



COUNTY OF ERIE
MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 11, 2012

Ms. Mary Hannon, Supervisor
Town of Sardinia
12320 Savage Road
P.O. Box 219
Sardinia, NY 14134

Re: Town of Sardinia Zoning Ordinance Amendments
Creation of a Sand, Clay and Gravel Mining Overlay District
County Review # SP-12-338

Honorable Supervisor Hannon,

Thank you for submitting the above-referenced application to us in accordance with General Municipal Law §239-l and m. This is certainly a significant action within the Town of Sardinia.

Due to the recent completion of the Erie County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan, and information contained within it, **we strongly urge the Town to refrain from taking final action on the proposed Overlay District until mid-January.** This will allow Erie County DEP time to conduct a more thorough review of the proposal and will allow for consultation with the Erie County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board on this matter.

The extension we are requesting will also permit DEP staff to thoroughly compare the overlay district against the goals and policies contained in the Erie & Niagara Counties Framework for Regional Growth and the aforementioned County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan. Initial observations suggest that further analysis of the proposed action against the County Plans is warranted. We also think that there may be gaps in the SEQR documentation.

It is our hope that the comments we provide will help the Town in making an informed decision on the proposed action. I look forward to hearing from you regarding our request. Please contact Planner, Rachel Chrostowski at (716) 858-8002 or Rachel.Chrostowski@erie.gov in the event that you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maria Whyte".

MARIA WHYTE
Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning

cc: Thomas J. Dearing, Deputy Commissioner, DEP
Mark Rountree, Planner, DEP
Rachel Chrostowski, Planner, DEP