



WILLIAMSBURG ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, INC.

Environmental Consultants

Mr. Gary Cohen
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Re: Canal Parc
WEG Project #3424A

Dear Mr. Cohen:

This correspondence is in regards to the recent comments by the U.S. National Park Service (NPS), Advisory Neighborhood Committee 3D (ANC), and Ms. Julie Moore's recent testimony before the District of Columbia Zoning Commission (Commission) regarding groundwater/ springs on the Canal Parc property.

In a letter provided by NPS to the Commission on December 1, 2008 it was stated that "springs are located on the property as well, but we are uncertain whether they were identified and delineated during the wetland survey" conducted by Williamsburg Environmental Group, Inc. (WEG). The wetland delineation conducted by WEG included all "springs" which satisfy the three parameters required (hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology) for the positive identification of wetlands and are included on the Delineation Map dated September 5, 2007 and subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers October 10, 2007.

In the ANC and Ms. Moore's testimony before the Commission on February 12, 2009 they raised concerns regarding the recharge of groundwater resources post-construction as currently proposed. Based on a site review performed by WEG on February 25, 2009 and the site plans provided by Lessard Group, Inc., Vika, Inc., and Studio 39 Landscape Architecture, P.C., we do not believe there will be an issue with groundwater recharge onsite based on the current calculations of open space, the pervious areas proposed in the private alley and public parking, proposed rain garden, and stormwater management. In addition, as shown on the attached photo layout, there were no negative impacts to groundwater recharge on the Canal View community when it was constructed. This is evident in a groundwater seep/ spring entering the site under the existing retaining wall near outlet pipe where the onsite stream originates.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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CASE No. 08-21
EXHIBIT No. 71



Photograph 1: Existing groundwater seep/ spring near the end of Lingan Way.



Photograph 2: Existing groundwater seep/ spring near abandoned Riverside Hospital recreation area that has not been impacted by current site conditions, i.e. impervious area. Note: flagged stake is wetland boundary marker.



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Photograph 3: Existing groundwater seep/ spring originating from existing retaining wall on Canal View community property.



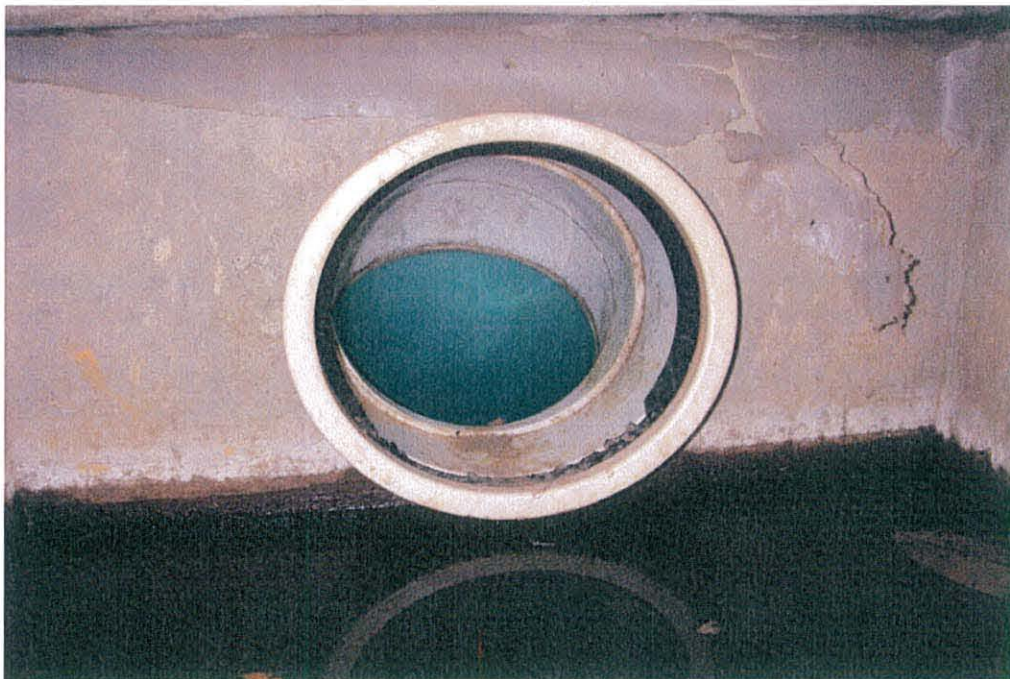
Photograph 4: Additional picture of groundwater seep/ spring originating from existing Canal View retaining wall.



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Photograph 5: Existing drain inlet near Riverside Hospital exercise area in the northwest portion of the property.



Photograph 6: Picture on interior of drain inlet. Note: water level not sufficient to exit indicating water entering the site from the headwall is provided by surface runoff.



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