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Environmental Management & Regulatory Compliance

July 12, 2024

Ms. Karen Carnevale, Clerk
Township of West Orange
Municipal Building
66 Main Street
West Orange, New Jersey 07052-5313

CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Resubmittal of Application for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit
Block 179, Lot 32 and Block 179.17, Lots 8 and 9
Township of West Orange
Essex County, New Jersey
File No. 0722-04-0001.1

Dear Ms. Carnevale:

This letter is to inform you that the West Essex Highlands Inc. is resubmitting an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Division of Land Resource Protection for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit for the above-referenced site. The previously submitted application Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit was withdrawn on November 1, 2023, while the previously submitted Freshwater Wetlands General Permit Numbers 10B, 11, and 17 remains pending at the NJDEP.

The site is located off of Oval Road and Bongart Drive, behind Pleasant Valley Way. The site is undeveloped and characterized by upland and forested wetlands. Canoe Brook and its unnamed tributaries are located within the site. Below please find the legal notice.

This letter is to provide you with legal notification that an application for authorization under a flood hazard area individual permit have been submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection for the site shown on the enclosed plans. A brief description of the proposed project follows: The project consists of the construction of a multi-family residential development which will require disturbances to wetlands, State open waters, transition areas, and riparian zones. A Flood Hazard Individual Permit will authorize disturbances to riparian zones for removal of fill material, a road crossing, stormwater outfalls, and pedestrian boardwalk.

The complete permit application package can be reviewed at either the municipal clerk's office in the municipality in which the site subject to the application is located, or by appointment at the Department's Trenton Office. The Department of Environmental Protection welcomes comments and any information that you may provide concerning the proposed development and site. Please submit your written comments within 15 calendar days of receiving this letter to:

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*New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Resource Protection
P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attention: "Township of West Orange Supervisor"*

Please find enclosed a CD of the application (a hard copy of the application can be provided upon request), which includes the following documentation:

1. A completed Property Owner Certification Form.
2. The NJDEP Public Notice Form and the following: Verification that legal notification has been sent to the Township of West Orange Planning Board, Environmental Commission and Construction Official, the Essex County Planning Board, Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District, and certified lists of property owners within 200 feet of the legal boundary line. The legal notices for this Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit resubmittal and separate LOI extension have been provided in the same certified mail envelopes.
3. A digitally signed and sealed copy of the Regulated Water + Riparian Zone Impacts Plans.
4. Annotated color photographs showing the portion of the site that will be disturbed by the proposed activities.
5. Photo Location Map that shows the locations and directions of the photographs.
6. A copy of the Flood Hazard Area Environmental Report, which includes the following:
 - a. A Statement of compliance describing the project and proposed activities as well as a list and description of compliance of all limits and requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:13-11.1, 11.2, 11.5, and 11.6.
 - b. A copy of the current municipal tax maps, appropriate portion of the USGS Caldwell and Orange, New Jersey quadrangles, local street map, Landscape Project (Version 3.3) habitat mapping, and FEMA mapping with the site clearly indicated.
7. A digitally signed and sealed copy of the Flood Hazard Area Engineering Report prepared by Anderson Consulting Services LLC.
8. A copy of the response from the Natural Heritage Program regarding threatened and endangered species.

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If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

EcolSciences, Inc.



Karin Tekel
Vice President

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cc: NJDEP Application Support Section
Township of West Orange Environmental Commission Chairperson w/ Regulated Water +
Riparian Zone Impacts Plans
Township of West Orange Planning Board Chairperson w/ Regulated Water + Riparian
Zone Impacts Plans
Township of West Orange Construction Official w/ Regulated Water + Riparian Zone
Impacts Plans
Essex County Planning Board Chairperson w/ Regulated Water + Riparian Zone Impacts
Plans
Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District w/ Regulated Water + Riparian Zone
Impacts Plans
Mr. Mark Hoffman
David Moskowitz, Ph.D.



