



Village of Saranac Lake

Community Development Department

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APPLICATION #: _____

Major ____ Minor ____

DATE RECEIVED: _____

DATE PAID: _____

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Incomplete application forms, site plans, or SEQR forms (when applicable) will not be accepted. If you have questions when filing out the application, please contact the Community Development Department.

1. **Pre-application Conference** – Before filing a formal application, an informal pre-submission conference with the Director is recommended to discuss the nature of the proposed use and to determine the specific information that will need to be submitted.

2. **Mandatory staff review submission:**

A. **Submit one electronic copy of the following:**

- Special Use Permit Application Form, signed**
- Site Plan Review Checklist**
- Site Plan Drawings/Maps**, for new construction: include Elevation Drawings
- Environmental Assessment Form** – complete Part 1 (check with Director on whether to complete the Full or Short form)
- Waterfront Assessment Form (WAF)** - complete Section 1 only
- Drawing of proposed sign(s) (if applicable)
- For Pre-Existing STR application:** submit proof of operation as of January 31, 2023¹

B. **Application fee of \$300.00.** Make check payable to Village of Saranac Lake.

3. **Final submission for review by the Development Board:**

A. **Submit one hard copy + one digital copy of the application packet. Site Plan to be at a scale that is suitable for the proposed development relative to its size and is sufficiently legible for the required review to occur. Digital copy should be sent to comdevassist1@saranaclakeny.gov.**

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The application shall be accompanied by the information listed above. The Community Development Director may require additional submission materials if determined appropriate for the nature and scale of the proposed project. The pre-application conference may be used to determine the application requirements. The information above should be emailed and brought to the Village of Saranac Lake at least three weeks prior to the scheduled Development Board meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm in the Village Board Room, 39 Main St., Saranac Lake, NY 12983

¹ Acceptable documentation includes: 1. A Franklin or Essex County Certificate of Authority to collect occupancy tax.

2. Proof of operation as a STR between January 31, 2022, and January 31, 2023.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant Information	
Applicant Name	
Applicant Address	
Mailing Address, If Different	
Applicant Email	
Applicant Phone	

If Different from Project Applicant	
Property Owner Name	
Property Owner Address	
Mailing Address, If Different	
Property Owner Email	
Property Owner Phone	

Project Information

1. Project Address

2. Tax Map #

3. Zoning District

4. Current Lot Size

5. Building square footage Existing
 Proposed

6. Property/Building use

- a. Present use of property, (i.e., commercial, residential, mixed, vacant):
- b. Proposed use of property:
- c. For mixed-use buildings:

Level	Current Use	Proposed Use
Basement		
1st		
2nd		
3rd		

7. Will development be phased? NO YES If yes, explain in a narrative:

8. Please provide a written description of proposed structures and improvements. Include all of the following information that applies to the project:
- Describe primary and secondary uses
 - Proposed interior changes
 - Day/hours of operation
 - Utilities- will you connect to existing utilities or install new?
 - Anticipated number of residents, users, shoppers, employees, etc. as a result of this project
 - Exterior features to be added/changed, (i.e., lighting fixtures, signage, decorative elements, doors, windows, siding, painting, etc.)
 - For residential, mixed-use buildings, or STRs, include a number of dwelling units by size (efficiency/studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, three or more bedroom)
 - Parking plan
 - Proposed Landscaping
 - Garbage storage
 - Explain the need for managing stormwater and drainage facilities that will be utilized in preventing flooding and erosion

9. State and federal permit or approvals needed, (i.e., SHPO, APA, DEC, DOT, or Other)

10.

If you are operating a new business at the project location, provide the following information	
Name of Business	
Hours of Operation	

In granting or denying special use permits, the Development Board shall take into consideration the scale of the proposed project and the need to maintain the historic, close-knit building pattern in the Village and compatibility among adjoining land uses. If the applicant proves the proposed project meets the review criteria, they are entitled to the Special Use Permit. Conversely, if the applicant fails to address or satisfy any one or part of the review criteria then they are not entitled to the Special Use Permit.

Criteria to be addressed:

11. Explain how the proposed use will not have a substantial or undue adverse effect upon adjacent property, traffic conditions, parking, and other matters affecting the public health, safety and general welfare. Does the project include buffers or screening from neighboring properties and public roads?

12. Provide evidence and information which demonstrates that the proposed use will not substantially impact the nature and character of the surrounding neighborhood.

13. Provide information which demonstrates that the proposed use will be adequately served by storm drainage structures, water, sanitary sewers, off-street parking, access to public roads to handle projected traffic volumes, fire and police protection, and solid waste disposal, and any other services that may be relevant to your project.

14. Explain how the project safely accommodates bicycle and pedestrian travel to/from the site. Explain how the project will impact pedestrian safety, either positively or negatively.
15. Is the property suitable for the proposed project considering the lot size, location, topography, vegetation, soils and hydrology?
16. How will your project avoid the loss, destruction, or damage to any natural, historic, and scenic resources of the village through design, layout of structures, provision of buffer areas, and operation of the proposed use?
17. Is the project consistent with the village goal of concentrating retail uses in villages, avoiding strip commercial development, and locating nonresidential uses that are incompatible with residential use on well-buffered properties?
18. Will the proposed use result in excessive noise, dust, odors, solid waste, or glare, create any other nuisances, or result in the introduction of invasive species?

19. Explain why your proposed use will not be more objectionable than would development of uses that are permitted by right (allowed uses that do not require a special use permit)? Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of traffic, noise, dust, odors, solid waste, glare or any other nuisances.

20. Is the project located within a historic building? NO YES
 historic district? NO YES

To check if your property falls within a historic district or is on the National Register, visit the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) website and use the mapping tool: cris.parks.ny.gov

21. Please list any professionals who will be assisting you with your application

Name	Company	Profession	Phone	Email

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Property Owner's Signature _____ **Date** _____

For Office Use Only - Essex County Referral		
Property is located within 500 feet of:	Y	N
Property located in Essex County		
Municipal boundary (village or town)		
County or State Parks		
County or State Roads		
County or State Facilities		

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:				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
Brief Description of Proposed Action:				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone:		
		E-Mail:		
Address:				
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:	
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	YES
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	YES
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres				
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres				
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input 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? b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO	YES	N/A
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
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	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
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: _____ _____	NO	YES	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	NO	YES	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	NO	YES	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places? b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	NO	YES	
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? 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	
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 type="checkbox"/> Urban <input 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	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES	
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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	NO	YES	

<p>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)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>		



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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, 39 Main St., Second Floor, 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:	
2. Mailing address:	3. Telephone Number:
4. Location of action:	5. Tax Map # (s):
6. Size of site:	7. Present land use(s):
8. Present zoning classification:	9. Percentage of site which contains slopes of 15% or greater:
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 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, Waterbody Name: _____ Waterbody Size(in acres): _____	
12. Describe nature and extent of action:	
13. Describe any unique or unusual land forms on the project site (i.e. bluffs, ground depressions, other geological formations):	
14. Will the action be directly undertaken, require funding, or approval by a State or Federal Agency? <input 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:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
(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:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
(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