

### **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.<sup>60</sup>

##### ***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.<sup>61</sup>

##### ***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.<sup>62</sup>

#### ***3.10.1a SDEIS - Existing Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services***

*There has been no change to the existing police, fire and emergency medical services since the DEIS.*

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<sup>60</sup> 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.

<sup>61</sup> Personal communication between Mr. Patrick Kotch, New Paltz Fire Department, and Ms. Barbara Gerlach of LMS Engineers, LLP on August 10, 2004.

<sup>62</sup> Personal communication between Jeff Salt, President of the New Paltz Rescue Squad and Ms. Barbara Gerlach of LMS Engineers, LLP on August 10, 2004.

### **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. 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.

### ***3.10.2a SDEIS - Potential Impact to Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services***

*Under the Revised Project, the number of new residences being proposed has been reduced. Accordingly, the Revised Project does not change or increase the potential impacts to the Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. As no new services or facilities will be necessary to accommodate the Revised Project, no adverse environmental impacts to community services are anticipated with the Revised Project; therefore, no mitigation measures are required.*

#### ***Police Services***

*A letter was submitted to the New Paltz Police Department for input with respect to any concerns associated with the Revised Project.<sup>63</sup> As of the date of submittal of this Supplemental DEIS, no response has been received. No significant adverse impacts to Police Services are anticipated as a result of the Revised Project.*

### **Fire Services**

*The Village of New Paltz Public Works Department<sup>64</sup> confirmed that the area has sufficient capacity for water and fire flow to accommodate the Revised Project (See Section 3.13). Hydrants will be located on site, as shown on the Revised Project's Utility Plan, and the site's roadways and intersections has been designed to accommodate the necessary turning radii and sight distance for fire fighting vehicles. In addition, the senior multifamily building will be designed with a sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA requirements.*

*A letter was submitted to the New Paltz Fire Department for input with respect to any concerns associated with the Revised Project<sup>65</sup>. As of the date of submittal of this Supplemental DEIS, no response has been received. No significant adverse impacts to Fire Services are anticipated as a result of the Revised Project.*

### **Emergency Medical Services**

*The current proposal for 116 single family and duplex dwellings and a 24-unit senior building will accommodate fewer residents than would be necessary as part of the previous proposal for 300 units. A letter was submitted to the New Paltz Rescue Squad for input with respect to any concerns associated with the Revised Project.<sup>66</sup> As of the date of submittal of this Supplemental DEIS, no response has been received. No significant adverse impacts to EMS services are anticipated as a result of the Revised Project.*

## **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**

<sup>63</sup> Letter addressed to Police Chief Raymond K. Zappone, dated February 6, 2008.

<sup>64</sup> Based on interview with Gene Bleu Terwilliger, Superintendent of Public Works and Richard Ruth, Village Engineer, April 25, 2008.

<sup>65</sup> Letter addressed to Fire Chief Dave Weeks, dated February 6, 2008.

<sup>66</sup> Letter addressed to New Paltz Rescue Squad Chief Medic, dated January 28, 2008.

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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.

***3.10.3a SDEIS - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Mitigation Measures***

*Under the Revised Project, the 140 units will accommodate fewer residents than previously proposed as part of the DEIS for 300 units. No new services or facilities will be necessary for these services. Accordingly, no significant adverse environmental impacts to the ability to provide police, fire and emergency medical services are anticipated as a result of the Revised Project.*