

## Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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### **Town of Newburgh Planning Board**

Project Name: Shoppes at Newburgh Site Plan Amendment  
City of Newburgh Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Comment Letter

Dear Planning Board Chair and Members

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on this important project.

The proposed project is within the Washington Lake Watershed and is transected by Patton Brook, a contributing member of the Washington Lake Watershed.

Patton Brook is classified the NYS DEC as a Class "A" stream and all the waters and headwaters feeding are thus Class "A" Waters.

The potential runoff from this project, absent additional protective measures will negatively impact the City of Newburgh Watershed and thus protection must be put into action.

Green infrastructure and groundwater filtration must be provided as must provision be made for permeable pavement to the full extent possible to allow natural filtration for surface waters.

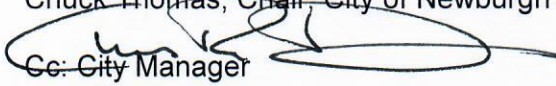
Regarding future proposed expansions, the proposed supermarket location should be designed to eliminate encroachment on the identified wetlands for the important buffering and filtration and water collection the wetland provides.

The CAC is grateful for this occasion to present alternatives for the Town of Newburgh to provide stewardship to our critical regional water resource. The CAC will be forwarding to the Planning Board a print copy of a Biodiversity Assessment of Washington Lake, Brown's Pond and Snake Hill to assist in your planning process. In the meantime, a link to the study is available on the City of Newburgh's website at the Biodiversity Assessment. <https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/conservation-advisory-council/news/biodiversity-assessment>.

Thank you for your attention to this most important request.

Respectfully Submitted

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