

TO: The Town of Lewisboro Planning Board
FROM: Lewisboro Conservation Advisory Council
SUBJECT: Maple Tree Farm, 400 Smith Ridge Road, wetland violation mitigation
DATE: May 10, 2023

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) has reviewed the materials submitted by the applicant for the mitigation of a wetland violation at 400 Smith Ridge Road, South Salem, NY 10590. The CAC has the following:

- The plans discuss a 25 foot buffer while the DEC is 100 ft and the town is 150 ft. The plans need to show these buffer lines and the plan needs to address issue within the state and town wetland buffer areas.
- The fence that borders the mitigation are should be along the 150 foot buffer and not the arbitrary 25 foot buffer.
- The plan does not indicate that the offending chips are to be removed.
- The grass driveway appears to be within the wetland buffer.
- In general, the wetland mitigation plan needs to be updated to address the proper wetland buffer area and the offending chips.

This violation has been on the agenda for several months but no mitigation plan has been shown. In those several months, the dumped wood chips could be causing harm to the wetland. Once violations are found, expedited mitigation would cause the least damage. The CAC would like to understand what needs to be done to have this site addressed.