

**VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013
Tarrytown Village Hall
One Depot Plaza, Tarrytown, New York**

Board of Trustees Concerns

Open Session


1. No Parking - Highland Avenue
2. Surplus Vehicles
3. Hackley School – Hold Harmless Agreement
4. Fire Department Membership Changes
5. Resolution – Mid-Hudson Sustainability Plan
6. Sidewalk Café Fee Structure
7. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 27, Code of Ethics
8. Veterans Memorial Building
9. YMCA Water Bill

Executive Session

- 1A. Briarcliff Manor Pump Station
- 2A. Litigation

TARRYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: February 20, 2013
To: Michael Blau, Village Administrator
From: Scott W. Brown, Chief of Police 
Subject: No Parking-Highland Avenue

At the January meeting of the Transportation Council Lou Agro advised that the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER and the AREA SPEED LIMIT sign on the east side of Highland Avenue off Benedict Avenue was posted too far from the intersection. Most likely, these signs were re-posted by the contractor following the construction of the two homes on the corner lot. The signs are, in fact, posted 253 feet north of Benedict Avenue while the code calls for them to be 115 feet. However, 115 feet places the signs between the two properties approximately 8 feet south of the second driveway. Photos and diagrams are attached.

Therefore, since there is no complaint from either homeowner and there is no valid reason to place the sign on the residents front lawn I would present the following options:

1. Leave the condition as is and change the code to 253 feet.
2. Move the sign approximately 50 feet south (closer to the driveway of the second home) and change the code. This would create greater visibility; however, it could create unwanted parking on the shoulder north of the sign.

Option #1 would be the recommendation of staff.

TARRYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2013

TO: Chief Brown

FROM: William G. Herguth, Lt. *WGH*

SUBJECT: Highland Avenue signage

The village code provides for a no parking area on the east side of Highland Avenue from Benedict Avenue for 115 feet in a northerly direction. This area had been properly signed prior to the building of two homes there. The existing signage is now 253 feet north of Benedict Avenue and may have been moved post construction.

Attached you will find a drawing showing the location of the current sign and where it should be according to the code. This location would be in front of the 2nd new home about 8 feet south of the driveway.

Also attached are a series of photographs of the area. Numbers 1 through 4 show the area as it exists. Numbers 5 through 7 show where the sign should be located as provided for in the code. This small sign has been added for illustration purposes only and has been removed. An overhead photograph of the area is also attached.

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AVE.



HIGHLAND AVE.

253'

8'

115'

