



May 3, 2022

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

Sent via email to: jvanvorst@townofballstonny.org

RE: FINLO-BR, LLC; Middleline West & Middleline East Solar Array – Site Plan Review/SUP/Lot Line Adjustment; Tax Lots 227.-1-16.11 and 227.-1-20; LaBella Project No. 2211492

Dear Mr. VanVorst and Planning Board Members:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 28, 2022, with updated review comments relative to the application review for the above referenced projects. Our item-by-item response follows, using the comment nomenclature in your correspondence.

Landscaping Plan

Sheet C602, Plant Schedule:

1. CK *Cornus kousa* is not a native North American tree species. ***Please see attached the updated Landscaping Plan as a part of the Site Plan replacing this tree with the Shadblow Serviceberry tree.***
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. ***Please see attached the updated Landscaping Plan as a part of the Site Plan replacing this tree with the Eastern Red Cedar.***
3. JS *Juniperus scopulorum* “Whicita Blue” is spelled incorrectly. Should be “Wichita Blue”. ***Please see attached the updated Landscaping Plan as a part of the Site Plan correcting the spelling.***
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. ***Please see attached the updated Landscaping Plan as a part of the Site Plan correcting the spelling.***
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*. ***Please see attached the updated Landscaping Plan as a part of the Site Plan replacing this tree with the Viburnum Dentatum tree.***



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. ***Please see attached the updated Landscaping Plan as a part of the Site Plan replacing this tree with the Eastern Red Cedar.***

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. ***Please see attached the updated Landscaping Plan as a part of the Site Plan replacing this tree with the Eastern Red Cedar.***

Respectfully submitted,

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