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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Melanie Bachman  
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Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
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**Re: Petition 1415 – CF Boombridge, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 5.0 MW AC Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating System to Be Located on Boom Bridge Road in North Stonington, Connecticut**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

I am writing on behalf of my client, CF Boombridge, LLC in connection with recent activity at this site. As the Council is aware, CF Boombridge notified the Council on April 19, 2021 that it had satisfied all of the conditions of the Council's October 8, 2021 Decision and Order regarding this Petition and was prepared to commence construction on the site. As the Council is also aware, as part of its approval process, the project was required to establish a seven-acre conservation area, to be protected by an easement, which would reduce direct impacts to any eastern spadefoot toads that might be in the project area. A map showing the proposed seven-acre area is enclosed for ease of review.

The proposed conservation easement area was selected, in part, because it already had plantings in that area that would be conducive to the protection of the species of concern and no additional plantings would have been required to make it a suitable conservation area. Unfortunately, it has come to the Petitioner's attention that last week, before the conservation area was established, the current landowner tilled approximately 2.78 acres of the area believing that this land was part of his farm rather than part of the proposed conservation area. The project's wildlife biologist took two photographs of the clearing, as depicted on the enclosed map. Those photographs are also enclosed for your review.

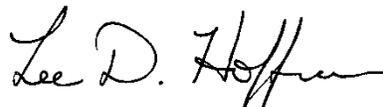
Fortunately, the clearing occurred before any species of concern were placed in the proposed release area (as also depicted on the map), therefore no harm was likely done to any species of concern. As soon as CF Boombridge was made aware of this situation, it contacted the landowner to ensure that further clearing would not occur. That has been the case, and CF Boombridge can confirm that only the 2.78 acres depicted on the enclosed map have been affected.

CF Boombridge is deploying a surveyor to the area to mark out the conservation easement and to have that easement recorded in North Stonington's land records. CF Boombridge has also been informed by its wildlife biologist that the clearing of the 2.78 acres does not mean that the remainder of the area cannot be used as a conservation reserve, which is what CF Boombridge will be doing. Indeed, it is likely that the remaining undisturbed area would make for a sufficient wildlife reserve, but CF Boombridge is committed to establishing the full seven acres of conservation land. CF Boombridge was informed by its wildlife biologist that the 2.78 acres that was disturbed can be quickly reclaimed through by making plantings in the cleared soil. CF Boombridge is undertaking that restorative work so that the full seven acres will be made into a conservation area in short order.

In short, CF Boombridge does not believe that any further action is required by the Siting Council, however, it wanted to make the Council aware of this event in a timely manner. Should CF Boombridge run into any difficulty in executing the plantings to restore the 2.78 acres that were cleared, CF Boombridge shall so inform the Council.

Should you have any questions about this submittal, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee D. Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Lee D. Hoffman

Enclosures

cc: Service List  
Dawn McKay, CT DEEP

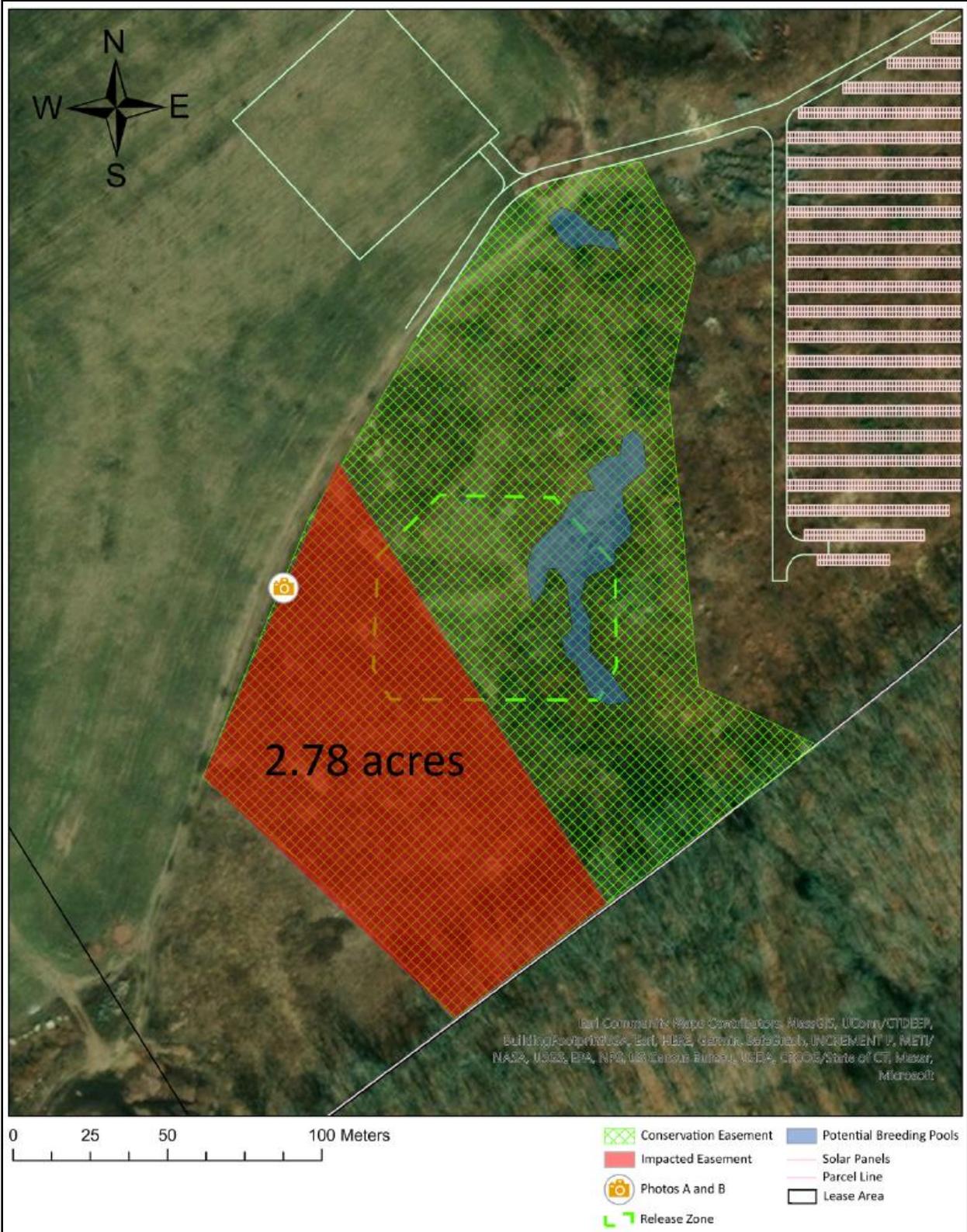




Photo A. Looking southeast approximately midway through cleared conservation easement.



Photo B. Looking northeast approximately midway through cleared conservation easement.