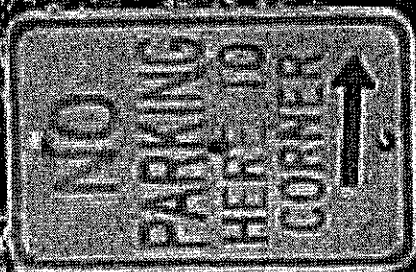
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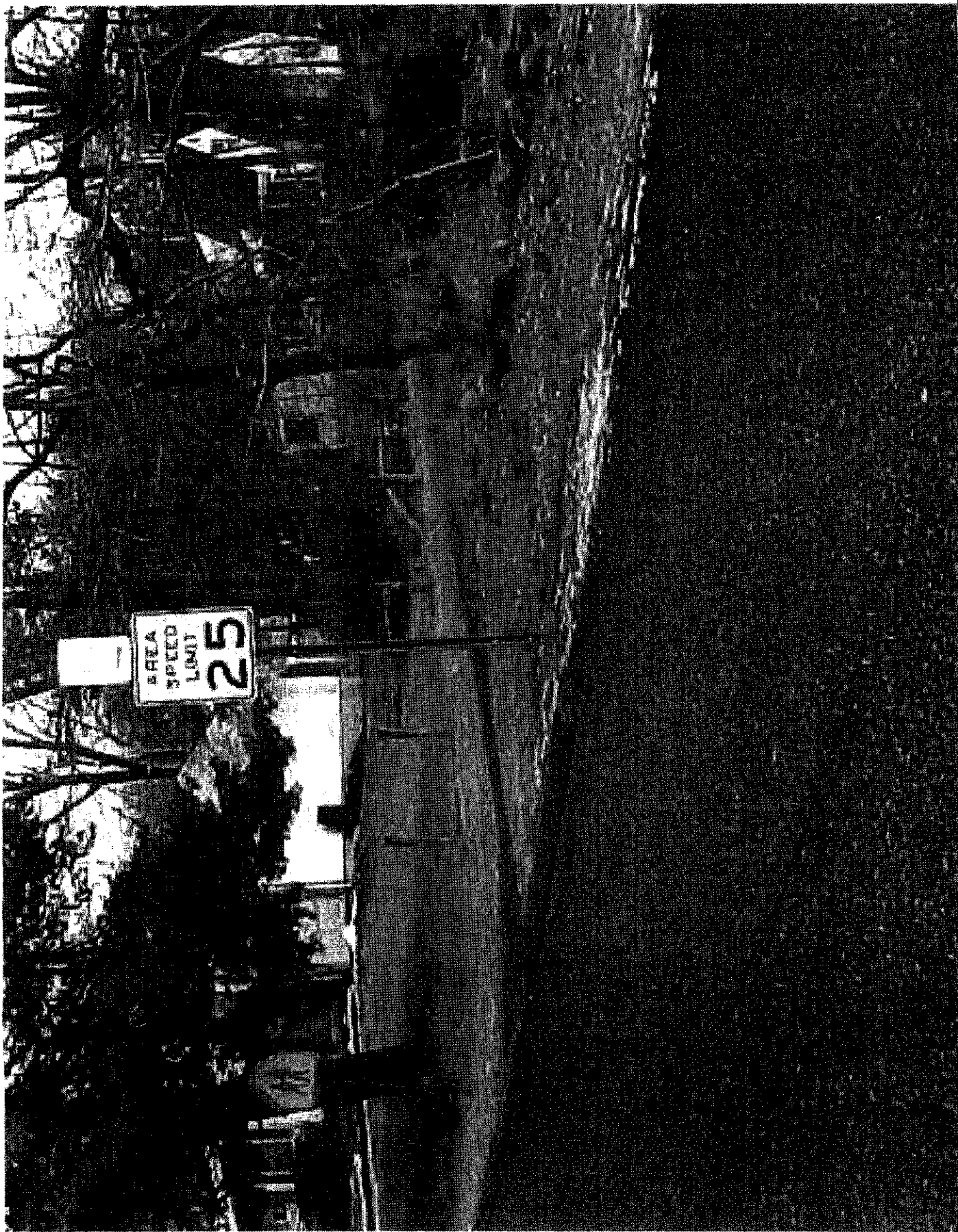
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