

To the Croton-On-Hudson Zoning Bord of Appeals

RE: 123 North Riverside Avenue, designated on the Tax Maps of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson as Section 67.2 Block 4 Lot 10.01. R

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this letter in support and agreement with the letters sent to the ZBA from Rebecca Backerman-Appelyard and John McKeon. My husband and I are residents of 135 North Riverside, the historic home bordering the south side of the driveway of the proposed dwelling.

Although the narrow issue of a variance for a car port is the subject of this meeting, the members of the board cannot ignore the overarching drainage problems that this construction will have for the residents downhill of it, which will only be exacerbated by the addition of any new buildings or proposed additions, such as a car port or, failing that, a garage as outlined in Mr. McKeon's letter. Since the clearing of trees, bushes and grass along the strip of land which is the proposed access to the new dwelling and which runs along the back of three currently existing homes, the amount of water running from that cleared section down the existing asphalt portion of the driveway and into the storm sewer has noticeably increased during heavy rain. This is a situation that will only get worse if there is a 300' plus impermeable driveway funneling water from the roof of the dwelling and any additions. Since the currently existing driveway is quite steep and becomes virtually unusable when coated with ice, one must assume that there will be some means in place to melt that ice creating an increased and possibly toxic overflow of water.

The concerns of current residents who will be adversely affected aside, there is the issue of drainage onto a roadway owned and maintained by the State of New York, into a State maintained storm sewer, and the lack of a permit from the State for such new construction.

Thank you for your consideration.

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