

NEWSLETTER



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WHO ARE WE?

We are your neighbors. Our headquarters on nearby Long Meadow Road received the highest award of Four Green Globes under the Green Building Initiative. You can watch videos about that project on our website, www.jw.org and find other helpful information about Jehovah's Witnesses. In addition, www.jw-avcenter.org is a website specifically designed to inform you about the exciting features of this project.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION

We are pleased to introduce our first community newsletter regarding the proposed project at 155 Sterling Mine Road, in the Town of Ramapo. Jehovah's Witnesses purchased the 249-acre site back in 2009, and we are seeking approval to build a new media production facility in support of our Bible education work. Plans include the construction of studios, offices, onsite accommodation units, and a visitor center.

As neighbors, we want to keep you well informed of developments, and our bi-annual newsletter is part of our commitment to do just that. We would like to thank all in the community who have supported our plans thus far and it is our sincere desire to develop and maintain an excellent relationship with all of you.

We hope to complete the facility by mid-2027 and it is our aim to incorporate sustainable energy solutions and sensitively develop the site, preserving and enhancing its biodiversity.

AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT PROJECT

When designing the site, much effort has gone into using renewable and sustainable energy sources. Features include harnessing solar energy, geothermal wells to heat and cool buildings, and battery banks to store energy. We received this positive feedback for our design approach from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA): "NYSERDA commends this project team for going above and beyond in their thoughtful planning of a building that incorporates renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric vehicle charging and energy storage to support the grid," said Patrick Fitzgerald, Senior Project Manager, NYSERDA New Construction. *[continued on back]*

"Their collaboration with the local utility service provider to ensure benefits to the grid, as well as their development plans, show a commitment to supporting state emission reduction goals and will help achieve the mandates outlined in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030."



UTILITY POWER



GEO THERMAL



ELECTRIC VEHICLES



SOLAR



STORED ENERGY



TIMBER

Energy efficiency and the environment are very important to our local community. Therefore, we are very happy to design and build a site that reflects the aspirations and values of the Town of Ramapo.

WHAT'S BEEN DONE SO FAR

Stone Bridge: The historic stone bridge located at 155 Sterling Mine Road was once a part of the 2,000-acre Table Rock estate whose construction began around 1900, all the stone being quarried from the property. The estate was built originally for William Peirson Hamilton and his wife, Juliet Pierpont Morgan. Juliet was the daughter of the financier J.P. Morgan, and William was the great grandson of Alexander Hamilton, U.S. statesman and first Secretary of the Treasury.

A literal village of Italian masons was imported to construct the grand estate and descendants of these masons still live in the Tuxedo area. After more than a century of neglect, this piece of our community's history is being meticulously restored to meet today's standards, while also maintaining its historic past and appearance.



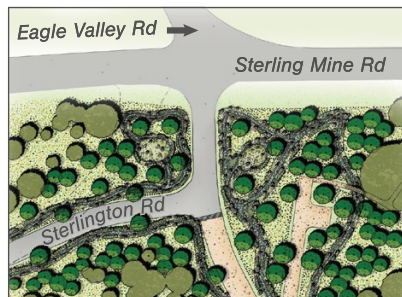
Historic bridge



Restoration work

Entrance Road Adjustments:

The Town of Tuxedo and the Orange County Highway Department asked us to realign Sterlington Road with Eagle Valley Road to improve the safety and access of this intersection for all. We will complete the work this summer, with the least possible noise and traffic impact, and beautifully landscape the area at the end.



Road re-alignment

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Pending Town Board approvals, we will clear the developable area of the site. This work will be carried out in a phased approach, in accordance with all environmental requirements and Town regulations. You can be sure that we will do everything we can to minimize any disturbance to our neighbors.



HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOU?

One issue that concerns many is the traffic on Sterling Mine Road, especially at peak times. As a live-work campus, those who reside on this site will walk to work from their accommodations, not generating any additional traffic in those periods. You can also be sure that during the construction phase, we will do everything we can to minimize the impact on you, and we will communicate with you regularly to let you know what is being planned.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to know more about us, we would like to hear from you.

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