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Mr. C. Fred Shaw
 Superintendent of Pollution Control
 Town of South Windsor
 1540 Sullivan Avenue
 South Windsor, CT 06074

RE: South Windsor Wastewater Treatment Plant
 Clean Water Fund Eligibility

Dear Mr. Shaw:

The Town of South Windsor submitted a Clean Water Fund application on May 1, 2009 for the funding of the project under the regulations that govern the project and the Clean Water Fund. The application was submitted for a total project cost of \$38,253,884. Following the submittal of any application for funding, Department staff reviews the application request for consistency with the regulations of the Clean Water Fund and for a determination of final eligibility. Section 22a-482-2 (d) of the Clean Water Fund regulations addresses the terms of funding assistance.

As part of that review, we have had an ongoing dialogue with South Windsor regarding the potential future sewerage of parcels containing prime agricultural farm land soils and how that may impact eligibility. After numerous discussions and correspondence, on September 18, 2009, the Town submitted a revised draft sewer service area map to this Department. That submittal showed some undeveloped parcels with prime agricultural farm land soils being located within the sewer service area that were also designated as Preservation Areas on the Locational Guide Map associated with the Connecticut Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut (2005-2009) (State's Plan of C&D). As you are aware, including these areas in a sewer service area presents an inconsistency with the State's Plan of C&D.

However, we recognize that these areas are within areas identified by South Windsor as growth areas (i.e., I-291 Corridor Development, Buckland Gateway Development, and Industrial) and are surrounded by existing development. We therefore intend to process the Clean Water Fund application for your project with no adjustment of eligibility due to potential inconsistencies between the State Plan of C&D and the September 18, 2009 sewer service area map. Please submit the final sewer service area map formally adopted by the Water Pollution Control Authority to this Department for our records. We strongly encourage South Windsor to work with the Office of Policy and Management as part of the next update to the State's C&D Plan to align the State's C&D Plan with the local plan where appropriate and minimize the above referenced inconsistencies.

Please note that the Clean Water Fund agreement will contain standard language that requires the town to permit sewer connections only from facilities within an approved sewer service area as may be amended. We strongly encourage the Town of South Windsor to establish and maintain growth patterns consistent with the State's Plan of C&D.

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