

January 16, 2025

Planning Board  
Township of Verona  
600 Bloomfield Avenue  
Verona, New Jersey 07044

Attention: Ms. Caitlin Kester, Planning Board Secretary

Re: Wedgewood Gardens Condominium Association  
**Planning Board Application – Tree Removal and Replacement**  
Block 1712, Lot 1  
Township of Verona  
Our File No. VAES-202

Dear Board Members:

We have received copies of the following documents relative to the above referenced application:

- a. Planning Board Tree Protection, Removal & Replacement Application dated 11-14-2024.
- b. Verona Tree Removal Application dated 11-14-2024.
- c. Cover letter with support documents dated 6-19-2024 prepared by Bartlett Tree Experts.
- d. Plans (5 sheets) entitled, “Wedgewood Gardens Condominium Association Tree Replacement Plan, Verona New Jersey”, prepared by The Falcon Group, dated 11-14-2024.
- e. Falcon Group correspondence dated November 25, 2024.

Based on our review of the above referenced documents, we offer the following comments:

1. The Applicant shall provide testimony and summarize all tree removal and replacement proposed. There is discrepancy with tree removal. The Planning Board application indicates 22 trees proposed to be removed. The Tree Removal Application indicates 27 trees to be removed. The plan Tree Removals Chart totals 43 listed to be removed. The Bartlett Tree Expert report indicates 6 trees (dead), 22 trees (poor), 16 trees (healthy), totaling 44 trees, are all proposed for removal. The Applicant shall address these discrepancies and provide consistent information on all documents.
2. The Bartlett report indicates 6 trees as dead. The plan indicates 3 trees as dead.
3. The Bartlett report indicates 28 dead or poor condition trees to be removed. The Tree Removal Permit indicates 27 trees to be removed.
4. The Bartlett report totals at 44 trees to be removed. The plan Tree Removals Chart calculates at 43 trees to be removed, inclusive of the 3 dead trees.
5. The Tree Removals Chart on the plans indicates the tree sizes. When compared to the plan survey information for the tree sizes, there are discrepancies. The Applicant is requested to correct the



existing tree sizes within the chart. For example, tree number 2 is indicated at 17 inches in size, whereas on the survey, it is noted at 24 inches. With required tree replacement calculated from tree sizes, this needs to be updated and corrected to accurately quantify the required tree replacement.

6. The Tree Removals Chart shall indicate the total number of tree replacement required. As provided on the plan, the total required tree replacement is calculated at 56 trees. With the corrected tree sizes, our office calculates 99 replacement trees required. This is based on tree ordinance Section 493-28 A, which outlines the required number of tree replacement per size of tree removed. This information within the Tree Removals Chart shall be revised and updated accordingly.
7. As per Section 493-28 B, dead trees do not require replacement. Therefore tree numbers 48, 49 and 50, are not included in the calculated tree replacement requirement.
8. The applicant is proposing the planting of 40 replacement trees; Armstrong red maple and white oak. As per Section 150-11.7 A, attachment for acceptable tree plantings, both these trees are acceptable.
9. The plan maps an existing tree between trees numbered 33 and 22. It is a 14 inch tree. Please clarify if this tree is proposed for removal. If it is, the required tree replacement count will increase to 100.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter C. Ten Kate', enclosed within a blue oval.

Peter C. Ten Kate, P.E.

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Cc: Kathleen Miesch – via email

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