

McKownville Improvement Association
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To: Mr. Peter Barber
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Guilderland

The proposal by the Shabbos house to construct a 10,000 square foot facility at 320 Fuller Road is not in the best interests of the neighbors of the facility on West Parkwood Street, Fuller Road and other nearby streets, the McKownville neighborhood, or the Town of Guilderland

Standing water for a week or more on the 320 Fuller Road site is not uncommon. Several experts say that the developer's proposed storm water retention system will be problematic. If that occurs there will be flooding problems for nearby neighbors on Parkwood West and Fuller Road.

The proposed facility is too much like a university building with many activities on numerous days for 250 or more guests, with too little parking, and in a building that is too large for a residential neighborhood. The future use of the site will be problematic as well. Off-site parking, even if available, would not erase these problems.

Because of each of these, the value of nearby homes will be negatively impacted.

Alternative sites in McKownville are available. Several on Western Avenue would be more central to the dormitories at the University at Albany but yet be more separated from residential neighbors.

Therefore the McKownville Improvement Association and the following neighbors ask the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Guilderland neither to not grant the variance requested by the Shabbos House for 320 Fuller Road.