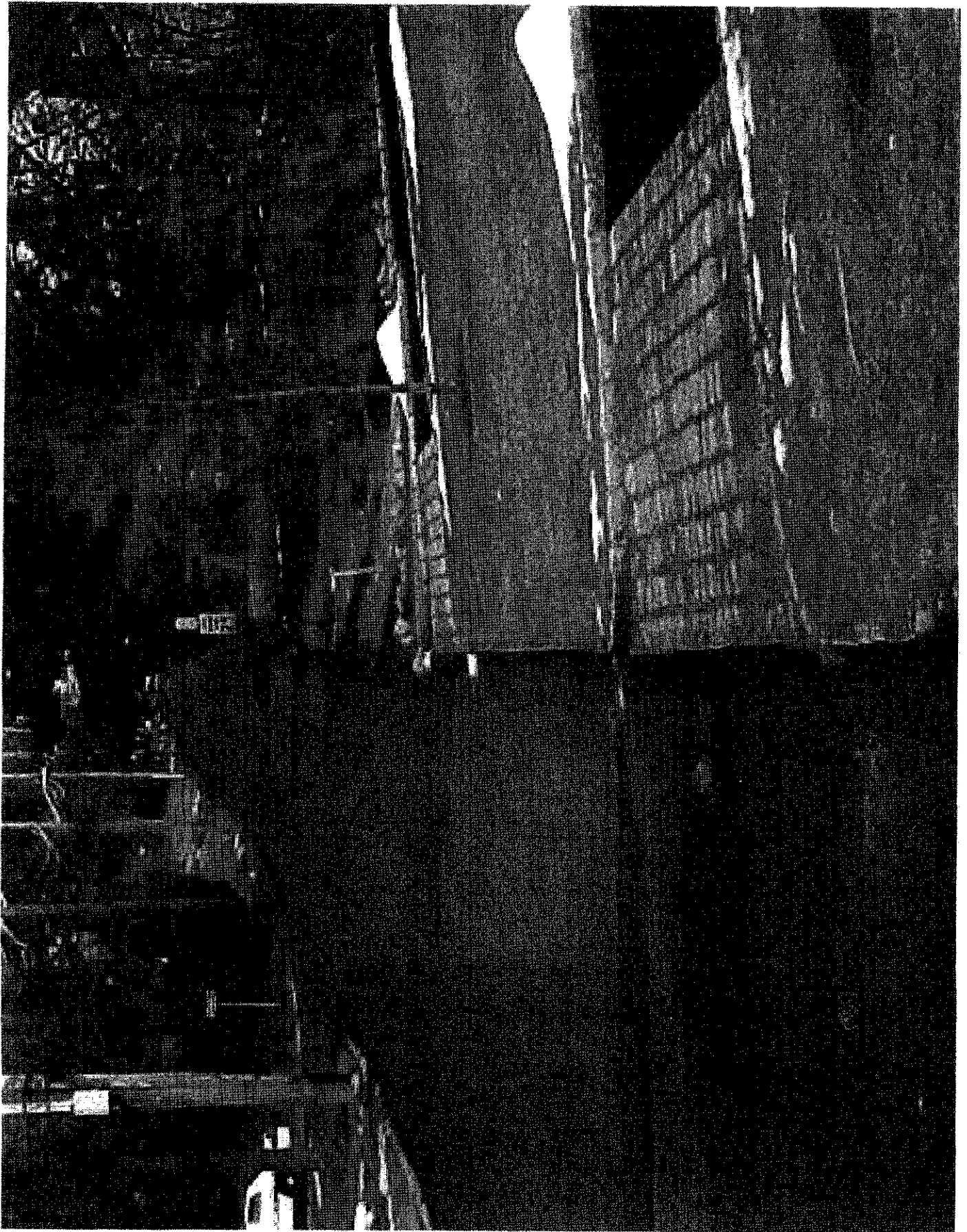
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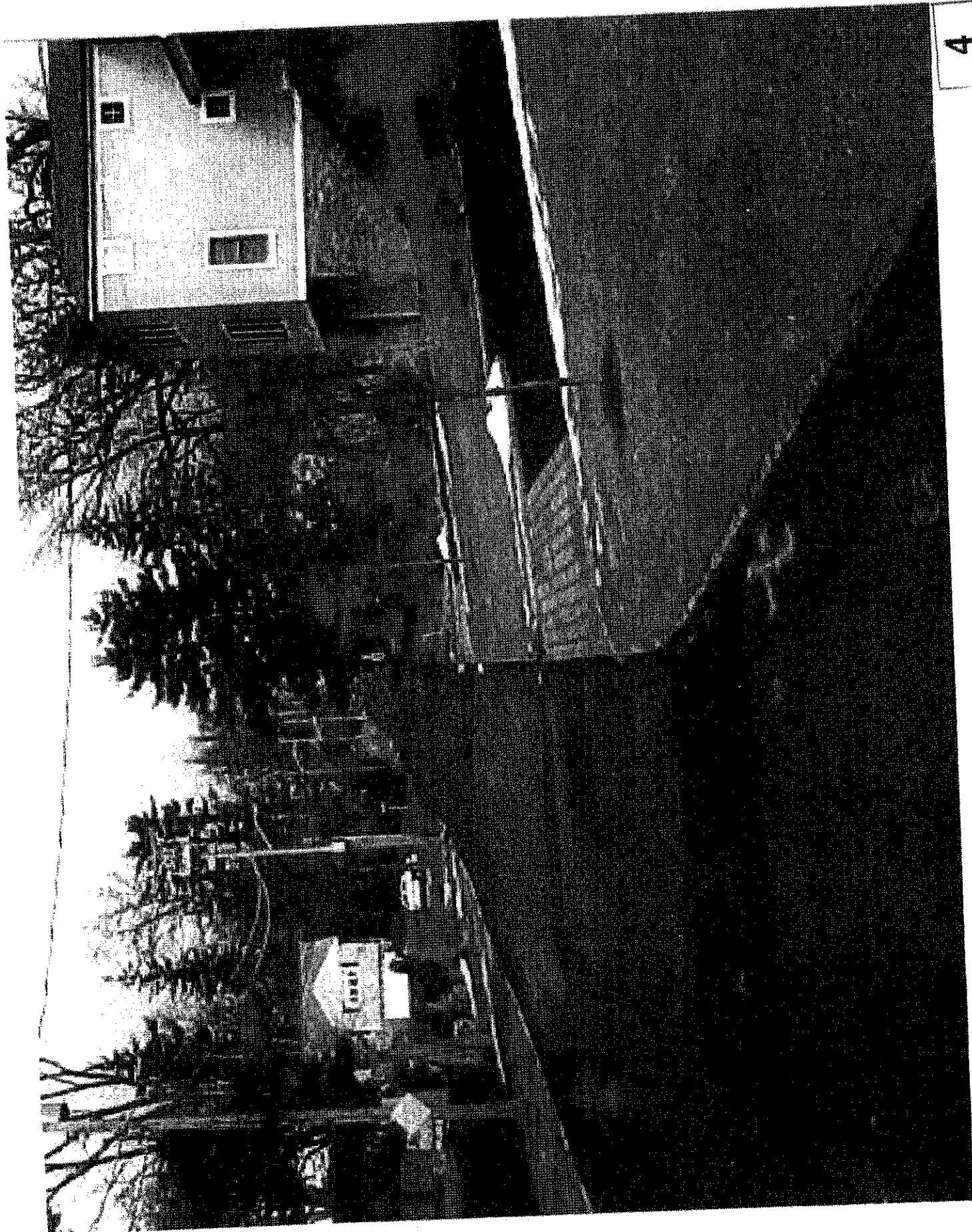
