

CASE NO	142	6	
DATE OF HE	ARING	11/17	122

Town of Aurora Zoning Board of Appeals 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York 14052

Zoning Board of Appeals Application Form

I. TYPE OF REQUEST		
X AREA VARIANCE SPECIAL USE PE	ERMIT USE VARIANCE _	INTERPRETATION
II. APPLICANT/PETITIONER		
Applicant's Name Edmund A. Fischer, Jr. and Pa	amela V. Fischer	
Address 69 Kelly Court		
City Lancaster	State NY	ZIP 14086
Phone <u>7</u> -ax	Email p	
	developer) Owner	
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III. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION	(If different from applicant informs	ation)
	(ii different from applicant informa	auon.)
Property Owner(s) Name(s)		
Address		
City	State	710
City Fax	Fmail	ZIP
	Email	
III. PROPERTY INFORMATION		
III. I ROI ERTI IN ORMATION		
Droporty Address VI Roise Road		
Property Address VL Boies Road		
SBL# <u>200.00-4-10.11</u>		·
Property size in acres 1.754+/- acres	Property Frontage in f	eet 20 Feet
Zoning District Rural Residential/Agriculture	Surrounding Zoning F	Rural Residential/Agriculture
Current Use of Property Vacant Land		
IV. REQUEST DETAIL		
(check all that apply)		
X Variance from Ordinance Section(s) #§9	99-31(A)(1),§ 99-31(A)(2); § 99-31	(A)(3); § 99-31(A)(5); § 116-8.5(F)(2)
Special Use Permit for:		(2)(2)
Use Variance for:		
Interpretation of		

1	10.				
Signature of Applica	ant/Petitioner				
Ryan P. McCarthy,	Esq.				
Print name of Applic					
above individual appear basis of satisfactory evi- name is subscribed to the	in the year 202 before me, the red, personally known to me on the dence to be the individual whose he within instrument and at he/she/they executed the same a stated.				
Notary Public					
(Notary stamp)	PETER J. SORGI Notary Public, State of New No. 02S06102438 Qualified in Erie County My Commission Expires 12-08				
Office Use Only:	Date received: 10 14 22	\$ 100	Receipt #:_5	68 <i>0</i> 30	
Application reviewed	by:	****			
ECDP ZR-1 form sen	t to EC:	Hearing pub	lication date:		
PREVIOUS APPEAL	(S):				
A previous appeal to	the Zoning Board of Appeals()ha	s () has not b	een made with	respect to this prop	erty
Previous appeals:					
Date:	Type of Appeal:		Granted	Denied	
Date:	Type of Appeal:		Granted	Denied	

V. SIGNATURES (This application must be signed by the applicant/petitioner. If the applicant is not

the owner of the property, a separate owner authorization form must be submitted – see pg. 5)

PETITIONER'S LETTER OF INTENT

reques appeal	describe in detail the proposed project, reason the variance and/or special use permit is being ted and any additional information that may be helpful to the Zoning Board of Appeals in deciding this (attach additional pages if needed) are see attached.
TO BE	COMPLETED ONLY WHEN A USE VARIANCE IS BEING REQUESTED:
A Use Town o	Variance is requested because the applicable regulations and restrictions in the Zoning Code of the of Aurora have caused unnecessary hardship as demonstrated by the following:
1)	I cannot realize a reasonable return on my property for each and every permitted use allowed in the current zoning classification as demonstrated by the accompanying financial evidence (provide financial evidence to support your argument). Financial Evidence Provided Yes No (financial evidence is required per NYS Town Law)
2)	Describe why your alleged hardship relating to the subject property is unique and does not apply to other properties in the zoning district or neighborhood: Please see attached.
3)	Describe why you believe that the essential character of the neighborhood/community will not change if the Zoning Board of Appeals grants you a use variance: Please see attached.
4) explair	Is your need for a use variance a result of you own actions (is your difficulty self-created)? Please Please see attached.
(Attach	additional pages if needed)

AUTHORIZATION

Edmund A. Fischer, Jr. and Pamela V. Fischer, as the record owners of real property commonly referred to as VL Boies Road, Town of Aurora, NY, New York (SBL No. 200.00-4-10 11), consisting of approximately 1.74 acres, hereby authorizes Hopkins Sorgi & McCarthy PLLC (Project Attorney), to seek all required approvals and permits from the Town of Aurora and other involved governmental agencies, included but not limited to the Town of Aurora Zoning Board of Appeals, relative to the development of the aforesaid real property.

