



Environmental Commission
Township of Jackson

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
95 WEST VETERANS HIGHWAY
JACKSON, NEW JERSEY 08527
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Township of Jackson
Planning and Zoning Boards
95 West Veterans Highway
Jackson, NJ 08527

**RE: Blocks 2901, Lots 14 & 15
Jackson Retreat Hotel
County Route 571 South**

Dear Chairmen and Board Members:

After reviewing the reports, information, and conducting a site visit on 9/22/15 and discussing at our 9/28/15 Environmental Commission meeting, the Commission has the following concerns with the project:

- A proposed hotel consisting of 38 guest rooms and meeting rooms is a significant project and one which should be evaluated for potential pollutant loading to the environment. Considering that both domestic wastewater and stormwater runoff will enter the grounds and groundwater via a septic system and underground recharge system, respectively, the Commission believes it would be in the best interest of the environment and the Township to have this project connect into public water and sewer.
- The Commission understands that the Jackson Twp MUA will be installing a water line & sewer line in the coming years near the site. Therefore we recommend that the project be delayed until such time that a connection can be made into the public water and sewer system.
- If the project cannot be delayed then the Commission recommends that any approvals granted include strict requirements on the property owner to properly maintain the stormwater recharge system and the septic system in a manner which is protective of the environment.

Please call me with any questions and thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the matter.

Sincerely,

Anthony Russo
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Chairman