

Thorndike Place Peer Review

I'm writing to inquire about your availability to conduct a peer review of certain portions of a Notice of Intent application under consideration by Arlington's Conservation Commission. Please let me know if you are able to take on the scope of work described below, and if so, please provide a timeline and cost estimate.

Thorndike Place is a proposed multifamily development in east Arlington along Route 2. The subject site contains Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Buffer Zone to BVW, and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. The application is being considered under the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) only because it has already received a Comprehensive Permit under 40B regulations. The BSC Group is working on behalf of the applicant, Arlington Land Realty, LLC of Boston; Oaktree Development is also involved in the proposed project.

Stormwater Review

The Conservation Commission is seeking peer review of the Stormwater Report and Management Plan associated with the Thorndike Place development to determine whether it complies with the Massachusetts Stormwater Standards. For reference, the associated materials can be found [here](#). The scope of work should include background and document review, a memorandum or letter to the Commission containing your conclusions and recommendations following this review, a review of the applicant's team's response to your initial memorandum, a written reply to the Commission addressing the applicant's response, a site visit, attendance at two Conservation Commission public hearings (held via Zoom). The Town will facilitate communication with the applicant and provide additional information as needed.

If you are available and interested, please submit your proposal by noon on Tuesday, October 31st.

Habitat Review

The Conservation Commission is seeking peer review of the Thorndike Place Planting Plan, contained in the Notice of Intent, for compliance with the performance standards for restoration work in Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) and standards for work in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetative Wetland (BVW). The Commission not only wishes to know whether the plan is designed to succeed also wishes to know whether the plan will enhance wildlife habitat characteristics as detailed in 310 CMR 10.60; the applicant has agreed that such a standard should be the goal, even if that performance standard does not strictly apply. The scope of work should include background and document review, of the relevant documents, a memorandum or letter to the Commission containing your conclusions and recommendations following this review, a review of the applicant's team's response to your initial memorandum, a written reply to the Commission addressing the applicant's response, a site visit, meeting support for at least two Conservation Commission public hearings (held via Zoom), and a final report. The Town will facilitate communication with the applicant and provide additional information as needed. For reference, the associated materials can be found [here](#).

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