Edmund Q.	Freduk
Edmund A. Fischer, Jr.	

Dated: <u>5-5-2022</u>

Pamela V. Fischer

Dated: <u>5-5-2022</u>

SUPERVISOR James J. Bach (716) 652-7590 jbach@townofaurora.com



TOWN CLERK Martha L. Librock (716) 652-3280 townclerk@townofaurora.com

TOWN OF AURORA

Aurora Municipal Center

575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052 www.townofaurora.com

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

October 13, 2022

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csnyder@townofaurora.com

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East Aurora, NY 14052

lwochensky@townofaurora.com

RE: ODA lot Boies Rd SBL: 200.00-4-10.11

James F. Granville

jgranville@townofaurora.com

Mr. McCarthy:

Joseph M. McCann jmccann@townofaurora.com The Building Department has reviewed the ODA application submitted on behalf of your clients Edmund and Pamela Fischer for the above referenced property. The lot fails to meet the code requirements for ODA lots in

the Town of Aurora.

Section 99-31A(1)

SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS

David M. Gunner

Required: Minimum lot size will be three acres exclusive of the "flagpole" portion of the property.

Requested: Lot area of 1.55 Ac (716) 652-4050

Variance: 1.45 Ac highway@townofaurora.com

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Section 99-31A(2)

OFFICER Elizabeth Cassidy Required: The flagpole portion of the lot must have a minimum of 75' of frontage on an existing state, county,

or Town road and maintain a minimum 75' wide ROW retained by the property owner.

(716) 652-7591

Requested: Flagpole of 20'

building@townofaurora.com

Variance: 55'

Section 99-31A(3)

ASSESSOR Roger P. Pigeon

Required: All access roadways will be located on a private ROW at least 75' wide.

assessor@townofaurora.com

Requested: Private ROW of 20' wide

(716) 652-0011 Variance: 55'

DIR. OF RECREATION

Section 99-31A(4)(a)

Christopher Musshafen

Required: At every increment of 150' of access roadway length, there will be an additional vehicle pass-by

(716) 652-8866

bump-out measuring a minimum 6' wide and 25' long.

chris@townofaurora.com

Requested: Eliminate 2 bump-outs along flagpole Variance: Eliminate 2 bump-outs

TOWN ATTORNEY

Brigid M. Maloney

Section 99-31A(5)

Required: Front yard setback of 200' from the boundary line parallel to the street ROW.

TOWN JUSTICE

Requested: 100' front yard setback

Jeffrey P. Markello Anthony DiFilippo IV Variance: 100'

HISTORIAN

Robert L. Goller

(716) 652-7944

This letter serves as notice that we have received the application and fee for the Zoning Board of Appeals. You will receive notification from the Town Clerk with the date and time of the next available hearing. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 652-7591.

historian@townofaurora.com

FAX: (716) 652-3507

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Code Enforcement Officer

SITE PLAN OR ZONING REFERRAL TO COUNTY OF ERIE, N.Y. AND REPLY TO MUNICIPALITY

Submit this form with <u>full statement of proposed action</u> (as described in GML 239-m(c)) at <u>www.Erie.gov/IRonline</u>, OR mail a hard copy (retain a copy for your files) to: Erie County Division of Planning, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1053, Buffalo, N.Y., 14202

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
Case No.:
Postmark/Delivery Date:

The proposed action described herein is referred in accordance with the provisions of NYS General Municipal Law §239 1 - nn A Municipal Referral Map is available to help determine whether an applicable action is subject to referral.

