Comparison of DEC Requested Conservation Alternative with NYS DEC Recommendations for Seven Peaks at Mountain Road

for Proposed Subdivision and Resort Complex defined in Draft Environmental Impact Statement Submitted to Town of Mamakating Planning Board, Sullivan County, NY (January 22, 2010)

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NYS DEC Recommendation in Letter dated December 8, 2009 to Town of Mamakating Planning Board Chair Applicant's Action
DEC Requested Conservation Alternative
Described in Section 5.6

1. Comparison and Evaluation of Conservation Alternative

Take into account fewer, smaller, relocated lots
Take into account trail locations
Evaluate natural corridors
Avoid negative impacts to ecological communities
Avoid negative impacts to environmental resources

Same number, some smaller, 7 relocated
No mention of trail locations, trail shown on map
No specific evaluation of natural corridors
No mention of impacts to ecological communties
New plan puts some houses where soil cannot
support septic systems
New plan puts stormwater basins closer to
Federal wetlands and streams

Avoid potential concerns with wildfire activity

Open space moved from homesites to near trail No discussion of wildfire potential

2. Meet SEQR Requirements Considering Objectives & Capabilities

That the alternative be Reasonable & Feasible

Use of the two "Reserved" areas could probably mitigate the environmental impacts listed above

3. Specific Factors of Alternative Site Plan

Explain undeveloped lands on Western portion Explain undeveloped lands in Central portion

Design with 5 to 10 acre lots
Relocate some parcels from west to "separate"
or "Reserved for Future Single Family"
Eliminate a small number of Lots
Area of Disturbance

No rationale given.

Possibly to protect pre-historic sites in December 2009 version New plan has homes on pre-historic sites Most lots appear to be 5 to 10 acres No lots moved to "separate" or "reserved" areas

Estimated for 3 Resort Locations (NE, NW, Cen)

NW is northwest, although text savs "southwest"

No lots eliminated. Possibly one added. Map not found in Appendix P

and shown on maps
Similar for all 3 alternatives

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4. Alternative Hotel Locations

Assess Impacts of Resort Alternatives Area of disturbance

Water usage Sanitary waste treatment Sanitary waste disposal Traffic Stormwater Runoff Erosion Control

Stormwater Runoff Greater for NW due to steep slopes
Erosion Control More need at NW location
Wildlife & ecological corridors No mention of wildlife
Wildlife & ecological communities Considers cover types

Alternative 3 (NW) impacts more chestnut oak forest Alternative 3 (NW) impacts Barrens Buckmoth habitat

Greater through housing area to Central & NW areas