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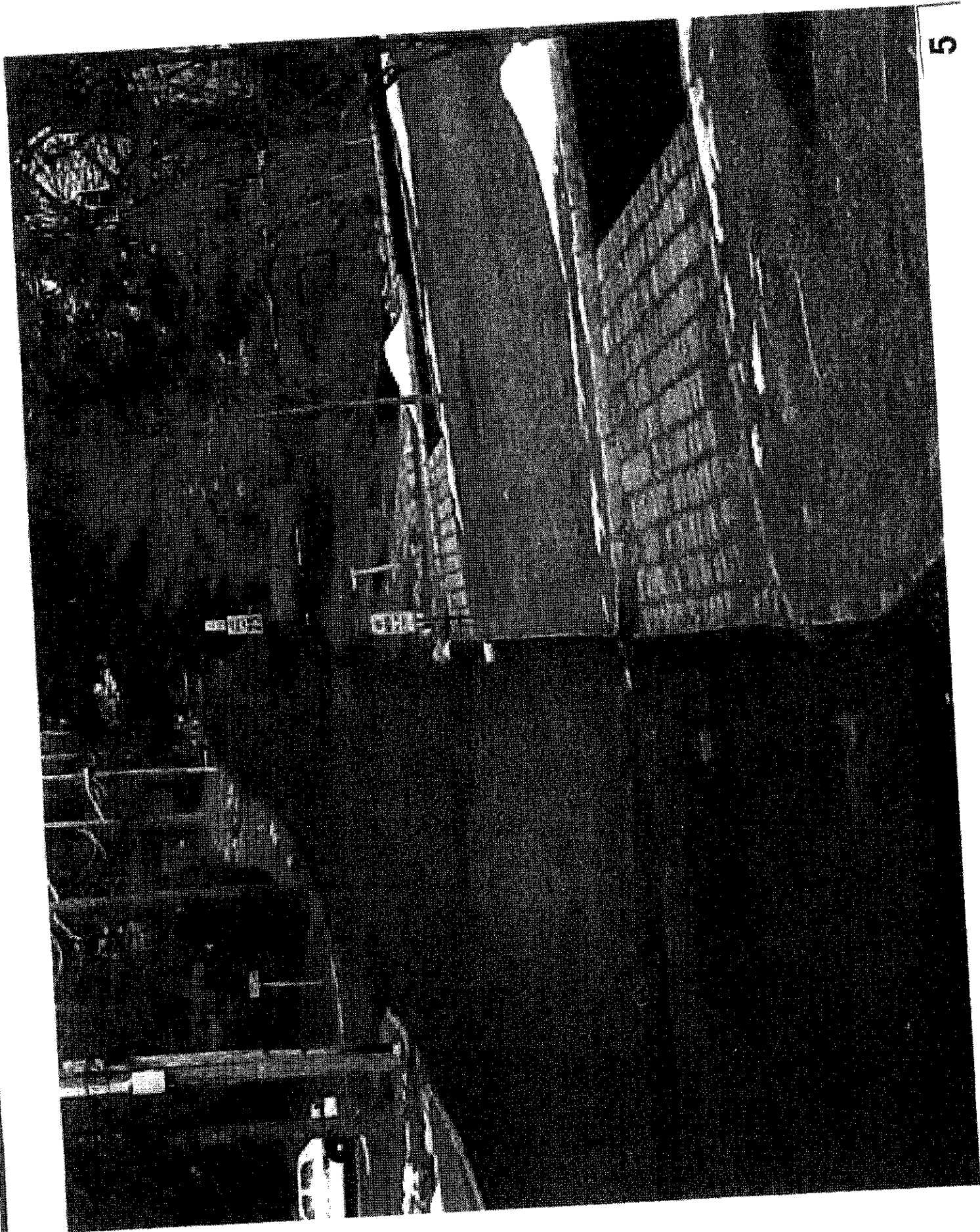
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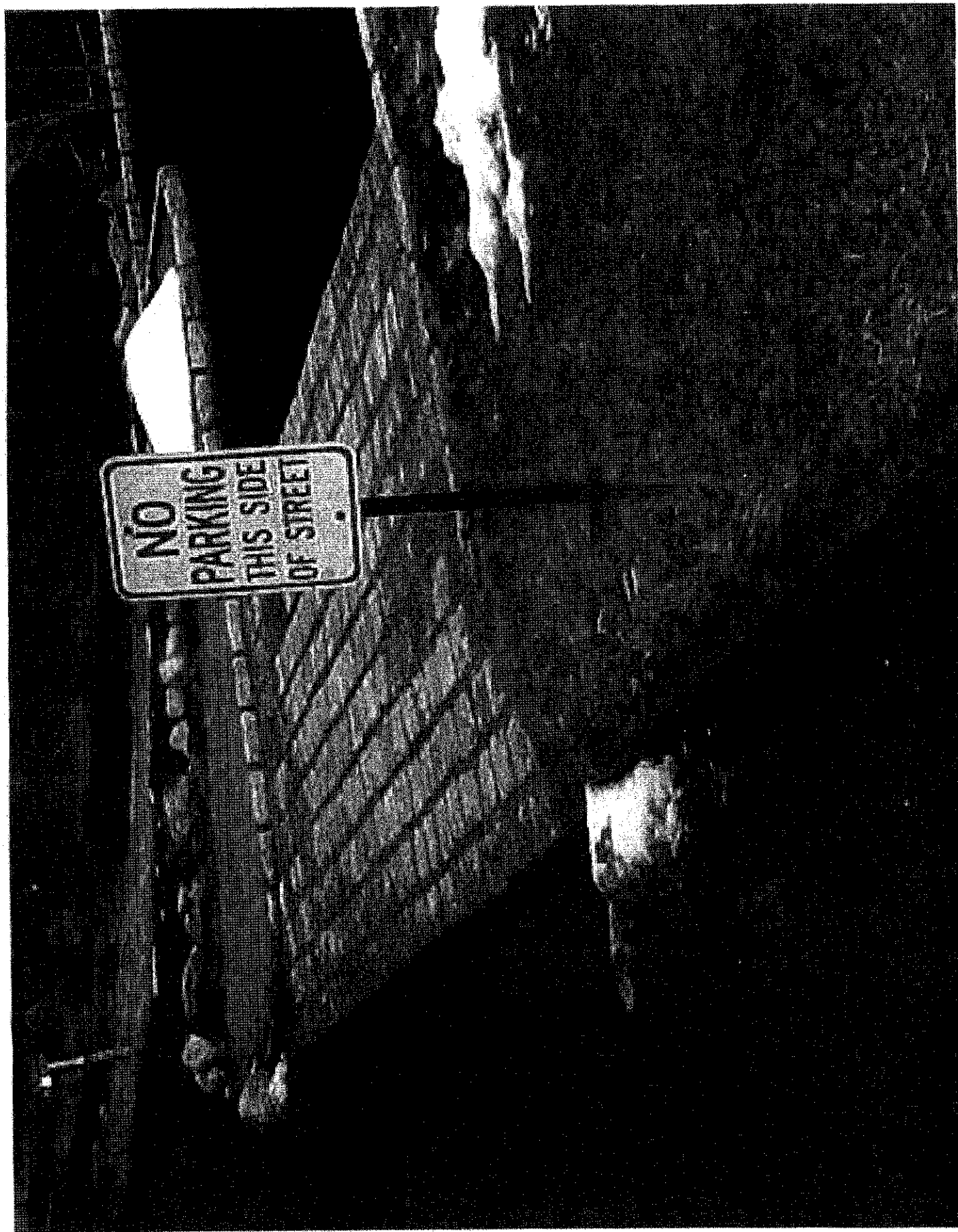