		Description	of P	roposed Action			v
1. Name of Municipality:	To	wn of Aurora					
However, any county r	If the eply rec	les that the county shall have 30 da ne county fails to reply within such ceived after 30 days but 2 or more ing body shall file a report of its fir	perio days p	d, the referring body may take orior to final action by the refer	final ac	tion dy s	hall be subject to §239-m(5)
2. Hearing Schedule:	D	ate 11/17/2022	Ti	me 7:00pm Loca	ation	575	o Oakwood Ave., E. Aurora, NY
3. Action is before:		Legislative Body	- V	Board of Appeals	[Planning Board
4. Action consists of:		New Ordinance		Rezone/Map Change	e [Ordinance Amendment
☐ Site Plan	V	Variance		Special Use Permit	[Other:
5. Location of Property:		Entire Municipality	V	Address: Vacant lo	ot Bo	es	Road, E. Aurora
5a. S.B.L. of Property:	200).00-4-10.11					
6. Referral required as site is within 500' of:		State or County Property/Institution		Municipal Boundary			n Operation located in an cultural District
□ Expressway	V	County Road		State Highway	F	ro	oosed State or County Road, perty, Building/Institution, inageway
7. Proposed change or us (specify the action, such as scope of variances or site p	the		у Та	own Code. Also requesti	and fro	nt y nin:	vard setback for proposed building ation of driveway bump-outs
8. Other remarks:					11.00		
9. Submitted by: Martha	a Lib	rock, Town Clerk		Email: townclerk@	@tov	vn	ofaurora.com
10. Return Address: 575	Oa	kwood Ave., East	Au	rora, NY 14052			
	Re	ply to Municipality by	Erie	County Division of	Plan	nir	ng
Receipt of the above-desc submits its review and rep submitted with this referra	oly ui						
1. The proposed a	ction	is not subject to review	une	der the law.			
2. Comment on pro	pose	ed action is attached he	reto) .			
3. The proposed a	ction	is subject to review; Re	con	nmendation on Prop	osed	Ac	tion is attached hereto.
4. No Recommend	ation	; proposed action has k	een	reviewed and deter	mined	d to	be of local concern.
By the Division of Plannin	ıg:						Date:

HSM

October 10, 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Aurora 300 Gleed Avenue East Aurora, New York 14052

Re:

Request for Area Variances - Lot Size; Lot Frontage; Right-of-Way Width; Front

Setback

Property: VL Boies Road, Town of Aurora, NY (SBL No. 200.00-4-10.11)

Property Owners: Edmund A. Fischer, Jr. and Pamela V. Fischer

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals:

Our firm represents Edmund A. Fischer, Jr. and Pamela V. Fischer, the owners of a vacant parcel of land located on Boies Road in the Town of Aurora, New York (the "Property"). The Fischers have owned the Property since 1984 and the Property has existed in its current configuration since 2009. Subsequently, following an extended moratorium, recent changes were made to the Town of Aurora Code including the addition of Open Development Area requirements¹, necessitating several variances for the Fishers' Property to remain a buildable lot.

This Letter of Intent shall explain the grounds for the necessary variances. Attached please find as follows:

Exhibit A:

Deed

Exhibit B:

Survey

Exhibit C:

Town of Aurora Zoning Map Identifying Nearby "Flagpole" Lots

¹ See Town of Aurora Code § DL-1 Disposition of Legislation; Town of Aurora Code § 99 Subdivision of Land and Open Development Area.

Exhibit D:

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Requested Area Variances

VARIANCE #	DESCRIPTION	CODE SECTION	REQUIRED	REQUESTED
1	Lot Size	§ 99-31(A)(1);	3 Acres	1.55 Acres 🗸
		§ 116-8.5(E)(2)		
2	Lot Frontage	§ 99-31(A)(2)	75 Feet	20 Feet
3	Right-of-Way	§ 99-31(A)(3)	75 Feet	20 Feet
	Width			
4	Front Yard	§ 99-31(A)(5)	200 Feet	100 Feet
	Setback			

Grounds for Area Variances

New York Town Law Section 267-b(3) sets forth the standards for granting area variances as follows:

3. Area variances.

- (a) The zoning board of appeals shall have the power, upon an appeal from a decision or determination of the administrative official charged with the enforcement of such local law, to grant area variances as defined herein.
- (b) In making its determination, the zoning board of appeals shall take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant. In making such determination the board shall also consider: (1) whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance; (2) whether the

benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance; (3) whether the requested area variance is substantial; (4) whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district; and (5) whether the alleged difficulty was self-created; which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the board of appeals, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

In making its determination, the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") must balance "the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant."

