



January 2, 2018

Robert Smith, Chair
Town of Cicero, New York Planning Board
8236 Brewerton Road
Cicero, NY 13039

Dear Chairman Smith,

The Oneida Lake Association (OLA) is a 2,200-member, non-profit conservation organization chartered in 1946 to protect, restore, and preserve Oneida Lake. We are writing in regard to the proposed apartment complex at 6475 Lakeshore Road. Representatives of OLA's Board of Directors and general membership attended the Dec. 6 and Dec. 11 meetings on this topic and we have reviewed the materials provided online and on file.

Historically and as a matter of fulfilling our chartered mission, OLA has not taken a general position for or against development in the watershed. Instead, we look at each development proposal individually for features including the project's overall fitness in the watershed, its environmental impacts to Oneida Lake, and quality-of-life concerns that may affect people who live on and use the Lake.

The Planning Board's public insistence on an "above and beyond" commitment to protect Oneida Lake is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Potential issues including sediment loss during construction, long-term handling of storm water, and impervious drainage issues especially during storm events are of acute interest to OLA.

Therefore, we ask the Planning Board to pay particular attention to both short and long-term environmental impacts from permitted construction as well as operations on the site once it is completed; and to fully consider the long-term consequences of decisions that may affect Oneida Lake.

We welcome any questions from the Planning Board, the developers, or other parties to this discussion and we urge you to keep Oneida Lake foremost in your mind throughout your fact-finding and decision-making process.

Assuring you of our full cooperation in matters of mutual interest, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Warren R. Darby", is written over a light blue, irregularly shaped background that matches the Oneida Lake Association logo's design.

Warren R. Darby
President

Cc: Mark Venesky, Town of Cicero Supervisor