

September 26, 2018

Mr. Ray Burger, Director of Planning  
Town of Dryden  
93 E. Main Street  
Dryden, NY 13053

**Re: Response to July 18, 2018 Full EAF Review by T.G. Miller, P.C  
Comment E.3.h.  
Officially Designated and Publicly Accessible Scenic or Aesthetic Resources  
Townhomes at Dryden project**

Dear Mr. Burger:

Per the comments received by T.G. Miller, P.C. in review of the Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for the above referenced project, we would like to submit our viewshed analysis for comment E.3.h. This comment, in the letter stated:

*h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource?*

Comment: Provide additional information for any “officially designated aesthetic resource”.

Based on the available research options shown on the NYSDEC SEQR pages and general knowledge of the surrounding area, there are a number of Scenic and Aesthetic Resources within the five (5) mile limit to the site. Due to the topography of the area and location of our site, we limited our search to scenic byways since the views of the waterfalls, streams, lakes and hills would not be blocked by the development. This is due to the number of trees surrounding such resources, the change in topography reducing the view shed distance and the location of such resources to the site. The only National and State Registered scenic byways within five (5) miles of the site were the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway and Forest Home Drive. The Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway is defined by the view of Lake Cayuga. The proposed site will not sit between this byway and the lake. The Forest Home Drive scenic route is defined by the view of Monkey Run Trail, which the subject site is also not between this route and view.

In addition to researching National and State Registries, we also reviewed a local resource, which is the Tompkins County Scenic Resources Inventory, prepared by Peter J. Smith & Company in January 2007. Again, due to the site location and the topography, we limited our search to the immediate vicinity. There were two (2) “Noteworthy Views” within the vicinity of the site. The first one is Monkey Run Trail which is defined by the view of the stream. This site will not block any views of that stream. The other Noteworthy View is Turkey Hill Road. This road is situated uphill from the subject site. While the proposed site may have potential to disrupt the views of this road; based on our field reconnaissance, it

appears this proposed development will not block any views of Turkey Hill Road. Attached are various pictures taken along Turkey Hill Road. The maximum elevation of the buildings would be about 1,035 ft. The approximate elevation at each location is listed with the picture along with approximate elevations of trees. As you can see in the pictures, the site will be much lower in elevation than the viewshed and any buildings will be blocked by the existing trees in the foreground.

It is our conclusion that the site will not have a negative impact on any Officially Designated and Publicly Accessible federal, state or local scenic or aesthetic resources.

Sincerely,

HUNT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, DPC



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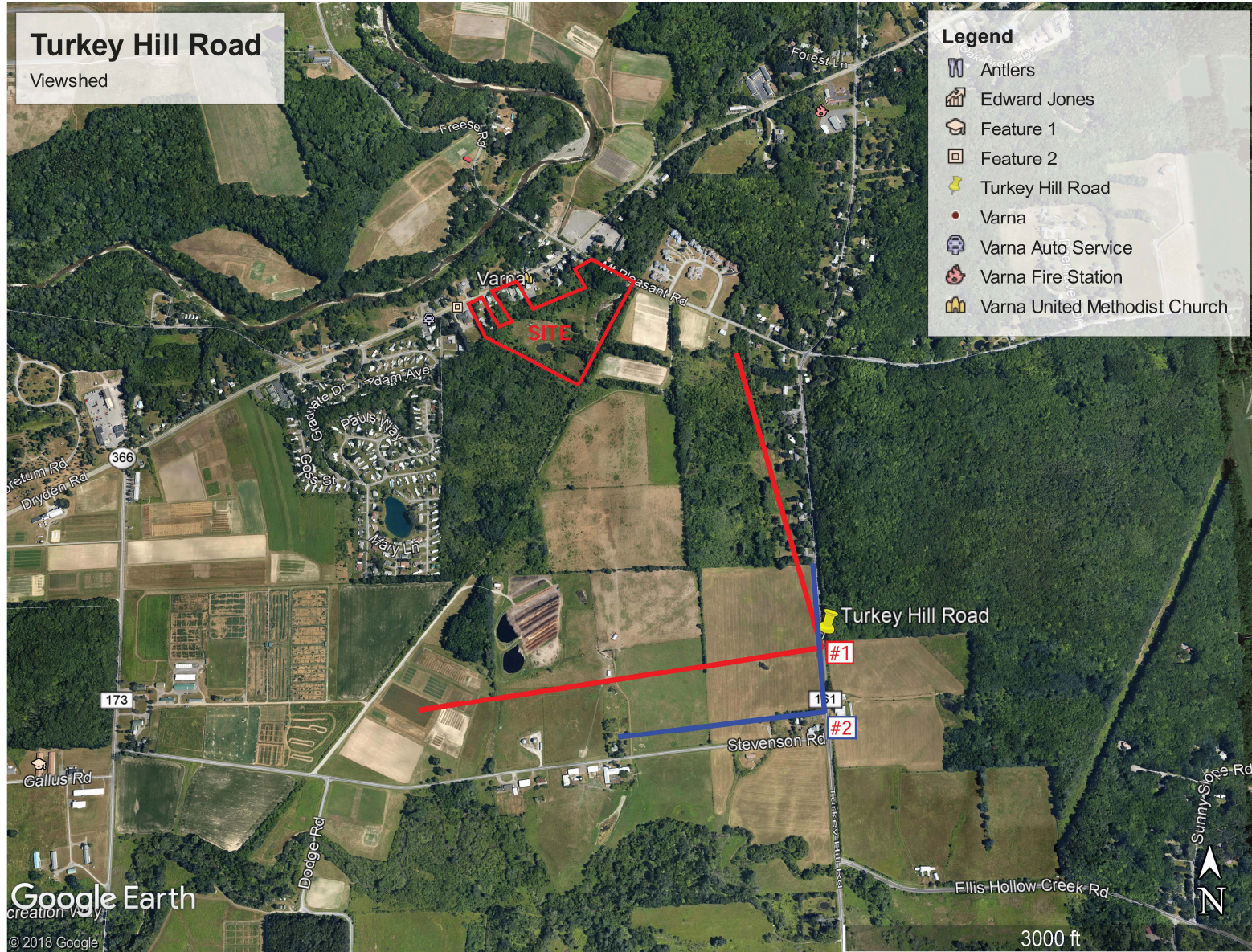
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# APPENDIX



# TURKEY HILL VIEW SHED







**View Shed #1 – approximate elevation 1,058 ft. The trees in the foreground have an elevation ranging from 1,050 ft. to 1,061 ft. The maximum height of the buildings, on the site will be approximately 1,035 ft. so the site will be blocked by the trees in the foreground.**





**View Shed #2 – approximate elevation 1,040 ft. The tree line that can be seen in the distance has an elevation ranging from 1,050 ft. to 1,061 ft. The maximum height of the buildings, on the site will be approximately 1,035 ft. so the site will be blocked by this tree line.**