

3.9 AIR RESOURCES - NOISE COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Comment 3.9-1 (Letter 12, Donna Genova, May 22, 2005; Letter 14, Joseph and Patricia Plitnick, May 22, 2005; Letter 2, Bruce Barber, June 13, 2005): There will be an excessive amount of noise in the area from the proposed project, especially when athletic events are taking place. A soccer field with numerous cars and noise is inconceivable. The Applicant should provide information regarding potential noise impacts other than their opinion.

Response 3.9-1: The previously proposed athletic field has been eliminated from the proposed project. Further, as stated in Chapter 3.9 of the DEIS, no significant adverse noise impacts to existing ambient noise levels in the area of the site are anticipated as a result of the proposed project. After construction and occupancy of the proposed residences, noise levels can be expected to be similar to the surrounding existing occupied areas, as the subject site will contain a residential use similar to that found in the neighboring area. At a minimum, new homes at the end of the proposed subdivision road would be located approximately 110 feet and 225 feet from existing homes at the end of Stone Wall Court and Jefferson Court, respectively. Existing homes further to the south at the end of Timberlane Court are separated from the by over 300 feet, including by an existing wooded lot that has been dedicated to the Town of Yorktown as parkland. Noise effects from the site would be limited by intervening vegetation, with forested wetland areas situated between these homes and the site. As such, upon completion of construction, the proposed project is not expected to produce significant adverse noise impacts on the areas surrounding the project site.

Comment 3.9-2 (Letter 13, Vera Peitraniello, May 22, 2005): I can see the potential during the warm months when youths use the park as a late night hangout.

Response 3.9-2: The previously proposed athletic field has been eliminated from the proposed project.

Comment 3.9-3 (Letter 11, Pearl Seigler, May 21, 2005; Letter 10, Lawrence and Georgia Armstrong, May 21, 2005; Letter 7, Suzanne and Jeffrey Steimel, May 20, 2005): Noise from through traffic will be a problem on Gay Ridge Road and Stonewall Court. Extra noise from through traffic will create an environment similar to the outer boroughs of New York City.

Response 3.9-3: Through traffic on Gay Ridge Road would result in some intermittent increases in noise levels along that roadway. Since this roadway is located near Route 6, from which the greatest noise is generated in the area, the modest increase of traffic on Gay Ridge Road accessing the proposed project is expected to result in insignificant change in ambient noise levels in the local area. No significant adverse noise impacts are anticipated on any other local road in the area.