

Chairman Klein,

The following are my comments on the proposed apartment building.

Problem 1: Flooding will be worse by this large building partly in floodplain and removal of vegetation and soils that act like a sponge.

Recommendation 1: Build a smaller building (100 units) not in the floodplain at all. **Remove the SE wing.**

Problem 2: The garage will flood with 2 feet of water every spring.

Recommendation 2: **Raise the garage** (by at least 5 feet).

Problem 3: The building will be too tall.

Recommendation 3: Take off the top floor of the apartments, **3 floors** (instead of 4) over the garage.

Problem 4: Infiltration units will not work when it is needed most, when groundwater is high.

Problem 5: Traffic will be terrible. Don't believe that 170 apartments will only generate 30 car trips in and out.

Recommendation 5: **Remove more of the parking spaces** to encourage alternative travel. Set parking rent/fee high and have it go into Town fund to repair/maintain public roads.

Problem 6: There will be significant wildlife impacts with this building, the woods are home to them.

Recommendation 6: Invasive plant control, trash/debris removal, native plantings, habitat creation/wildlife park creation, should be responsibility of landowner.

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