



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Department of Planning

Blanca P. López, M.S.
Commissioner

June 26, 2026

Denis McCarthy
293 Warren Avenue
Hawthorne, NY 10532

Re: Stormwater and Flooding Concerns – Cedar Knolls Development

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

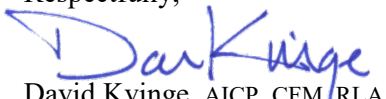
The Westchester County Department of Planning (“Planning”) received your inquiry from the Department of Environmental Facilities (“DEF”) regarding the proposed Cedar Knolls Development in the Town of Mount Pleasant. It is our understanding that DEF responded with respect to sewer concerns. Please allow the below to address your inquiry with respect to stormwater management and flooding.

In response to repeated flooding throughout Westchester, the County Board of Legislators adopted a Stormwater Management Law in 2011 that memorialized a previous program to provide funding assistance to local municipalities for flood mitigation projects. Information on the program is available on the County website at <https://planning.westchestercountyny.gov/flood> and <https://planning.westchestercountyny.gov/stormwater-management-law>. Areas identified in Stormwater Reconnaissance Plans prepared under the program are eligible for funding assistance from the County. The area described in your letter is included in the plan for the Saw Mill River Watershed as Flood Problem Area MTP-5. As such, the Town of Mount Pleasant may apply for funding assistance from the County for up to 50% of costs for engineering and project implementation. The program only provides funding assistance to local municipalities, and a formal application must be submitted for review and approval pursuant to County regulations. Furthermore, local municipalities must demonstrate that matching funds are available and secured for the project, as part of a complete application to the program.

The County is also facilitating the update to the countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/8da6d2acf5814115893b6fc5b3b25a50>), which will be incorporated into the Mitigate NY online hazard mitigation plan (<https://www.mitigateny.org/>). Both of those sites may provide some additional resources for you.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Continued collaboration among our local municipalities, stakeholders and the public on these important issues promises a more resilient future for us all.

Respectfully,


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Assistant Commissioner

cc: Carl Fulgenzi, Town Supervisor, Town of Mount Pleasant