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VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE WATERFRONT ASSESSMENT FORM (WAF)

Section A. Instructions

Instructions: Applicants or, in the case of direct actions, Village agencies, shall complete this WAF for proposed actions which are subject to the LWRP consistency review law. This assessment is intended to supplement other information used by a Village agency in making a determination of consistency with the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Before answering the questions in Section C, the preparer of this form should review the policies and explanations of policy contained in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), a copy of which is on file in the Village of Saranac Lake Offices, 3 Main Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983 or online at www.saranaclakeny.gov. A proposed action should be evaluated as to its significant beneficial and adverse effects upon the waterfront area.

If any question in Section C on this form is answered "yes", then the proposed action may affect the achievement of the LWRP policy standards and conditions contained in the consistency review law. Thus, the actions should be analyzed in more detail and, if necessary, modified prior to making a determination that it is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the LWRP policy standards and conditions. If an action cannot be certified as consistent with the LWRP policy standards and conditions, it shall not be undertaken.

SECTION B. Description of Site and Proposed Action

1. Name of applicant: Jesse Schwartzberg		3. Telephone Number: (518) 304-3320	
2. Mailing address: 37 Jenkins Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983		5. Tax Map # (s): 447.77-8-5	
4. Location of action: 16 Academy Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983			
6. Size of site: 0.05 acres	7. Present land use(s): commercial		
8. Present zoning classification: E3	9. Percentage of site which contains slopes of 15% or greater: 0%		
10. Type of action (check appropriate response) <input type="checkbox"/> Directly undertaken (e.g. capital construction, planning activity, agency regulation, land transaction) <input type="checkbox"/> Financial assistance (e.g. grant, loan, subsidy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit, approval, license, certification <input type="checkbox"/> Agency undertaking action:			
11. Streams, lakes, ponds, or wetlands existing within or continuous to the project area? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, Waterbody Name: _____ Waterbody Size(in acres): _____			
12. Describe nature and extent of action: Removal of existing 1-story building & replacement with new 2-story building			
13. Describe any unique or unusual land forms on the project site (i.e. bluffs, ground depressions, other geological formations): N/A			
14. Will the action be directly undertaken, require funding, or approval by a State or Federal Agency? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, which State or Federal Agency? _____			

SECTION C. Waterfront Assessment (To be completed by reviewing agency)

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Will the proposed action have a <u>significant effect</u> upon:		
(a) Commercial or recreational use of fish and wildlife resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Scenic quality of the waterfront environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Development of future, or existing water dependent uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Stability of the shoreline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Surface or groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Existing or potential public recreation opportunities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Structures, sites or districts of historic, archeological or cultural significance to the Village, State or nation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action <u>involve</u> or <u>result in</u> any of the following:		
(a) Physical alteration of land along the shoreline, land under water or coastal waters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Physical alteration of two (2) acres or more of land located elsewhere in the waterfront area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Expansion of existing public services or infrastructure in undeveloped or low density areas of the waterfront area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Energy facility not subject to Article VII or VIII of the Public Service Law?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Mining, excavation, filling or dredging?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Reduction of existing or potential public access to or along the shore?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Sale or change in use of publicly-owned lands located on the shoreline or under water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Development within designated flood hazard area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Development on a natural feature that provides protection against flooding or erosion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Diminished surface or groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Removal of ground cover from the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Project:		
(a) If a project is to be located adjacent to shore:		
(1) Will water-related recreation be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Will public access to the shoreline be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Does the project require a waterfront site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Will it supplant a recreational or maritime use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Do essential public services and facilities presently exist at or near the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6) Is it located in a flood prone area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(7) Is it located in an area of high erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) If the project site is publicly owned:		
(1) Will the project protect, maintain and/or increase the level and types of public access to water-related recreation resources and facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) If located in the foreshore, will access to those and adjacent lands be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Will it involve the siting and construction of major energy facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Will it involve the discharge of effluents from major steam electric generating and industrial facilities into a waterway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Is the project site presently used by the community as an open space or recreation area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Does the present site offer or include scenic views or vistas known to be important to the community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Will the surface area of any waterways or wetland areas be increased or decreased by the proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Will the project involve any waste discharges?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Does the project involve surface or subsurface liquid waste disposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Does the project involve transport, storage, treatment or disposal of solid waste or hazardous material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Does the project involve shipment or storage of petroleum products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Does the project involve discharge of toxics, hazardous substances or other pollutants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Will the project affect any area designated as a freshwater wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Will the project alter drainage flow, patterns or surface water runoff on or from the site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Will best management practices be utilized to control storm water runoff into waterways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(n) Will the project cause emissions which exceed Federal or State air quality standards or generate significant amounts of nitrates or sulfates?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION D. Remarks or Additional Information

