

3.10 Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services

3.10.1 Existing Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Police Services

The Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz property site is located in the Village of New Paltz which is covered by the New Paltz Police Department. The New Paltz Police Department covers both the Town and Village of New Paltz and can call in other Departments as necessary. There are 20 full time police officers and 10 part time officers. On average the area is patrolled by 3 to 4 cars per eight hour shift. The New Paltz Police Department is currently operating in a manner that will allow them to provide services to the Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz development during construction and afterwards. The nearest Police Station is located at 23 Plattekill Ave, New Paltz. There are no plans to expand the current Police Department at this time.⁴¹

Fire Services

The Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz property site is served by the New Paltz Fire Department. The main station is on Plattekill Avenue and a second station is located at the corner of Henry DuBois Road and North Putt Corners Road. The New Paltz Fire Department is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week by volunteers. The current staffing of 50 volunteers is averaging 10 members per day with the remainder at night. The New Paltz Fire Department maintains four Class A Pumpers, one 90 foot ladder truck, one 2,000-gallon tanker and one brush truck. The average response time of dispatch to calling out is one minute. The average response time for arriving on scene is four minutes.⁴²

Emergency Medical Services

The New Paltz Rescue Squad is located on North Putt Corners Road and is made up of 100 volunteers and 2 full-time paid paramedics. The Rescue Squad has the following equipment: 3 ambulances, 1 paramedic response vehicle, and 1 extrication truck. A representative of the Rescue Squad stated that response time to the proposed Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz development would be less than 5 minutes.⁴³

3.10.2 Potential Impact to Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Police Services

Access to the site for the New Paltz Police Department is provided currently via Sunset Ridge. This is a public road that is maintained by the Town Highway Department.

⁴¹ Personal communication between Detective David Du Gacken of the New Paltz Police Department and Ms. Barbara Gerlach of LMS Engineers, LLP on September 9, 2004.

⁴² Personal communication between Mr. Patrick Kotch, New Paltz Fire Department, and Ms. Barbara Gerlach of LMS Engineers, LLP on August 10, 2004.

⁴³ Personal communication between Jeff Salt, President of the New Paltz Rescue Squad and Ms. Barbara Gerlach of LMS Engineers, LLP on August 10, 2004.

During construction, the New Paltz Police Department stated that the site could be put on the patrol area listing with a phone call to deter vandalism during construction.

The Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz is proposing two additional access roads from Hummel Road and Bonticou View Drive that can also be used by the New Paltz Police Department. No impacts to Police services are anticipated as a result of this development.

Fire Services

Fire services will also have access to the site via Sunset Ridge. This is a public road that is maintained by the Town Highway Department. The Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz is proposing two additional access roads from Hummel Road and Bonticou View Drive that can also be used by the New Paltz Fire Department. The Village of New Paltz Public Works Department confirmed that the area has sufficient capacity for water and fire flow (See Section 3.13). Hydrants will be on site, and the site has been designed to accommodate fire fighting vehicles. In addition, the multifamily buildings will be sprinklered in accordance with NFPA requirements. No impacts to Fire Services are anticipated as a result of this development.

Emergency Medical Services

Access to the site for emergency vehicles is provided currently via Sunset Ridge. This is a public road that is maintained by the Town Highway Department. The Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz is proposing two additional access roads from Hummel Road and Bonticou View Drive that can also be used by emergency vehicles. No impact to the ability to provide emergency medical services is anticipated as a result of this development.

3.10.3 Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Mitigation Measures

While the demand for police, fire and emergency medical services would increase as a result of the proposed project, the Stoneleigh Woods @ New Paltz development is not anticipated to cause any significant impacts. It should be noted that the increased demand for these services would to some extent be offset by increased revenues to the Village of New Paltz in the form of real property taxes.

Police Services

A representative from the New Paltz Police Department has stated that the existing police facilities are capable of providing protection to the proposed subdivision. No mitigation is recommended.

Fire Services

A representative from the New Paltz Fire Department has stated that the existing fire protection facilities are capable of providing protection to the proposed subdivision. No mitigation is recommended.

Emergency Medical Services

A representative from the New Paltz Rescue Squad has stated that the existing emergency services are capable of providing protection to the proposed subdivision. No mitigation is recommended.