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Stacy Radford, WEO Town of Montville 310 Norwich-New London Tpke., Uncasville, CT 06382 Via Email: sradford@montville-ct.org

RE: Wetland Restoration Review Noble Hill Rd CLA-7873J

Dear Stacy:

CLA Engineers, Inc. (CLA) has received the materials for the above referenced project located on Noble Hill Rd:

- 1. A letter from James Sipperly, CSS, dated May 13, 2025
- 2. A Topographic Survey dated May 12, 2025, prepared by Rob Hellstrom L.S.

CLA previously performed a performed a site walk on 4/6/25 and has conducted a review of the documents and offer the following comments on the materials:

- 1. CLA generally agrees with the findings and recommendations of Mr. Sipperly's letter. The recommendations from his letter should be added to the topographic plan to create wetland restoration plan. Specifically, the plan should have a planting schedule, appropriate E&S, a planting narrative, and an inspection and reporting schedule.
- 2. Mr. Sipperly should provide an opinion regarding whether the other excavated area, closer to the site entrance, is an inland wetland. If so, it should be included in the restoration plan.
- 3. Mr. Sipperly should provide an opinion as to whether the downslope excavation has negatively affected the wetland hydrology.
- 4. The engineer should provide a bond estimate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this review. Please feel free to call me at our office or email brusso@claengineers.com with any questions.

Very truly yours, CLA Engineers, Inc. Robert C Russo

Robert C. Russo CSS