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## \*PRELIMINARY\* Site Plan Application

Check one of the following:   Design Review   Conceptual (design review is strongly encouraged)
Property information
Tax map #: 134 ; Lot #('s): 5 ; Zoning district: Residential-2 (R2)
Property address/location: 114 Rochester Hill Road ; # acres: 24.75
Name of project (if applicable): Apple Ridge Apartments
Proposed project
Describe proposed project: The proposed project is an 102 unit multi-family housing
Development with associated parking and play areas and gardens
Nonresidential: current bldg. size NA s.f.; total proposed bldg. size s.f.
Residential: current # units Zero ; total proposed # units 102
City water? yes X no; how far is City water from the site?
City sewer? yes X no; how far is City sewer from the site? 19-FT
Applicant/Agent
Property owner (include name of individual): Apple Ridge Estates, LLC.
Property owner mailing address: 2992 Lafayette Rd Unit D, Portsmouth, NH 03801
Property owner phone #email:
Applicant/developer (if different from property owner): David Lemieux
Applicant/Developer mailing address: PO Box 1163, Rochester, NH 03866
Applicant/developer phone # (603) 235-4370 email: Lemieux.inc@Comcast.net
Engineer/designer/agent: Norway Plains Associates, Inc.; Scott Lawler, PE
Engineer/designer/agent phone # 335-3948 email: SLawler@NorwayPlains.com
Morch 4, 2015
Signature / Date
[Office use only. Payment of fee. Amount \$ Check # Date paid ]

## **Authorization to enter subject property**

I hereby authorize members of the Rochester Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Planning Department, and other pertinent City departments, boards and agencies to enter my property for the purpose of evaluating this application including performing any appropriate inspections during the application phase, review phase, post-approval phase, construction phase, and occupancy phase. This authorization applies specifically to those particular individuals legitimately involved in evaluating, reviewing, or inspecting this specific application/project. It is understood that these individuals must use all reasonable care, courtesy, and diligence when entering the property.

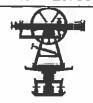
Signature of property owner:

Date:

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March 7, 2016

Seth Creighton, Chief Planner
Department of Planning and Development
Second Floor, City Hall
31 Wakefield Street
Rochester, NH 03867-1917

Re: Residential Site Plan Application for Conceptual Review; Apple Ridge Apartments; 114 Rochester Hill Road - Map 134, Lot 5.

Dear Mr. Creighton:

On behalf of David Lemieux, Norway Plains Associates Inc is please to submit a Site Plan Application for Conceptual review for a multi-family project. The proposal is to construct a multi-family development with a total of 102 units. The proposed project is located at 114 Rochester Hill Road, as depicted on the Rochester Assessor Map 134, Lot 5. The parcel is located in the Residence 2 (R2) zoning district.

The 24.75 acre property is owned by Apple Ridge Estates, LLC and had previously gone through a 15 lot single family subdivision back in 2004. However, do to the down turn in the residential housing market, the subdivision was never constructed.

The project, which will be phased of several years, will consist of three building, associated parking and several communitive open spaces amenities. The 30,000 square foot apartment buildings will have an even mixture of one-bedroom and two-bedroom units. The proposed three story buildings will have a center community space on the first floor, common entry mail rooms, laundry room and central office. There will be large covered porches entrances and the buildings will be orientated to provide sunlight to the units.

Access to the project will be from a single driveway off Rochester Hill Road, also known as NH Route 108. Parking for the residents and visitors will be located around the perimeter of the development. This allows for circulation good around the site for emergency vehicles, while creating an inner core of play areas, gardens and outside community activity areas. Essentially, this will create a carless interior with walkable pathways for all ages.

Currently, there are two concepts are being considers for design. Concept A depicts 159 parking spaces expandable to 169, whereas Concept B has 207 parking spaces. Under the Site Review Regulations, each dwelling unit shall have a minimum of 2 parking spaces. At 102 units, the development would require at least 204 parking spaces. However, it is our opinion, that apartment complex which have one-bedroom units do require as many spaces. As such, we suggest a ratio of 1.5 parking spaces per unit would be an appropriate number for the bases of design.

The advantage to a reduced parking space calculation would allow for more green spaces around the buildings, all while reducing the impervious coverage. Stormwater will be captured from the development, treated and released in such a manner to meet the City and State peak discharge rates and volume requirements. Rain runoff from the buildings will likely be discharged into landscaped rain gardens, while the runoff from the pavement will be treated

and released through other types of low impact development practices.

Further enhancing the neighborhood feel of the proposed development, a large play area field is proposed in the northwesterly corner. A bus shelter is proposed for the school children and possible a Coast Bus stop. The site will be inundated with nice shade trees, community gardens, landscaping, patios, a gazebo and several play areas.

The site will be serviced by municipal water and sewer. A water main will be brought into the site that will provide both domestic and fire suppression needs. A new sewer main will be constructed that runs from the proposed building down slope towards the City sewer main located adjacent to the Northcoast Rail Road tracks. This sewer design is the same which was proposed and approved for the 2004 subdivision. Construction and maintenance of the sewer line will require reissuing a NHDES Wetlands Permit for impacts to the jurisdictional wetlands. Addition applications for State permits that will be filed include the NHDES Alteration of Terrain Permit, NHDES Sewer Discharge Permit and NHDOT Driveway permit.

We look forward to discussing this project with staff and the Planning Board. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

NORWAY PLAINS ASSOCIATES, INC.

By:

Scott A. Lawler, PE, Project Engineer

cc: Apple Ridge Estates, LLC

David Lemieux

