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Town of East Fishkill Town Planning Board
Attn.: Scott Bryant: Town Engineer
330 Rte 376
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Dear Mr. Bryant,

This report summarizes my visit to the Donovan Drive Holdings LLC property (Treetop Development Project) made on December 18, 2024. My credentials include my training and professional service as a Professional Forester and Arborist for the last 35 years. Many of the roles in this capacity involve evaluation of the condition of trees and tree parts to determine their state of life and health. Many times this evaluation is done forensically, following cutting of the tree or tree part.

This inspection revealed the following about the site and the work so far:

The small stream on the property has been crossed by the small excavator and skid steer forestry mower using corduroy logs placed in the stream parallel to the water flow. This is a totally- acceptable method to cross a stream this size. I observed that stream water exiting the corduroy crossing during my visit was free from any mud or fines. This was a positive indication of the effectiveness of this crossing method, especially considering the amount of rain we received on 12-16. During this visit, no work was being done or had been done on 12-17, due to the muddy conditions of the site. The crew doesn't intend to work this week.





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My inspection of the site today showed a large amount of collected rain water and ground water in the machine paths and woods roads of the property. The amount of water bubbling out of several spring areas has not decreased since last week's inspection, and machine trails continue to be flooded. No significant erosion was observed on any of the woods roads on the site resulting from the rains on 12-11 and 12-16-24.

Additional corduroy is needed in the areas where water persists, to allow machine crossings without downstream mudding. An additional option is to reroute machines uphill to avoid most of the flooded sections of the existing track. I plan to discuss this with the crew foreman prior to them continuing work. Expected cold conditions next week will ease this situation.

Ground
water
bubbling
onto woods
road



Rainwater pooled on woods roads on main road



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Additionally, work in the dormant or winter season will significantly limit any disturbance to wildlife species using the site. This is especially true for bat and reptile species using the site as they are likely to have migrated away or in hibernation for the winter. White tailed deer activity has been significant on the areas mowed, and apparently these animals are enjoying the change in the vegetation, and certainly will benefit from the spring sprouting of the remaining vine and shrub stumps. Based on the tree species present on the site (primarily tulip poplar) I do not anticipate a significant amount of daytime bat roosting here. These animals need large rough-barked trees such as white oaks, sugar maples and hickories, which are not significantly found in the forests of this site.

In conclusion, based on my inspection on 12-18-24, the work done so far on the Treetop Development site is in compliance with the scope of work authorized in the memo from the Town of East Fishkill Engineer Scott Bryant, dated 11-19-24. Additionally, the crew is being careful to limit their impacts on the site.

Thank you and please let me know if there are any questions

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