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TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE, N.Y.
MICHAEL J. SCHILIRO, SUPERVISOR

Re: The VUE housing proposal

Dear Board Members,

The Sierra Club is very concerned about the VUE proposal of JMF Properties to build a 200 unit multi-housing complex adjacent to Kensico Reservoir and near Cranberry Lake. The project will be approximately 800 feet from the reservoir, 500 feet from Route 22 and drainage from the complex will be down a 45 degree slope into the reservoir. There is an obvious risk of contaminants flowing into the ground water. A nearby parking garage is planned for 400 cars. This will involve substantial blasting and disturbance of a wooded environment.

If the project is approved there will be greatly increased auto traffic along Route 22. This traffic will be in addition to that which may come from a proposed Westchester Airport expansion involving a possible 70% increase in passenger traffic and a new 980 space airport parking garage.

The cumulative affect of various projects under consideration could ultimately threaten the Kensico Reservoir water supply. This in turn could lead to a filtration plant costing upwards of \$8 billion. Kensico supplies water to over 9 million people in New York City and part of Westchester County. Given the gravity of these facts we request a thorough environmental impact statement for the VUE proposal followed by a full public hearing.

Sincerely,

George Klein
Vice Chairman

cc: Cynthia Garcia, NYC DEP
Caroline Cooper