The benefit to the Applicant is to allow them to retain the ability to build a single-family home on the Property which they previously had for many years, the loss of which would mean that they could not utilize the property to have a home constructed on it, which was their intent prior to the aforementioned changes to the Town Code.

The Applicant respectfully submits that there is no detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community, the requested variances relating to access all exceed the requirements under the Residential Code of New York State², all requested variances exceed the requirements of the Rural Residential district comprising all of Boies Road³, and the property is substantially similar to many other "flagpole" lots with residences in the immediate area.⁴ Accordingly, the Property would not result in a "detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community."

² See, e.g., Residential Code of New York State § 511 Emergency Vehicle Access for Detached One- and Two- Family Dwellings.

³ Town of Aurora Code § 116-8.4 (D)-(E).

⁴ See Exhibit C Town of Aurora Zoning Map Identifying Nearby "Flagpole" Lots.

The five factors listed in § 267-b(3)(b) provide guidance as to the types of issues the ZBA can consider, but which are not dispositive, regarding area variances.

- 1. "[W]hether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance": As discussed above, the requested variances relating to access all exceed the requirements under the Residential Code of New York State, all requested variances exceed the requirements of the Rural Residential district comprising all of Boies Road, and the property is substantially similar to many other "flagpole" lots with residences in the immediate area. The map attached as Exhibit C highlights in green some of the numerous residential "flagpole" lots in the area of the Town adjacent to Boies Road. The granting of the variance and construction of a single-family home would not create an undesirable change in the character of the neighborhood.
- "[W]hether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance":

 There is no other method to achieve the benefit sought. The parcel has been owned by the Applicants in its current configuration for many years, predating the current version of the Town of Aurora Code. The requested variances are necessitated only by recent changes to the Aurora Town Code. Without the requested variances, the changes would prevent the Applicants from building

any structure on their Property, making the Property all but worthless.

- 3. "[W]hether the requested area variance is substantial": The variance is not substantial when considering they still all exceed relevant New York Residential Code requirements and all Town of Aurora requirements for lots in the Rural Residential District. Similarly, the variance is not substantial as it relates to the area since there are similar "flagpole" lots in the area of the Town adjacent to Boies Road.
- 4. "[W]hether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district": No adverse physical or environmental impacts exist from the granting of the requested variances. This is an unlisted action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and unlisted actions, as opposed to Type 1 Actions, do not have a presumption of adverse environmental impact⁵.
 Moreover, prior to any construction to occur at the Property following granting of the variances, further approvals are needed from the Town of Aurora.

⁵ Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4(a)(1), "a Type I action carries with it the presumption that it is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment and may require an EIS." However, this Project is an unlisted action pursuant to SEQR and the definition of an Unlisted Action, set forth at 6 NYCRR 617.2(al), does not carry the presumption that it is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

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5. "[W]hether the alleged difficulty was self-created": As discussed previously, the

Applicant owned the Property in its current configuration prior to the Town's

recent amendments to its Town adding the additional Open Development Area

regulations, so the hardship was not self-created.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the granting of the necessary variances will

provide a substantial benefit to the Applicants, and would not pose any "detriment to the

health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community," and accordingly request that

the variances be granted.

