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Ms. Carey R. Duques, AICP, CZEO Land Use Official/Zoning Enforcement Officer Town of Essex 29 West Avenue Essex, CT 06426

> Re: 8 and 10 Benson Lane Essex, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Duques:

On May 5, 2022 I reviewed the wetlands at 8 and 10 Benson Lane in Essex. The landowners (Marc and Liz Schnitzer) are interested in enhancing the ecological integrity of the wetlands.

The following is a list of the exotic invasive plants which I believe should be eradicated from the wetlands:

- 1. Rosa multiflora (Multiflora Rose)
- 2. Lonicera maackii (Honeysuckle)
- 3. Euonymous alatus (Burning Bush)
- 4. Phragmites australis (Common Reed)
- 5. Lythrum salicaria (Purple Loosestrife)

The approximate location of the exotic invasive plants are shown the attached site plan.

The following is the procedure for the eradication of the exotic invasive plants:

- 1. Multiflora Rose (approximately 10 plants) and Burning Bush (2 plants). The plants will be cut 3 inches from the ground surface. The stumps will be painted with concentrated glyphosate. The cut plants will be removed from the wetlands by hand and removed from the site.
- 2. The Honeysuckle vines will be hand pulled.
- 3. The Purple Loosestrife will be hand pulled.
- 4. The Phragmites will be cut with a weed whacker. The Phragmites will need to be cut 4 to 6 times during the year.

I will supervise the eradication of the exotic invasive plants. The landscape contractor is Will Grendziszewski.

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I discussed the project with Bob Doane. Bob recommended that I send you an outline for the eradication of the exotic invasive plants. Can you provide administrative authorization for the eradication of the exotic invasive plants.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectively Submitted,

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