



April 28, 2022

Mr. John VanVorst, Chairman
Town of Ballston Planning Board
323 Charlton Road
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Sent Via Email: jvanvorst@townofballstonny.org

Re: **Middleline West & Middleline East Solar Array – Site Plan Review/SUP/Lot Line Adjustment**
Finlo-BR LLC, Applicant
284 Middle Line Road
Tax Lots 227.-1-16.11 and 227.-1-20
MJ File: 1078.046
PB 2021-010

Dear Chairman VanVorst and Planning Board Members:

MJ Engineering and Land Surveying (MJ) has reviewed the April 2022 submission for the above referenced application within the Town of Ballston with respect to the landscaping plan and planting selection. Based upon our review of the project plans, we offer the following comments for consideration.

Sheet C602, Plant Schedule:

1. CK *Cornus kousa* is not a native North American tree species.
2. IG *Ilex glabra* (inkberry) prefers part shade, not full sun unless soils are consistently moist. Consider substituting with *Juniperus virginiana* (eastern red cedar) where dry.
3. JS *Juniperus scopulorum* "Whicita Blue" is spelled incorrectly. Should be "Wichita Blue".
4. PA "Pices abies" is spelled incorrectly. Should be "Picea abies". This is not a native North American tree species but is well suited to this site.
5. VD is not the correct abbreviation for *Physocarpus opulifolius* (eastern ninebark). It appears that *Viburnum dentatum* is specified on C603, which is a better plant for this site. Please correct the plant schedule to show *Viburnum dentatum* (arrowwood viburnum) instead of *P. opulifolius*.

Sheet C602, Landscape Plan Section 'B':

6. IG (inkberry) not near wetland #4/5 should be replaced with another evergreen or broadleaf evergreen. IG requires moist soils when in full sun.

Sheet C602, Landscape Plan Section 'C':

7. IG (inkberry) should be replaced with another evergreen or broadleaf evergreen. IG requires moist soils when in full sun.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 371-0799 x 462.

Sincerely,

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