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County Planning Board

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Janine King, Assistant Village Manager
Village of Croton-on-Hudson
Kellerhouse Municipal Building
One Van Wyck Street
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520-2501

Subject: **Referral File No. CRO 09-001 — Harmon Gateway Overlay District
Zoning Text and Map Amendments**

Dear Ms. King:

The Westchester County Planning Board has received a notice of public hearing and SEQR full environmental assessment form for proposed map and text amendments to the Village Zoning Ordinance. The proposed map amendment would enlarge the boundary of the Harmon/South Riverside Gateway Overlay District to comprise the parcels located along both sides of South Riverside Avenue, between Croton Point Avenue to a point approximately 200 feet north of Oneida Avenue. The proposed text amendment would revise use regulations as well as special area, bulk and parking regulations for the Harmon/South Riverside Gateway Overlay District to regulate mixed-use development as a permitted use.

We have reviewed this matter under the provisions of Section 239 L, M and N of the General Municipal Law and Section 277.61 of the County Administrative Code and offer the following comments:

Consistency with Westchester 2025 and local plans. By permitting mixed-use development within the Harmon/South Riverside Gateway Overlay District, the Village will channel growth and development within the gateway of an existing center, a concept which is consistent with *Westchester 2025—Context for County and Municipal Planning and Policies to Guide County Planning*, adopted by the County Planning Board on May 6, 2008. Because this gateway area is between the downtown center and the Croton/Harmon railroad station, mixed-use redevelopment in this area can also create a walkable transit-oriented environment that can ultimately serve as a segue between the downtown center and the train station. Such an environment would be consistent with the Village's Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan by increasing the potential for "non-motorized means of travel in the Village...where residents and visitors have safe access to...destinations on foot, by bicycle, or by rollerblading."

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Thank you for calling this matter to our attention.

Respectfully,
WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

By:


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