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Office of Plattsburgh Mayor Colin Read:

I am a resident of the city of Plattsburgh and I have several concerns about the impact of the Downtown Revitalization projects, especially regarding the Durkee Street parking lot "give-away" and the relocation of the Plattsburgh Farmers' and Crafters Market.

1) The unprecedented give-away of our nearly 4 acre parking lot with no tax-payer referendum is extremely troubling. This parking lot allows easy and convenient access to downtown business establishments and parking for city residents and visitors. It is a gathering place for community especially on days the farmers' market, and Battle of Plattsburgh events.

The intent of the DRI (as originally touted) was to induce greater foot-traffic to downtown core. The large apartment bldg. will be a deterrent to that activity and essentially turns the site into a private enclave. Changing Durkee Street to one-way traffic is unsafe and inconvenient to traffic flow and blker & pedestrian traffic.

2) The Farmers' Market adjacent to the sewer plant is disgusting and air quality tests of contaminants have not been done. The very perception of the E-Coli "possibilities" will deter shoppers to buy here. More "wholesome" produce at large grocery stores will displace these sales.

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3) The large apartment building will destroy the character of our city and it's historical and cultural vibe. In addition,

this development will effectively curtail

the potential for Saranac river-side leisure and recreational possibilities such as kayak-launch site, outdoor rest spots/seating for community members.

The PILOT tax exemption will burden city tax payers. So it's an overall huge loss for residents & visitors — loss of parking, loss of access to open spaces, and an unacceptable financial burden with NO in-kind amenities for the Plattsburgh community. PRIME LLC is the ONLY ~~winner~~ winner in this ill-conceived DRI.