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James C. Sheers, Chairman and Members of the
City of Beacon Planning Board
1 Municipal Plaza
Beacon, NY 12508

Re: Mount Beacon Trailhead Parking Improvements
Application for Amended Site Plan Approval

Dear Chairman Sheers:

Please find attached an application for Amended Site Plan Approval for the Mount Beacon Trailhead Parking Improvements project.

Scenic Hudson was granted a Special Use Permit by resolution of the City Council on July 6, 1999 and Site Plan approval on December 10, 2002 for the Gateway to Mount Beacon project, which included a gravel parking lot for 40 vehicles. The current application is to make improvements to the parking lot in order to mitigate the current overcrowding caused by increased demand for parking.

The current proposal includes realignment of the parking stalls and access drives to allow for a total of 77 parking spaces and access for busses and trolleys. The large existing trees at the trailhead kiosk will remain, and the plan includes screening planting along Wolcott Avenue as well as shade trees within the parking lot itself. The pavement will remain gravel, except at the ADA parking spaces, where it will be asphalt. The intent is to keep the rustic/natural character of the parking lot, while improving its capacity.

Please also find enclosed a Short Environmental Assessment Form, one electronic and five sets of construction drawings and a check for \$2,000 for the application fee and escrow account.

We respectfully request to be put on the agenda for the August 8th Planning Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Meg Rasmussen
Sr. Park Planner

Encl.

cc: Rita Shaheen, Scenic Hudson
Brit Basinger, The Chazen Companies