

George Latimer County Executive

**County Planning Board** 

November 1, 2019

Pauline DiSanto, Village Clerk Village of Croton-on-Hudson One Van Wyck Street Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520-2501

Subject: Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Text & Map Amendments:

Referral File: CRO 19-005 - Municipal Way Gateway Overlay Zoning District

Referral File: CRO 19-006 - North Riverside Neighborhood

Dear Ms. DiSanto:

The Westchester County Planning Board has received two proposed amendments to the Croton Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments are in accordance with the Municipal Place Gateway and North Riverside Neighborhood Zoning Study, which is also proposed to be added as an amendment to the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

- Referral File: CRO 19-005 would allow structures to be three stories at a 35 foot maximum height within the Municipal Way Gateway Overlay Zoning District. The zoning text would also be amended to allow residential or mixed-use development on the municipally-owned property at the northwest corner of Municipal Place and Maple Street, also known as the Katz Property. Regulations for this property would require a rear yard green buffer, park space along Municipal Place, a height of 35 feet, and various parking and dimension regulations that would allow a projected 42 to 80 residential units on the property.
- Referral File: CRO 19-006 would split the C-1 zone within the North Riverside neighborhood into C-1RA Core Commercial and C-1RB Transitional Area. The C-1RA zone would allow three story mixed-use buildings with a reduced FAR from 2.0 to 0.8, lessening the allowable density by more than half. The C-1RB zone would allow for all-residential buildings of three stories under special permit if the density is decreased by more than half and a 15 foot landscaped setback is provided. Both new zones would allow for three stories and a height of 35 feet, and requires new development to follow specific design guidelines. Additionally, properties along Brook Street and on North Riverside Avenue between High Street and Farrington Road would be reassigned to the Two-Family (RB) zone.

We have reviewed these matters 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 find them to be consistent with the County Planning Board's long-range planning policies set forth in Westchester 2025—Context for County and Municipal Planning and Policies to Guide County Planning, adopted by the

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Board on May 6, 2008, amended January 5, 2010, and its recommended strategies set forth in *Patterns for Westchester: The Land and the People*, adopted December 5, 1995. Focusing mixed-use development around Municipal Place and Maple Street would create a more consolidated neighborhood center, while the changes along Riverside Avenue would keep the character of the neighborhood intact while establishing a stronger zoning organization than the piecemeal pattern that currently exists.

Please inform us of the Village's decision so that we can make it a part of the record.

Thank you for calling this matter to our attention.

Respectfully,

WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

By

Norma V. Drummond

Commissioner

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