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The Oyster River Local River Advisory Committee (ORLAC) is pleased to comment on the proposal by Sterling Realty to construct a 1,400 square foot garage at their property at 66 Old Concord Turnpike in Barrington (Map 270, Lots 81 and 82).

The ORLAC is made up of appointed representatives of the four towns through which the Oyster River has designated corridors, and whose focus is to protect the river's values and characteristics. The project in question is in the rural-community corridor which begins immediately downstream of the Hall Road Bridge in Barrington to the upstream side of Old Mill Road in Lee. A rural-community corridor has areas with mixed land uses reflecting some combination of open space, agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial land uses. The corridor extends for ¼ mile on each side of the river.

We appreciate the applicant's design measures to minimize impacts to the Oyster River by including devices to infiltrate runoff from the roof of the garage as outlined by the NH Stormwater Manual. We note that on page eight of the plan set, provided to the committee by Berry Surveying and Engineering, there are references to "maintenance considerations." We would strongly encourage the Town of Barrington to require an inspection and maintenance plan which identifies responsible parties, details necessary activities, and documents implementation.

We believe the town and applicant can formulate a practical maintenance plan appropriate to the situation. Without such direction and oversight, the proper functioning of the devices will likely be short term; where the goal is the long term protection of the river.

Thank you for your consideration of our comment.

Respectfully,

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Chair, Oyster River Local Advisory Committee