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Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

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Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., Secretary
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Attention: MEPA Office
Deirdre Buckley, EOE No. 14948
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Boston, MA 02114

<i>Project Name:</i>	<i>Village Green and The Orchards</i>
<i>Proponent:</i>	<i>15 Great Road LLC, I & II</i>
<i>Location:</i>	<i>15 Great Road (Littleton)</i>
<i>Project Description:</i>	<i>Construction of up to 60 residential housing units under a mixture of 40B and non 40-B development scenarios on a 53.9 acres site.</i>
<i>Document Reviewed:</i>	<i>Environmental Notification Form</i>
<i>EOEA File Number:</i>	<i>14948</i>
<i>NHESP Tracking No.:</i>	<i>07-23061</i>

Dear Secretary Sullivan:

The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (the "NHESP") of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife has reviewed the Environmental Notification Form (the "ENF") for the *Village Green and The Orchards* developments.

The proposed Project is located within *Priority and Estimated Habitat* as indicated in the 13th Edition of the MA Natural Heritage Atlas and therefore **requires** review through a direct filing with NHESP for compliance with the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA 321 CMR 10.00) and its implementing regulations.

The project proponents have been in consultation with the NHESP toward permitting of the proposed project pursuant to the MESA. The Conservation & Management Permit application must demonstrate that the project has avoided, minimized and mitigated impacts to State-listed Species consistent with the following performance standards: (a) the applicant has adequately assessed alternatives to both temporary and permanent impacts to State-listed Species; (b) an insignificant portion of the local population would be impacted by the project, and; (c) the applicant agrees to carry out a conservation and management plan that provides a long-term Net Benefit to the conservation of the state-listed species impacted (321 CMR 10.23).

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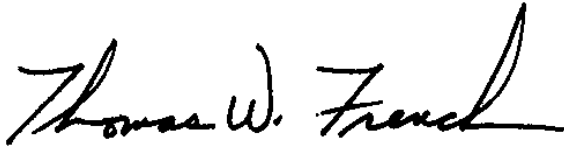
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The NHESP anticipates being able to resolve any outstanding state-listed species issues through the MESA permitting process and to develop an appropriate mitigation plan. A mitigation plan will permanently protecting ±14 acres of state-listed species habitat on-site, restoration of the “elevated pasture” located in the northeast of the site, and funding for conservation research, recovery, habitat management and habitat protection.

The NHESP will not render a final decision regarding the Conservation & Management Permit until the MEPA review process and associated public and agency comment period is completed and until all required MESA filing and permit application materials are submitted by the Proponent. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Misty-Anne Marold, Senior Review Biologist, at (508) 389-6356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. French". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas W. French, Ph.D.
Assistant Director

cc: Littleton Conservation Commission
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