



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT/
NEW BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

March 10, 2014

Ms. Jill Maclean
City Planner
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Cardinal Place
Reduction in impervious area

Dear Ms. Maclean,

The Conservation Commission would like to provide comments to the Planning Board on the Cardinal Place subdivision. As you know, Cardinal Place is located in the Sassaquin Pond neighborhood. The Sassaquin Pond neighborhood is designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern by the City Council. Therefore, in addition to meeting the needs of the community, it should also be evaluated on the basis of minimization of adverse environmental impacts. The creation of excessive impervious areas reduces the recharge capability of the aquifer and increases the direct stormwater runoff rate. One way that the subdivision can reduce its footprint is to reduce the impervious area of the subdivision which can be accomplished easily by not requiring sidewalks. The Commission urges the Planning Board to consider this request in an effort to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff generated by the subdivision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Sarah E. Porter
Conservation Agent

Cc: Conservation Commissioners