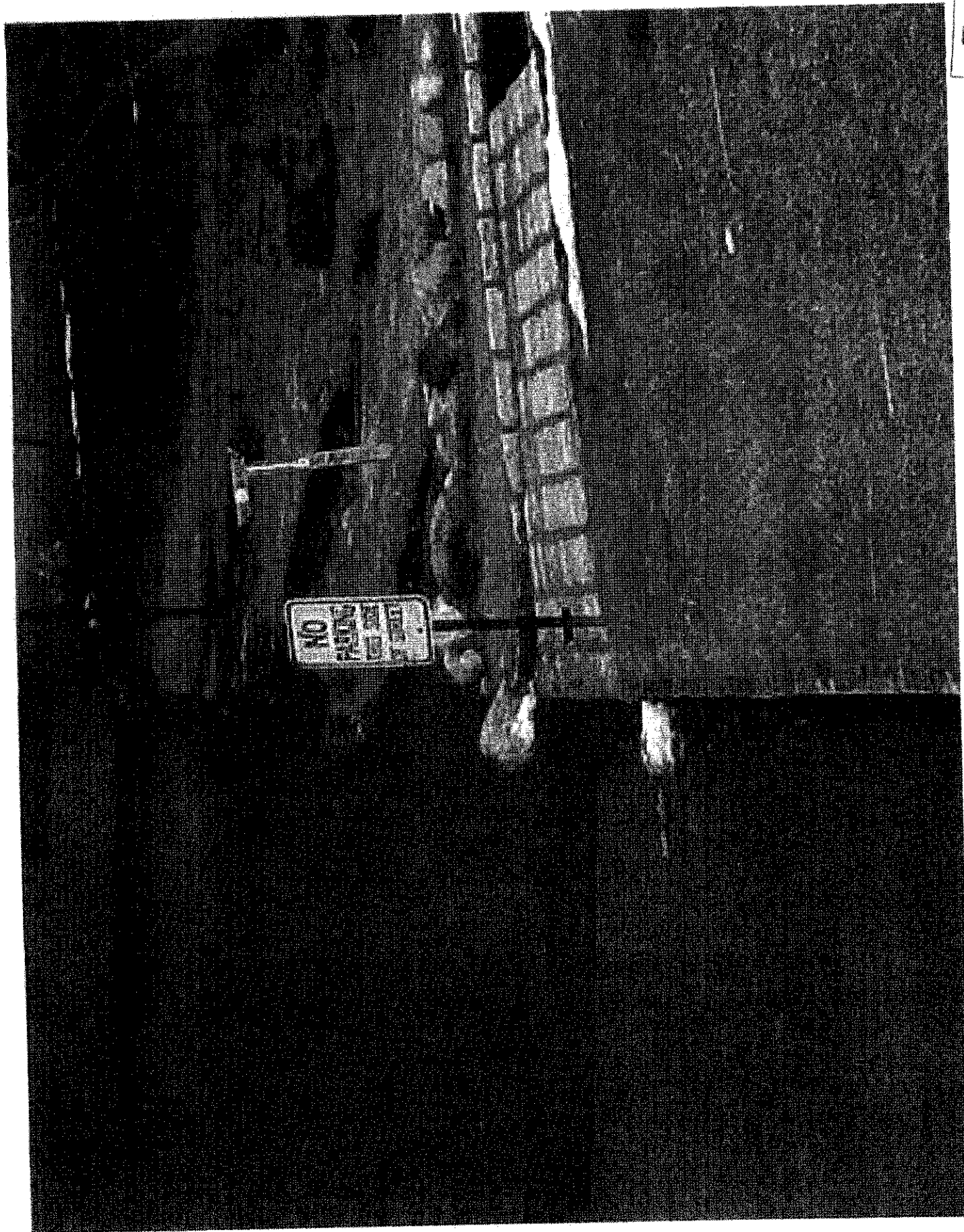












View Map of Location

Address: BENEDICT AVE TARRYTOWN NY

Latitude: 41.0686890 Longitude: -73.8473238



VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Village Administrator Blau

From: Carol A. Booth, Village Clerk



Subject: Fire Department Membership Changes

Date: February 26, 2013

RESOLUTION – FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the following Fire Department membership changes recommended at the February 19, 2013 Board of Fire Wardens meeting: Membership: John Chang was approved for active membership in Washington Engine Fire Company and Rensilin Pathrose has been removed as an active member of the Hope Hose Fire Company.



Tarrytown Fire Department

Chief: Eugene Gasparre

First Assistant: Domenic Morabito

Second Assistant: William Logan jr
www.tarrytownfd.org

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TARRYTOWN VILLAGE CLERK

Secretary

ROBERT GOLDSTEIN

Treasurer Domenic Morabito

2/26/13

Village clerk

Village of Tarrytown

At a meeting of the Board of Fire Wardens the following actions were taken.

Rensilin Pathrose was dropped from the active rolls.

John Chang was elected to membership of TL78

ROBERT GOLDSTEIN

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Mike Blau

From: Thomas Madden <tmadden@greenburghny.com>
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 11:25 AM
To: AJaniak@westchester.org
Cc: hanauer@villageofossining.org; George Calvi (ardsleymanager@optonline.net); Village of Elmsford (mmills@elmsfordny.org); Drew Fixell; Mike Blau; Marcus Serrano (mserrano@dobbsferry.com); villagemanager@Hastingsgov.org; Lawrence S. Schopfer (lschopfer@irvingtonny.gov)
Subject: MHRP Plan endorsement / support
Attachments: MHRP_Exec_Summary_6Feb2013.pdf; Resolution Adopting the concept of Mid-Hudson RSP (02-05-13) - Final.doc; MHRP_Plan adoption support letter.docx; MHRP LOS Endorsement Request_Contacts_2 5 13_vp.xls
Importance: High

Anne – would you mind sending this off to the WMOA membership. Thanks - Thomas

On behalf of David Church and Thomas Madden -
Re: MHRP Plan endorsement / support

As you are aware, we are in the final weeks of concluding the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan and receiving final sign off from NYSEDA and the Governor's office. The first priority for the Consortium is gaining official Plan endorsements or support before the MHRP goes to final printing on March 7th.

The attached executive summary should be used as a distributable briefing paper or handout. The attached templates are for guidance in drafting a support letter back to the consortium– there is no pride in authorship, so please use the templates as a helpful starting point. However, please don't lose the essence of what we need if you do make changes to the templates. We still need the ability to list your entity and others, including the full Consortium members, in the Plan as acknowledging active participation in this Plan Project and for endorsing the vision and implementation strategies of the Plan.

Endorsement is seen as both acknowledgement of active project involvement as well as concept endorsement of the Plan's vision and implementation strategies. David Church will be gaining signoff from County Executive and will brief key legislative leaders in Orange. However, David will not be seeking a vote on the resolution by the Orange County legislature. In Greenburgh, I will have the Town Board adopt a formal resolution endorsing the plan at next week's Town Board meeting.

Our project coordination team is here for support with your needs. I can also participate in a briefings with councils if needed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (914) 993-1532.

Thanks,

Thomas Madden, AICP
Commissioner
Department of Community Development
and Conservation

**RESOLUTION BY (INSERT COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY OR AGENCY NAME)
ACKNOWLEDGING PARTICIPATION IN THE MID-HUDSON REGIONAL
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND ENDORSEMENT OF VISION AND
IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES OF THIS PLAN AS PREPARED FOR
CLEANER, GREENER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM OF THE NEW YORK
STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo announced in his 2011 State of the State address a \$100 million competitive grant program (Cleaner, Greener Communities program) to encourage communities to develop regional sustainable growth strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Sustainability Planning program is the first stage of the Cleaner, Greener Communities program and is intended to provide the necessary resources for each region in New York State, as defined by the boundaries of the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs), to develop a comprehensive sustainability plan; and

WHEREAS, engaging counties and municipalities in the planning process will allow each region to develop its vision, goals, and objectives for a sustainable future and to identify the activities or types of projects needed to achieve that future; and

WHEREAS, in stage two of the Cleaner, Greener Communities program – the Implementation Grant stage – funding will be provided on a competitive basis for implementation of specific projects that provide the greatest opportunities for achieving carbon reductions, energy efficiency savings, and renewable energy deployment consistent with a region’s sustainability and REDC strategic plans; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Region of New York State consists of the seven counties located immediately north of New York City (NYC): Westchester County, Rockland County, Orange County, Putnam County, Dutchess County, Ulster County, and Sullivan County and covers just over 4,500 square miles and contains 198 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan (the “Plan”) purpose is to inform county and municipal sustainability and land use policies, serve as a basis for local government infrastructure decision making, guide infrastructure investment of both public and private resources, outline specific and tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with New York State’s goal of 80% carbon reduction below 1990 levels by the year 2050, and identify strategies for adapting to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, these objectives are paired with implementation strategies to provide a common framework for the Region’s sustainable development and the Plan provides a common, uniting framework, each resident, municipality, and organization in the Region remains able to chart their own course toward achieving this vision, either individually or collectively; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Plan sets out a vision for sustainable development that builds on the Region’s unique social, cultural, and natural history, with the goal of promoting economic development, environmental sustainability, and enhancing quality of life for the more than two million residents that call the Region home; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is non-binding and provides information and guidance, and is intended for use as a common reference tool by local government and non-governmental organizations (including for-profit businesses); and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies five (5) deeply interconnected building blocks for sustainable development present in the Region: the diverse natural environment, a vibrant economy, strong transportation accessibility and connectivity, numerous existing centers, and an exceptional quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides project ideas, best practices, objectives and targets, as well as baseline information that can be incorporated into comprehensive plans, management plans, zoning, and other planning and strategy documents; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides local entities with a regional framework for planning and action that is intended to help coordinate efforts and decision-making with the goal of promoting regional-scale sustainable development.