For questions answered "Yes" in Section C, explain methods you will undertake to reduce adverse effects. Review the LWRP to see if the project is consistent with each policy. List policies the project is not consistent with and explain all mitigating actions. Add any additional sheets necessary to complete this form.

SECTION E. Preparer Information

Preparer's Name (Please print):

Title:

Organization Name:

Phone Number:

Signature:

Date:

SECTION F. Determination of LWRP Consistency (To be completed by the Planning Board)

The Village of Saranac Lake Planning Board finds that the above referenced project is:

- consistent with LWRP policy standards and conditions.
- not consistent with LWRP policy standards and conditions and shall not be undertaken.

Print Name of Planning Board Chair

Signature of Planning Board Chair

Date

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

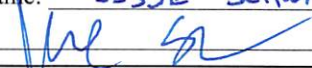
Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: 16 Academy Street			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): 16 Academy Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: This project seeks to demolish the existing office building at 16 Academy Street and reconstruct an improved, 2-story commercial building on a similar, slightly enlarged footprint of ~1,135 sf. The site is within the E-3 district. In addition to the new 2-story building, this project proposes site improvements including native plantings along Academy Street and rain garden plantings to manage storm water at the back of the site.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Jesse Schwartzberg		Telephone: (518) 304-3320 E-Mail: jesse@blackmountainarchitecture.com	
Address: 37 Jenkins Street			
City/PO: Saranac Lake		State: NY	Zip Code: 12983
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		_____ 0.05 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		_____ 0.05 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		_____ 0.05 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: The proposed building is intended to highlight green building techniques including cellulose-insulated walls and roof, triple-pane windows, and rooftop solar panels.	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: _____	NO	YES	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____ _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____ _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____ _____	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: <u>JESSE SCHWARTZBERG</u>		Date: <u>6/1/22</u>
Signature: <u></u>		

Project:

Date:

***Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment***

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept “Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?”

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?		
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?		
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?		
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?		
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		



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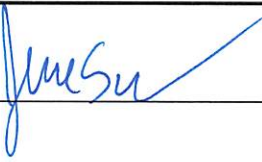
Instructions:

- A complete application must include a Site Plan with all information pertinent to the project(a site plan example is attached)
- Site Plan Review application fee - \$250.00
- SEQR - Short Environmental assessment form, part 1(attached)
- WAF - Waterfront Assessment Form, section B(attached)
- Incomplete applications will not be placed on the Development Board agenda
- Site Plan regulations can be found at: <https://ecode360.com/31626635>

SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION			
Project Address: 16 Academy Street		Tax Map #: 447.77-8-5	Zoning District E3
Property Owner Name: Jesse Schwartzberg		Applicant Name (if different):	
Address: 37 Jenkins Street		Address:	
City: Saranac Lake	State: NY	City:	State:
Phone: (518) 304-3320	Zip:	Phone:	Zip:
Email: jesse@blackmountainarchitecture.com		Email:	

Please provide a written description of the project with relevant details, e.g., days/hours of operation, proposed exterior changes.

Narrative
<p>This project seeks to demolish the existing office building at 16 Academy Street and reconstruct an improved, 2-story commercial building on a similar, slightly enlarged footprint of ~1,135 sf. The site is within the E-3 district, which calls for a 15' front setback, 10' side setbacks and 15' rear setback. Based on the small size of the site, it is not viable to conform to these setbacks; therefore, variances are being requested.</p> <p>The intended use of the first floor is office space for Black Mountain Architecture, a locally-owned sustainable architecture firm. The second floor will be rented office space. In addition to the new 2-story building, this project proposes site improvements including native plantings along Academy Street and rain garden plantings to manage storm water at the back of the site.</p>

Property Owner Signature(required):  Date: 6/11/22

Applicant Signature(if different): _____ Date: _____

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)