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Ian Murray, Chair  
Town of Saratoga Planning Board  
12 Spring St.  
Schuylerville, NY 12871

**RE: Cedar Bluff Subdivision**

Dear Chairman Murray,

Sustainable Saratoga is a local not-for-profit advocacy organization promoting the protection of our natural resources throughout the Saratoga region. We have reviewed documents relating to the proposed Cedar Bluff subdivision project and we are concerned about the impacts of this development on the health of our natural resources, including Saratoga Lake. We urge the Town of Saratoga Planning Board to issue a Positive Declaration for this project and require a full Environmental Impact Statement.



The Saratoga Lake watershed contains some of the fastest growing areas in Saratoga County, and the increasing development activities within the watershed have raised concerns in the community about sustaining the lake's resilience and integrity. Saratoga Lake is primarily fed by surface waters, which makes the health of the lake vulnerable to land use activities within the watershed. Sustainable Saratoga has advocated for a coordinated approach to reducing threats to water quality within the Saratoga Lake watershed, including by taking into account the cumulative impacts of present and future development to the area. The Cedar Bluff project will result in the clearing of 40 acres of forest and some of the land disturbance, especially in areas with steep slopes, will undoubtedly result in sedimentation impacts to the Lake.

We also reviewed the report prepared by independent scientists from *Hudsonia*. We concur with their assessment that without undergoing a full EIS, it is impossible to fully understand how this project might impact Saratoga Lake. We urge the Town of Saratoga to require a full Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Wendy Mahaney*  
Wendy Mahaney, Executive Director  
Sustainable Saratoga

