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August 1, 2025

Louis Petrozzi
Wall Street Development Corp.
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Norwood, MA 02062

Re: Bellingham: Prospect Hill Estates
Proposed Planting Plan: Buffer Zone Adjacent to Wetland Replication Area

Dear Mr. Petrozzi:

In response to a request by the Conservation Commission, the following is a proposed specification for providing a naturalized plant community in the wetland Buffer Zone which will be established by the creation of the proposed wetland replication area at the Prospect Hill site. The goal of the specification below is to create an upland meadow area, which can be left to natural “old field succession” and eventually fill in with woody vegetation, or can be actively maintained as a meadow through annual fall mowing (recommended). Both “old field early successional” and meadow communities in particular are increasingly rare in Massachusetts, and provide “edge” and meadow habitat that is critical to some species.

Proposed specification and methodology:

1. The proposed planting area is shown on the appended figure created as a markup from the site plans;
2. The following steps will be completed after the replication area and adjacent stormwater basins are completed;
3. The area will be graded as shown on the plans, but irregularities such as those found in nature may remain;
4. The area will be covered with at least 4-inches of topsoil. The topsoil does not need to be screened, and may contain rocks and sticks;
5. The area will be seeded with New England Wetland Plants “New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix” or approved substitute mix that provides a variety of native seed stock appropriate for the well-drained soils at the site;
6. Long-term management: To maintain a proposed meadow community (recommended) the subject area should be mowed once annually to a height of not less than 6-inches, after September 1. Alternatively, the area can be left to proceed through natural old field succession.

I hope that this information is helpful.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this or other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul J. McManus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being more prominent and the last name "McManus" following in a similar style.

Paul J. McManus, SPWS
President

Enclosures:

- Proposed planting area figure
- Proposed seed mix: "New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix"

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New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix

Botanical Name	Common Name	Indicator
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia Wild Rye	FACW-
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	FACU
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem	FAC
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	FACU
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	UPL
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass	FAC
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Partridge Pea	FACU
<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	Showy Tick Trefoil	FAC
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	NI
<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	Beggar Ticks	FACW
<i>Eupatorium purpureum (Eutrochium maculatum)</i>	Purple Joe Pye Weed	FAC
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black Eyed Susan	FACU-
<i>Aster pilosus (Symphyotrichum pilosum)</i>	Heath (or Hairy) Aster	UPL
<i>Solidago juncea</i>	Early Goldenrod	

APPLY: 25 LBS/ACRE :1750 sq ft/lb

The New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix provides a permanent cover of grasses, wildflowers, and legumes

For both good erosion control and wildlife habitat value. The mix is designed to be a no maintenance seeding, and is appropriate for cut and fill slopes, detention basin side slopes, and disturbed areas adjacent to commercial and residential projects.

New England Wetland Plants, Inc. may modify seed mixes at any time depending upon seed availability. The design criteria and ecological function of the mix will remain unchanged. Price is \$/bulk pound, FOB warehouse, Plus SH and applicable taxes.