If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

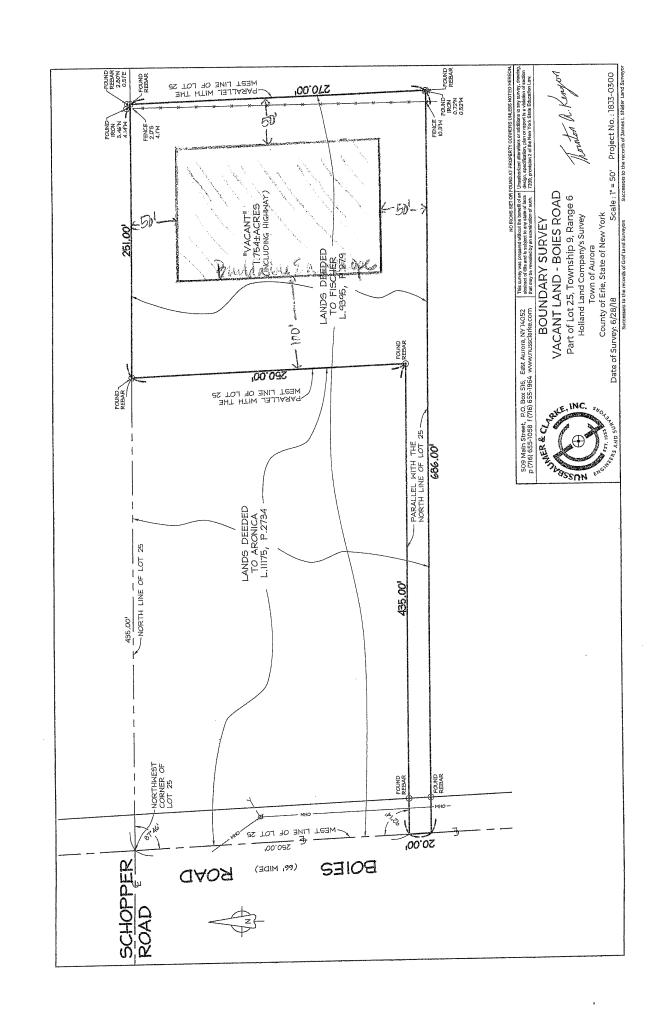
Sincerely,

HOPKINS SORGI & MCCARTHY PLLC

Ryan P. McQarthy, Esq.

Enc.

