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January 10, 2024

RE: Notice of Complete Application, Acceptance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Legislative Hearing

It's Greener Now Inc – Padua Gravel Pit
DEC ID# 8-4424-00006/00001; ML# 80244
Article 23 - Mined Land Reclamation
Watkins Glen (V), Dix (T), Schuyler County

Dear Involved Agencies, Interested Agencies and SEQR Repositories:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the NYS DEC), as State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) lead agency, has determined the application for the above referenced proposed project to be complete and has accepted the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as being adequate for public review. The above referenced notice is attached to this letter for your information. Electronic copies of the DEIS are enclosed for review and comment by the Involved and Interested Agencies.

In addition, the documents are being made available to the public at two designated locations: the Watkins Glen Public Library and the NYS DEC Region 8 Office. The DEIS is also available online at: <https://jmt.com/padua-ridge-deis/>.

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 621.8 (Uniform Procedures), two (2) legislative public comment hearings for the receipt of unsworn public comments on the Mined Land Reclamation permit application and DEIS will be held. The first hearing will be held virtually on February 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM through the WebEx electronic platform. A second hearing will be held on February 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Seneca Lake Events Center at Clute Park, 586 East 4th Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891. In the event of inclement weather, the in-person hearing will be held on February 15, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Seneca Lake Events Center. Comments may also be submitted in writing to my attention, at the address listed above or via email to its-greener-now-comments@dec.ny.gov, on or before February 28, 2024. Please see the enclosed notice for additional details.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 585-226-5382 or at frances.knickmeyer@dec.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Frances Knickmeyer
Environmental Analyst

Enclosures:

Notice of Complete Application, Acceptance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and
Notice of Public Hearing
DEIS

Involved Agency Distribution List (with electronic copy of DEIS):

Mayor Laurie DeNardo, Village of Watkins Glen (hard copy to be sent by applicant)
Village of Watkins Glen Planning Board
Supervisor Dominick Smith, Town of Dix (hard copy to be sent by applicant)
Town of Dix Planning Board
Town of Dix Zoning Board of Appeals

Interested Agencies (Notice Only)

Sloane Bullough, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Dr. Joe Stahlman, Seneca Nation
Peter Reuben and Beynan Ransom, NYSDEC Office of Indian Nation Affairs

SEQR Repositories:

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