



Hamburg Conservation Advisory Board

To advise in the development, management, and protection of the town's natural resources

MEMO

From: Town of Hamburg Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)

Date: June 28, 2021

To: William Clark, Chairman, Town of Hamburg Planning Board

Cc: Kaitlin McCormick, Megan Comerford; Sarah desJardins, Town of Hamburg Planning Consultant

Re: Miller Family farm

Let's take a look at a local family farm, the Miller Farm on Bayview Road. Their farm is just a little bigger than the Proposed Manko Subdivision. They make a living off this property. Farming is a viable endeavour, and is an integral part of Hamburg's character.

Development of the Manko property will have a sizable environmental and economic impact, and will impair our town's future ability to maintain farming, stream water quality, and people's livelihoods – especially, if we continue to turn our agricultural land into non-porous subdivisions!

Overdevelopment is a stress on the Town's resources and impacts the environment: traffic, garbage, pollution (air, water, soil, light, and noise). Where's the windfall of money for our Town? Who will have to bear the brunt of the negative impacts when the developers move on? Who will maintain the overflow ponds when they silt up and clog with invasive species like Purple Loosestrife?

How much green space do we want? Green space is important for wildlife, farming, and water filtration. Farmland provides all three. Develop the parcel into yet another subdivision and we lose those important community and environmental services.

Open land, like these large parcels, not only provides filtration of our drinking water and lessens the burden on our stormwater/sewage systems, but also puts food on our tables and provides habitat for wildlife.

This project, and projects like it, have the potential to have a major negative environmental impact on our town individually, as well as cumulatively.

Sincerely,

Mark Lorquet, Chairman

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Property Info

OWNER June M Miller

PROPERTY ADDRESS 5292 Bay View Rd, Hamburg, NY 14075-1627

MAILING ADDRESS 5292 Bay View Rd, Hamburg, NY 14075-1627

AREA 47.16 acres

PERIMETER 1.18 miles