy plantings should be added to better mimic original shoreline conditions as have existed on the parcel to the south at Harman Point.



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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 "Christ 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