GOVE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

Memorandum

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

To: Robert Ciandella, Esquire
Company: DTC Lawyers
From: Jim Gove

Re: Borthwick Forest, WBBX Road, Prtsmouth
Subject: Mark West site walk and Response to Peter Britz Memo to CC

Site walk at WBBX Road to place on 4-17-17, and was attended by Mark West, Luke Hurley, Jim Gove and an intern from the RCCD. Gove gave West the Britz Memo of 4-7-17.

Item 1. A new restoration plan has been prepared to expand the restoration along WBBX Road. The grading has expanded to remove the old fill and side slopes as well as the pavement and gravel. The restoration area will be graded to match the existing natural contours and not have any berm remaining. The area will be planted with trees and shrubs. Further, the old WBBX Road outside the buffer will also be removed and seeded. This provides a more comprehensive restoration plan. In discussions with Mark West, because the emergency access road will have little use and because there will be no curbing, he did not see the need for a culvert critter crossing.

Item 2. Peter Britz has identified the need to impact the buffer.

Item 3. Mark West will be opining on the use of the area by wildlife. He looked at the ponded area that was observed on the Commission's site walk. The area was dry and he did not consider this, or other areas, to be vernal pools that would be impacted by the proposed development. The lack of hydric soil development supported the observation that the ponding was too short to support vernal pool habitat.

Item 4. The area of the proposed buffer impact was surveyed for the number and types of trees that would be cut. That was then used as a basis for additional buffer planting adjacent to the impact area. The temporary impact area will be planted with trees and shrubs, and additional areas where there is little forest understory in the buffer will be planted with pines. This provides a more comprehensive buffer enhancement plan.

Item 5. By expanding the restoration area and by enhancing the buffer adjacent the buffer impact area, this more than balances the buffer impacts.

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