

August 24, 2016

New Bedford Conservation Commission
133 William Street – Rm 304
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Wetland Restoration Report (MassDEP File #: SE49-466)
2301 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA

Dear New Bedford Conservation Commission:

Goddard Consulting, LLC is pleased to submit this wetland restoration report on behalf of Friends Realty, Inc. at the parcel known as 2301 Purchase Street in New Bedford, MA (Parcel IDs: 97; 6, 9). This report is in accordance to the Wetland Restoration Plan by Goddard Consulting, LLC dated May 2, 2016, and is to be an initial report documenting the work completed thus far. A post completion report as well as two seasonal monitoring reports will be forthcoming.

June 21 – June 27, 2016:

Supervision: The restoration work was supervised by qualified wetland scientists from Goddard Consulting, LLC (GC).

Timing: The initial restoration work occurred in a timely manner and began in the growing season, with planting left for the fall season.

Step 1: Stake Limits of Work & Install ECB. The limits of the restoration area were staked in the field following the boundaries indicated on the plan. An Erosion Control Barrier was set in place.

Step 2: Remove all debris from Restoration Area. Any debris or litter that was located within the restoration area was removed by hand prior to excavation.

Step 3a: Excavation of Restoration Area. All vegetation within the restoration area was excavated, and two trees towards the southwestern corner were left in place to avoid harming them.

Step 3b: Existing upland soils and fill were removed until redoximorphic features were observed, which occurred at approximately 16 inches below grade. 6-8 inches of organic topsoil was placed on top and graded to match that of the adjacent wetland. A light layer of weed-free straw was placed on top to keep the soil moist and protect it throughout the summer.

Progress photos of the wetland restoration area:



Field staking the boundaries of the wetland restoration area.



Installing the Erosion Control Barrier.



Excavating the upland soils



Addition of topsoil and final grading.

Steps to be completed:

Steps 4-6 (planting, seeding and fence) will be completed in the coming fall, along with step 7 (monitoring) for two growing seasons post completion of the restoration area.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,
GODDARD CONSULTING, LLC

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Renee M.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Renee McDonough, Wetland Scientist