



**The Town of Ossining  
Environmental Advisory Committee**

March 8, 2021

Mr. Ching Wah Chin, Chairperson  
Town of Ossining Planning Board  
Route 9A - P.O. Box 1166  
Ossining, New York 10562

**RE: TERRA RUSTICA RISTORANTE, 550 NORTH STATE ROAD**

Dear Chairperson Chin,

On behalf of the Town of Ossining Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), we have reviewed the plans for the proposed deck extension before the Planning Board concerning:

**Terra Rustica Ristorante, 550 North State Road**

A site visit at Terra Rustica was conducted Saturday, March 6th, by EAC members Mitzi Elkes, Erin Norris, and Jim Nolan. Members were met by restaurant owners/managers to review and discuss plans for enlarging their outdoor deck area.

**PROPOSED PLAN:** The plan calls for enlarging the existing 620 s.f. deck area by an additional 380 s.f. and extending the roof of the building over the deck. The 1000 s.f. space will remain open to the outside on all three sides, and a walkway will be added on the eastern side of the building to connect the deck to the upper parking area. The proposed deck will be 2 feet wider than the current structure and will extend by the same amount over the lower parking area.

**NO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** The EAC advises that the proposed construction does not appear to impact the surrounding environment; no trees will be cut down to accommodate the construction, and no wetlands, streams, or their buffers zones should be affected. Additionally, there is no anticipated additional runoff from this proposed extended roof onto

the lower parking or surrounding area, i.e., noting that the current structure and the proposed plan do not appear to include gutters.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:** The EAC suggests: (1) to use some type of plant-based buffer, such as large planters and/or plant boxes, to provide screening between customers dining on the deck and the parking lot below along North State Road, (2) to have trees planted by the walkway along North State Road to further beautify the front of the property. These suggestions to enhance current landscaping were favorably received by the owner and it was indicated that such plans are forthcoming.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our findings and recommendations.

Yours truly,

Jim Nolan  
Member, Town of Ossining Environmental Advisory Committee

cc: Dana Levenberg, Town of Ossining Supervisor  
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