## **Visual Character -7 Existing:**

Amenia New York

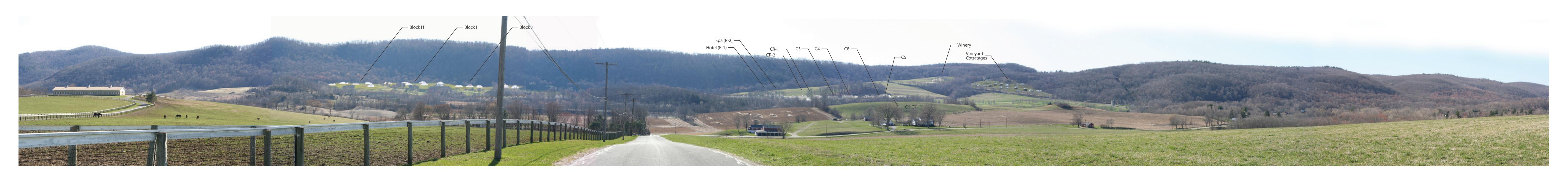
sort village green and about 145' lower then viewpoint 1. The foreground view is down the rural road which is lined by utility poles, horse fencing and pastures to the south and agricultural. The viewpoint is approximately 4,600' to the resort core view, following along County Route 81, is a rural checker board pattern of multi-colored fields interspersed with red barns, white farmsteads and hedgerows. A treed knoll is visible in the mid-ground behind the telephone

Viewpoint 7 shows a panoramic view facing west across the valley to the opposite steep faced, wooded hillside. This vantage point is from Depot Hill Road at an elevation approximately 100' higher than the grade of the re-



## <u>Visual Character – 7 Developed/Unmitigated:</u>

Left of center, single family unmitigated white homes are visible along the western edge of the golf-course and the base of the opposite hillside. Arranged as they are, along a contour and between and behind existing vegetation along the edge, the homes appear in context with the development patterns of the region; the color of their roofs and siding provides contrast with the dark hillside background. In the central portion of the image, the Hotel, Spa and Block B buildings are positioned behind existing, onsite vegetation and in front of the meadow rise to DeLavergne Hill with portions of their unmitigated roofs visible; and right of center in the image, the winery is visible behind the trees and further right the unmitigated white vineyard cottages are visible behind the hedgerow along the north side of Route 44.



## <u>Visual Character – 7 Developed/Mitigated:</u>

Through the use of subdued tones for architectural roofs and facades and planting materials that both partially screen and break-up building mass, site structures are reduced in impact.

Existing trees are intended to be saved between the golf course and the estate homes at the southern and northern portion of the estate homes. Therefore, from a visual simulation perspective, it is not necessary to show cut green grass at this location.

Note that the retaining walls that are represented at the vineward cottages are not visible from this vantage point. The closest vineward course and the estate homes.

The treed knolls left and right of center will remain. Existing trees along Route 44 will be saved at the vineyard cottages area, which is in keeping with the required 30' DOT R.O.W, with the exception of the vineyard cottages road entrance off Route 44. A "limits of disturbance" will be established around these trees to protect them. Additionally, a 100' vegetated buffer will be established between the D.O.T. right of way and the cottages that will include native trees, shrubs and grasses.

Per the HMP, the majority of the vegetated area around the vineyard cottages will be the P2 Plant Palette which is a native grass and forbs +/- 1' in height. The intent is to naturalize this area with very little maintained lawn

Note that the retaining walls that are represented at the vineyard cottages are not visible from this vantage point. The closest vineyard cottage is 6,000' from this viewpoint.

The ridgeline remains continuous and the current unobstructed view to the distant hills remains unobstructed from this vantage point.

Quantification: 1.5% or less of the overall image contains proposed mitigated structures.

