

TO: Town of Lewisboro Planning Board

FROM: Lewisboro Conservation Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Handler Residence, 25 Woodway, sheet 38, Block 10549, Lots 12 & 20

DATE: July 8, 2020

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) reviewed the applicant's submission documents and plans from July 2020.

While the CAC encourages the removal of non-native species and the increase of native meadows lands we have the following concerns with this application. The CAC understands how difficult it is to get rid of phragmites, autumn olive and the others mentioned. However, the use of the two chemicals mentioned raises concerns. Even though Roundup can be very effective against the phragmites, we would like to make sure every attempt is made to keep it from entering the ponds and/or stream.

There is much controversy concerning glyphosates. It has neither been proven nor disproven that they cause cancer. As such, the CAC has concerns about glyphosate based products being applied in a substantial wetland area that affects watercourses and lakes and their associated communities.

In the areas that border the ponds and streams, CAC would prefer to see non-toxic methods employed. In nearby areas, Rodeo is preferred over the more toxic Roundup. The use of Rodeo around the waters edges is much safer than Roundup. Again, non-toxic methods are preferred. Because the outflow from this property is the primary surface water source for lake Truesdale we would suggest that the application of any glyphosates be done in the dry conditions available to minimize downstream effects.

The DEC Approval letter specifies certain procedures as part of the approval. The CAC would like to see a plan that follows these procedures and includes an inspection schedule and an inspector.