WHEREAS, the Plan provides a platform to address inter-municipal issues, such as water management, economic development, revitalization of aging and historic infrastructure, biodiversity conservation, environmental remediation, and other issues that transcend individual municipal or county borders; and

WHEREAS, the Plan facilitates sharing of resources that help local governments achieve economies of scale, saving money and potentially allowing for coordination of educational programs and technical assistance to localities within the Region that have similar assets and issues; and

WHEREAS, the Plan positions the Region for more funding opportunities, many of which require grantees to demonstrate regional-scale impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Plan enables networking so that individuals, organizations, and municipalities can share ideas and best practices that identify opportunities for collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Plan assists in creating consistent regional definitions and data sets that can help identify larger-scale trends and targets for investment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to individual focus-area initiatives, which constitute the backbone of the Plan's implementation strategy, a series of regional strategic priorities have been identified; and

WHEREAS, these strategic priorities include efforts which will impact multiple focus areas or have transformative potential at the regional scale; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes recommendations to sustain and strengthen regional-scale planning, coordination, and action, which is intended to help ensure accountability and facilitate Plan implementation at the local, organizational, and individual level; and

WHEREAS, if objectives for sustainable development are to be achieved in the Mid-Hudson region; and

WHEREAS, a premise of this process, the Plan provides for a regional approach that is essential for effectively addressing the societal challenges the area faces in this century; and

WHEREAS, (insert County/Municipality or Agency name) acknowledges active participation in the work effort of the Plan's consortium of counties, municipalities, nongovernmental organizations, private businesses, nonprofits and residents that have joined together to give input and help produce the Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **(Legislative Body / Executive / Chair / Leadership)** of the **(insert County/Municipality or Agency name)** hereby endorses the Mid-Hudson Sustainability Plan as a concept document, and acknowledges the Plan's vision and objectives that are paired with implementation strategies to provide a common framework for counties, municipalities, nongovernmental organizations, private businesses, nonprofits and residents to help implement sustainable development in the Mid-Hudson region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Plan provides a common, uniting framework, each resident, municipality, and organization in the Region remains able to chart their own course toward achieving this vision, either individually or collectively and the **(insert County/Municipality or Agency name)** will to the best of its ability help the Mid-Hudson region reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with New York State's goal of 80% carbon reduction below 1990 levels by the year 2050 and create jobs that, where possible, align with the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council's goals.



Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan

Executive Summary

Draft – February 15th 2013

Prepared For:

Mid-Hudson Planning Consortium

County of Orange, Co-Chair

Town of Greenburgh, Co-Chair

Prepared By:



ecology and environment, inc.

This Plan is funded through the Cleaner, Greener Communities Program, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Preface

The Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan (the Plan) was developed as part of NYSERDA's *Cleaner, Greener Communities* program, intended to empower the ten regions of New York State (NYS) to take charge of sustainable development in their communities by identifying and funding smart growth practices. The program provides a vehicle for planning teams throughout NYS to partner with public and private experts across a wide range of fields, along with community residents, to encourage discussion and lead the development of regional sustainability plans.

The resulting Plan sets out a vision for sustainable development that builds on the Region's unique social, cultural, and natural history, with the goal of promoting economic development, environmental sustainability, and enhancing quality of life for the more than two million residents that call the Region home. Five deeply interconnected building blocks for sustainable development are present in the Region: the diverse natural environment, a vibrant economy, strong transportation accessibility and connectivity, numerous existing centers, and an exceptional quality of life. By taking strategic action to strengthen these building blocks, the Region can establish itself as a national leader in sustainability.

Common Strategic Priorities for the Mid-Hudson Region

The backbone of the Plan's implementation strategy lies in the high- and medium-priority initiatives for implementation presented for each focus area. Many of these initiatives impact multiple Plan objectives and even focus areas. In addition to these initiatives, some common themes emerged upon review of the various ideas submitted by the participants in the planning process. These common themes suggest potential opportunities where we can positively impact multiple focus areas at the same time, helping achieve broad-based sustainable development. These common strategic priorities include efforts to:

- Foster economic development
- Make all growth smart growth
- Invest in infrastructure to create jobs and prepare for the future
- Benefit from and preserve the Region's unique assets through tourism
- Develop a Mid-Hudson Region sustainability brand
- Foster innovation in green technologies and services
- Grow natural resource sector industries
- Enhance education and outreach for sustainability

Foster Economic Development

Virtually every dimension of the Plan can be connected to economic development. The strategies outlined in this Plan seek to increase the efficiency of resource use, spark growth in new industries, preserve working landscapes, guide development so that it reduces sprawl and the associated infrastructure investment and maintenance, and much more. The result will be a Region that is prepared for the future, is an attractive and desirable place to live and work, and is at the forefront of our national and global economy.

As such, the Plan seeks to complement and expand upon the economic development strategy crafted in 2011 by the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council (REDC), and subsequently updated in 2012. The REDC is a public-private partnership made up of local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government, and non-governmental organizations. The REDC takes a community-based, bottom-up approach to job creation and economic growth by distributing funds provided by NYS to support projects in the Region. The Plan has been designed to align with the four Focal Strategies promoted by the REDC, which are to invest in technology, attract and retain mature industries, grow natural resource-related sectors, and revitalize existing centers.

Make All Growth Smart Growth

Achieving sustainable development in the Mid-Hudson Region will require the implementation of comprehensive smart growth strategies. Smart growth aims to create and maintain great neighborhoods and communities by:

1. Mixing land uses
2. Taking advantage of compact building design
3. Creating a range of housing opportunities and choices
4. Creating walkable neighborhoods
5. Fostering distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
6. Preserving open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
7. Strengthening and directing development towards existing communities
8. Providing a variety of transportation choices
9. Making development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective
10. Encouraging community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions

Invest in Infrastructure to Create Jobs and Prepare for the Future

As noted throughout the Plan, the Region's infrastructure – roads, bridges, wastewater treatment plants, electrical grid, and more – is in need of maintenance, repair, or upgrade to continue functioning at desired levels of performance. Proper maintenance of infrastructure extends its service life and can help avoid costly replacement. Replacement or redesign of infrastructure presents opportunities to incorporate new design features and best practices. Critically, infrastructure needs to be designed or retrofitted to be resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Benefit from and Preserve the Region's Unique Assets through Tourism

Promoting the tourism industry is a potential means to strengthen the Region's economy while also helping to achieve the Plan's environmental and economic objectives and improving quality of life. By capitalizing on existing trends toward eco- and green tourism, the Mid-Hudson Region can further differentiate itself as a tourism destination.