cc: Edmund A. Fischer, Jr. and Pamela V. Fischer



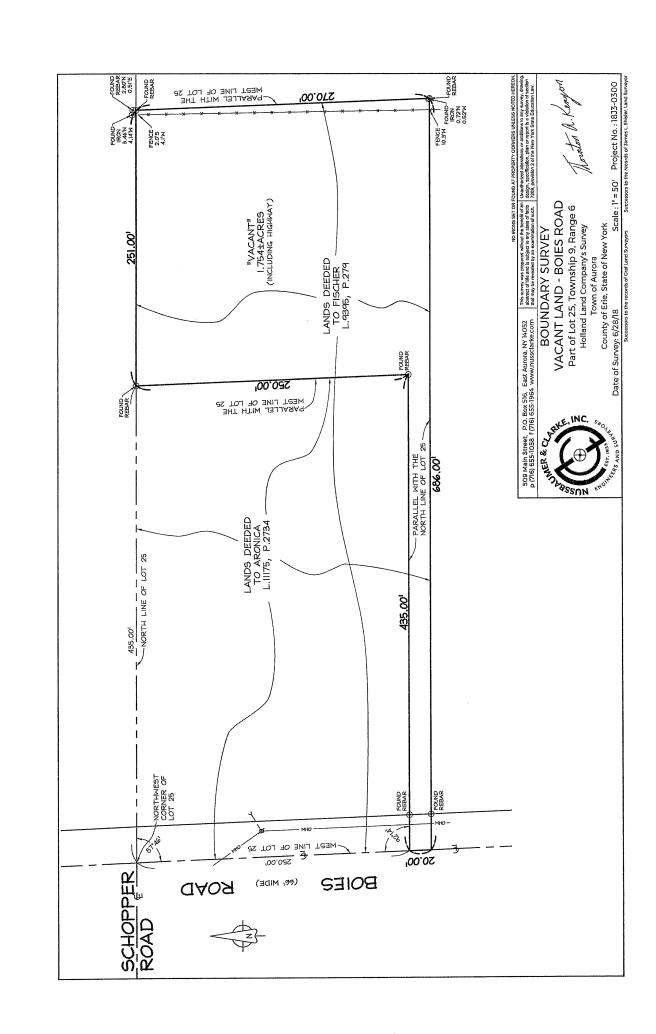


EXHIBIT C TOWN OF AURORA ZONING MAP IDENTIFYING NEARBY "FLAGPOLE" LOTS



Town of Colden

Green= Flag lot

EXHIBIT D EAF

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

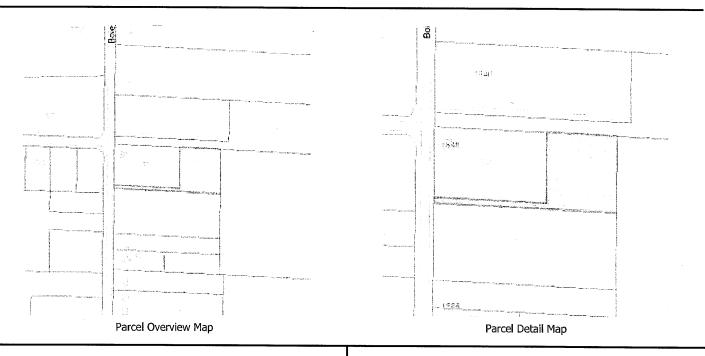
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information				
Name of Action or Project:				
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Fischer Variance Application Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
•				
VL Boies Road, Town of Aurora, NY (SBL No. 200.00-4-10.11)				
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Applicants are requesting variances from the Aurora Town Code to allow for construction of a				
	a residence on their property.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 716-805-719	1		
Edmund A. Fischer, Jr. and Pamela V. Fischer (c/o Hopkins Sorgi & McCarthy PLLC)	E-Mail: rmccarthy@hsmlegal.com			
Address:				
726 Main Street, Suite B				
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:		
East Aurora	NY	14052		
 Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, loc administrative rule, or regulation? 	ai law, ordinance,	NO YES		
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to que	environmental resources the stion 2.	nat 🗸 🗀		
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any oth	ner government Agency?	NO YES		
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Town of Aurora Zoning Board of	Appeals grant of area variance	es 🗌 🗸		
 a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 	1.754 acres <u>0</u> acres 1.754 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
☐ Urban ☑ Rural (non-agriculture) ☐ Industrial ☐ Commerc	ial Residential (subu	rban)		
☐ Forest ☑ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Spe	ecify):			
Parkland				

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	\exists		
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	片		님
		NO	YES
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?		NO	
			\checkmark
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
If Yes, identify:		✓	
O XXIII d		NO	YES
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	-	V	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	-	<u></u>	冒
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	-	V	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
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		<u> </u>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:			
		\checkmark	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		170	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:	}	NO	YES
11 No, describe memod for providing wastewater treatment:		V	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the	t	NO	YES
Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the		\checkmark	
State Register of Historic Places?			
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for		\checkmark	
archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		NO	YES
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?		✓	빝
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:	!	V	
2. 2. 2. Accounty the working of waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:			
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
☐ Shoreline		
□Wetland □ Urban □ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
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16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	\checkmark	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES
If Yes,	✓	
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	✓	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	V	
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		
	✓	
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste	NO	X/DG
management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:	V	
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BI MY KNOWLEDGE	EST OF	7
Applicant/sponsor/name: Edmund A. Fischer, Jr. and Pamela V. Fischer Date: 10/10/2022		~
Signature:Title: Attorney for Applicant	-1	
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PIN: 1424892000000004010110

SBL: 200.00-4-10.11

Address: 0 BOIES RD

Owner 1: FISCHER EDMUND A JR

Owner 2: FISCHER PAMELA V

Mailing Address: 1313 MCKINLEY PKWY

City/Zip: LACKAWANNA NY 14218

Municipality: Aurora

Property Class: 311

Class Description: R - Res vac land

Front: 0

Depth: 0

Deed Roll: 1

Deed Book:

Deed Page:

Deed Date:

Acreage: 1.73938736

Total Assessment: \$2,400

Land Assessment: \$2,400

County Taxes: \$2,400

Town Taxes: \$0

School Taxes: \$0

Village Taxes: \$0

School District: EAST AURORA UNION FREE

DISTRICT #1

Year Built: 0

Sqft Living Area: 0

Condition: 0

Heating: 0

Basement: 0

Fireplace: 0

Beds: 0

Baths: 0

