



April 30, 2021

To: The Village of Upper Nyack
From: The Summit School at Nyack
Re: Therapeutic Animal Program

To Whom It May Concern;

We are excited to reach out, almost exactly 2 years after the date we initially met with the Upper Nyack Zoning Board of Appeals regarding our Therapeutic Animal Care Program.

At this time, The Summit School at Nyack is looking to expand upon our current Therapeutic Animal Program by adding one miniature piglet to our animal family. The addition of this piglet will not require any additional buildings or structures; the piglet will live in our current barn with our two Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Sawyer and Scout.

Our program has been met with incredible success and the benefits not only have been felt by our students and staff, but by the Nyack community at large. As you know, our students experience significant social and emotional difficulties and the presence of our therapeutic animals have helped provide support and affection during times of need. In addition, our students have had the opportunity to learn crucial skills from working with the animals. They have worked to learn responsibility, commitment and compassion for other living things. Especially during the time of COVID-19, our dogs and goats have provided The Summit School and larger Nyack communities with endless joy, a chance to connect and share positive and neighborly feelings. We look forward to our upcoming partnerships with the Upper Nyack Library and Tolstoy Nursing Home in Valley Cottage.

We believe that you are in possession of The Summit School deed, survey and property map – if you need additional copies, please let us know. The sketches and drawings provided in 2019 during our initial proposal to the Zoning Board of Appeals documents the barn area where the piglet would live. Enclosed with this narrative, please find the \$200 fee.

We thank you, in advance, for your consideration! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brant Goldsmith

Deborah Dolan