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Reading Conservation Commission  
16 Lowell Street  
Reading, MA 01867

Re: 550 West Street  
Reading, MA  
DEP File No. 270-0759

Commissioners;

The Commission approved (20) trees to be cut; tree numbers; 1, 6, 7, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 30, 33, 38, 42, 43, 44, 46 and 50. These trees are highlighted as orange with a black X through the tree symbol on the plan.

The last proposal requested the Commission to allow the removal of (22) additional trees. The proposal has been revised to eliminate the (3) trees; tree numbers 11, 12 and 13. These (3) trees are located within the inner riparian zone and shall remain.

The applicant is requesting the Commission to remove (19) additional trees; tree numbers; 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 16, 17, 27, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41 & 45. These trees are highlighted as yellow on the plan.

The applicant has provided substantial mitigation or plantings in lieu of the tree removal. The original filing proposed planting (32) trees. The applicant has increased the plantings to (44) trees and (90) shrubs. The trees shall be 1.5" dbh in the wooded area and 2.5" dbh in the open area or in front of the dwelling. The shrubs shall be 5-6 ft. in height. Please see the attached legend on the plan.

On behalf of my client, we would like to thank the commission for their time and tireless efforts working with us on this proposal. The applicant has gone through considerable lengths, working with the Commission, revising the plan to design a project that meets the Commission objective to protect the resource areas. We hope this revised proposal satisfies and addresses the Commissions concerns.

Enclosed are (2) copies of this letter, Proposed Site Plan, revised 10-19-22, prepared by Stephen M. Melesciuc, Planting and Drywell Maintenance Plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

*Maureen Herald*

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Cc: DEP – NERO  
Chairwoman Ms. Martha Moore  
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