Develop a Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Brand

The planning process has demonstrated that there is considerable interest in developing a sustainability 'brand' for the Region. This brand would not supersede existing efforts, but rather provide an overarching umbrella that is recognizable and credible, and generates grassroots momentum. A branding initiative could benefit tourism efforts, local agriculture, 'greening' of businesses, and more.

Foster Innovation in Green Technologies and Services

A regional priority emerging from the planning process is the need to find and nurture talented innovators who develop technologies and services that can be used and tested within the Region, contributing to sustainable development while fostering market development. These technologies have a direct application within the Region, allowing pilot phase deployment to address local needs. Developing local solutions to the Region's sustainable development challenges will help the Region grow by creating new opportunities and jobs, and using the Region as a test-bed for implementation.

Grow Natural Resources Sector Industries

The Mid-Hudson Region has a strong economy based in the natural resources sector, and this economy, which includes agriculture, forestry, natural resource management and materials recovery and reuse, as well as tourism and outdoor recreation, should be further developed to maximize its potential. This can include growing traditional sectors such as agriculture, or developing new industries around reuse and recycling of waste as building materials or other goods.

Invest in Education and Workforce Development

As the Region's many institutions of education and training expand their horizons into the community through service learning, internships, and applied research - and as continuing education in the full spectrum of sustainable development skills expands - the Region has exciting potential as a center of excellence for education and training in sustainable development. Furthermore, targeted education and outreach is critical to achieving the behavioral change needed for many of the Plan's initiatives to succeed.

Conclusion and Implementation Framework

Social, economic and environmental problems are not limited in their character or consequences by conventional governmental boundaries. They demand regional approaches, scaled commensurate with their character. Geographic features that once marked boundaries to collective action, such as rivers and mountains, are now unifying features.

If our Region's objectives for sustainable development are to be achieved, collaboration must continue. New organizations, alliances, and partnerships must be formed and action taken. A premise of this process and Plan is that a regional approach is essential for effectively addressing the societal challenges we face in this century. Our Plan to sustain regional collaboration is to:

- Track progress against indicators
- Oversee Plan implementation and updates
- Facilitate knowledge sharing
- Attract funding to the Region
- Advance the view that the Mid-Hudson Region is a national leader in sustainable development

To achieve these objectives, we will:

- Commit to tracking sustainability indicators at the county level and reporting annually to NYSERDA or another appropriate entity
- Create a Sustainability Analytics Center that will serve as an accessible clearinghouse for sustainability metrics and data
- Support local government implementation to achieve the Plan's objectives by providing tools and resources
- Create a Mid-Hudson regional governance coordinating body by:
 - Continuing the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Planning Consortium as a voluntary, ad hoc effort for at least one additional year
 - Combining resources to hire or reassign staff to support Plan coordination and implementation
 - Developing a 'ground-up' framework, using formal local government commitments of support and inter-municipal agreements
 - Strengthening existing governance bodies or creating a new governance body that can represent the entire Region and provide a formal home for the Plan and the implementation process
- Participate in and collaborate with the REDC

- Implement regional forums to share knowledge, tools, and resources, including:
 - Continuing *EngageMidHudson* and Basecamp
 - Holding an Annual Forum
 - Capitalizing on existing communication networks to spread information relevant to the Plan's implementation

DRAFT

Email correspondence from Merchants Council regarding change in Sidewalk Café fee structure

From: Theresa McCarthy [mailto:tmcc56@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 2:42 PM
To: Mike Blau; Drew Fixell
Cc: John Sardy; JoAnne Murray
Subject: Outdoor Dining Permit Fees

Michael and Drew,

I am writing with regard to the feedback I have received concerning the new rates for outdoor dining permits in the Village.

Drew, I understand that David Starkey sent you his feelings and reasoning on the matter directly upon receiving the application for the permit. He also forwarded me his input as have other merchants.

I have already been in contact with you, Michael, on the matter and am now presenting you with the feedback, as you asked, for consideration at a future Village Board meeting.

First of all, I have made great strides over the past few years at attempting to ameliorate any negativity amongst several merchants toward the Village administration. I believe that you serve the community and the businesses admirably and competently and thus, I have tried to serve as a mediator and communicator to my best ability through my roles in the community.

I appreciate the on-going dialogue I have with Michael on behalf of the merchants and so do they.

Unfortunately, I took some heat over the fact that these permit fees were implemented without any participation from the Merchants' Council or Chamber. Some believed that I was part of the process and never shared what had transpired with my fellow board members and merchants.

The truth is that Michael notified me of the decision of the Village Board of Trustees via email and I read about it at length the next day in *Patch*. My first reaction was that the fee scale seemed fair, but upon further examination and contemplation and after being bombarded about the decision from several corners and gathering that feedback, it is now my responsibility to reach out to both of you with a synopsis for your consideration.

- 1) The consensus is that the fee increases are unwarranted in our small village and extremely burdensome during a difficult economic environment. The fees will hurt the village and its vitality.
- 2) In the future, merchants and its representatives should be kept abreast, in advance, of any plans the Village entertains to change fees that directly impact their businesses and special notifications to the merchants should be made concerning public hearings on the matter.

3) Can the rate per square footage be reduced to ease the burden on those merchants, such as Sweet Grass and Lefteris, who are now incurring fees far in excess of former fees and of those of other merchants?

4) The hefty deposit should now be re-examined as well. Why, on top of exorbitant fees, would a deposit be necessary? You could always revoke a permit if a merchant fails to comply or refuse to issue a new one for the following year. The deposit is just an added burden.

I have reminded merchants, as you asked Michael, to complete their applications in a timely fashion so that permits can be issued by March 15th without the incidents such as we witnessed last year. You, in turn, brought the merchants' desire for a time extension on the permit before the Board of Trustees and it was approved, changing the date from April 1st to March 15th. This will accommodate warmer weather patterns and improve opportunities for restaurant business.

This whole fee issue, unfortunately, has caused a collaborative set-back which I am attempting to rectify. I respectfully request your assistance.

Most sincerely,

Theresa L. McCarthy
Chamber Co-President for Tarrytown
Merchants' Council Chair

On Wed, Feb 27, 2013 at 2:49 PM, Mike Blau <MBlau@tarrytowngov.com> wrote:

For analysis purposes, can you please tell me the number of tables within and outside of the restaurant for both Sweet Grass and Lefteris? I believe in the case of Lefteris, the seating is almost double with the sidewalk café.

From: Theresa McCarthy [<mailto:tmcc56@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 4:24 PM
To: Mike Blau
Cc: Drew Fixell; John Sardy; JoAnne Murray; Kevin Kaye
Subject: Re: Outdoor Dining Permit Fees

This is the information on Sweet Grass:

Outdoor seating at Sweet Grass is 192 square feet, seating 12 people. The new drawings will reflect this (original drawing reflects 314 square feet). They used to seat 16 people but the new barrier will not allow for this. The space in front of the door has been removed from the square footage - there is no seating there. There are two separate seating areas and they should not be charged for the entire space in front of the restaurant.

The inside seats 55.

I will get back to you on Lefteris.

Michael,

There are 48 seats inside Lefteris and 27 outside (I might round that 27 to 30 - he really packs them in like sardines on that sidewalk).

Thanks,
Theresa

VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Fixell and the Board of Trustees

From: Michael Blau, Village Administrator

Date: March 1, 2013

Subject: VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – MAIN STREET

Please be advised that members of the Central Veterans Committee contacted Joe Arduino regarding the concept of the Village taking over ownership of the Veterans Memorial building and utilizing the building for various functions especially in relation to recreation. Joe Arduino thereafter contacted me to inform me that members of the committee would be reaching out to me to discuss the possibility of the Village taking over ownership of the building. On February 1, 2013, I met with representatives from the Central Veterans Committee. The information provided by the representatives is included below.

In the late 1940s the Veterans Memorial building was donated to three different veterans groups as a location to meet and hold functions. The three veterans groups were the Catholic War Veterans, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. There is a separate and distinct board that owns the building that is different from the three veterans groups but is made up of members from the three groups. The veterans have fallen on difficult times and cannot afford to maintain the building. There have been very few rentals of the building and the rentals have not covered the costs associated with the operation of the facility. The last rental of the building occurred toward the end of 2011 and thereafter the group operating and maintaining the building shut the facility down for rental purposes. Costs associated with operating the building include insurance costs of \$55,000 and the sewer tax of \$500. They did not share with me information regarding electricity, water, etc. According to the representatives I met with, the Veterans Memorial building includes a 4,000 sq. ft. large room with stage (the building was originally constructed as a movie theater), a kitchen which has not been used for years, a large bar area which is not functioning, and a small room on the second floor. According to the representatives, there are major repairs that need to be made to the building including roof repairs, pointing of bricks and an updating of the HVAC system. The representatives further noted that there is currently a lien on the building for the failure to pay New York State sales tax.

After my meeting with the representatives on February 1st, I took two actions. First, I asked Joe Arduino to provide me information as to what activities he could operate in the building should the Village take ownership of the building. Second, I scheduled a walk-through of the building with Mike McGarvey and myself to visually inspect the building.

VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael S. Blau, Village Administrator
FROM: Michael J. McGarvey, P.E., Village Engineer
DATE: February 27, 2013
RE: Veterans Memorial Building



Pursuant to your request, On February 22, 2013 you and I conducted a walk-through of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. This walk-through was very brief with only a visual inspection on my part. Although the building appears to be structurally stable, it was noted to us that the heating and air conditioning units on the roof are not in working order. The small area heaters in the ballroom are on loan to the Veterans by a private entity which are required to be returned when the property is sold, leaving the ballroom with no heat at all. There are insufficient bathrooms for the size of the building of which none are handicap accessible.

Please advise if you require a more in-depth inspection this this building.

MJM:dsb

To: Mike Blau, Village Administrator
Re: Recreation usage for Legion building
Date: 2/01/13
From: Joe Arduino, Recreation Supervisor

The size and make-up of the back room in the Legion Hall could be an intriguing aspect for recreational usage. The back room could possibly accommodate certain things which are now being entertained in our Sr. Ctr. building.

For example; Could be entertained...??

All youth/adult sports league meetings [youth basketball, TNT baseball, Adult Softball & A.Y.S.O.]

All adult exercise classes; [Zumba, Pilates & Core resistance] these classes meet a total of 36 weeks during the year.

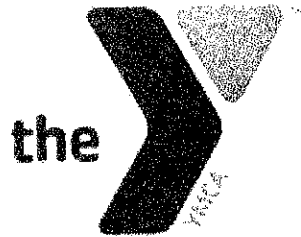
Mom and tot type classes reading/socializing for children ages 1-3.

Art Workshop [arts & crafts] for children ages 7-12.

Hosting all volunteer meetings; Beautification committees' village-wide.

Obviously, I would have to re-examine the shape and safety of the room before a commitment to any program in general can be accommodated.

** To move and re-locate the recreation office as part of this scenario at Legion Hall doesn't make much sense for our purposes.



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Family YMCA at Tarrytown 62 Main Street Tarrytown, NY 10591 www.ymcatarrytown.org (914) 631-4807

January 9, 2013

Mr. Michael Blau
Village Administrator
Village of Tarrytown
One Depot Plaza
Tarrytown, NY 10591

RE: Follow-up to your letter dated December 4, 2012

Dear Mr. Blau,

Thank you for presenting my November 14, 2012 letter to the Village Board. I understand that the penalties cannot be waived altogether. We were responsible and the law does not allow for it. However, I am asking the Board to review the amount of the penalty and ask that this penalty be reduced to a reasonable number. The penalty currently is over \$60,000, which is an extreme amount for any business but especially a small community organization that does not have a means for recouping that amount of money.

On the second matter, we appreciate the residential portion of our water bill being tiered under the residential scale. Attached, I have provided our Declaration of Condominium that will give the documentation needed for tiering the Y and residential portion separately. I turn your attention to page 23 of the document that gives the specific percentage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerry Riera
Chief Executive Officer