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RE: Inland Wetland Application  
428 Fire Street  
CLA-7873R

Dear Stacy,

CLA has reviewed recently submitted documents as part of an application to remediate a previously documented wetland violation on the 428 Fire Street site. The documents are as follows:

1. Topographic Survey prepared by Boundaries LLC
2. A handwritten wetland sketch
3. A hand drawn overflow trench sketch

To reiterate from CLA's March 3, 2026 letter, based on CLA's site walk of September 29, 2025 with staff and the following items were noted

1. Inland wetlands and a water course were extensively altered on the site.
2. The alteration includes filling, excavation, and installation of a culvert in an approximate +100 foot long stretch of riparian wetland.
3. Soil auger samples revealed that both fill and excavation had occurred on the wetland and upland review zone.
4. There was removal and disturbance of native vegetation.
5. There currently appears to be little chance of erosion as BMPs have been installed per your request.

Based on the previous site walk CLA requested in the March 3, 2026, letter that the following steps should be taken:

1. The owner should hire a Professional Engineer and Soil Scientist to prepare a wetland restoration plan.
2. The consultants should employ forensic means to determine to the extent possible, the original size and condition of the wetland.

3. The restoration plans should be detailed and include proposed contours, stream channel limits, stream channel restoration, soil specifications, ongoing inspection and plantings.

The materials submitted to date do not constitute an adequate mitigation plan or stream crossing design. The survey plan showing the wetlands boundary, topography, and other relevant features can serve as a base plan upon which the engineer and soil scientist can lay out the wetland restoration plan in full detail. Section 7 of the Montville IWC regulations provides guidance as to what constitutes a complete applicant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please feel free to call or me with any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,  
**CLA Engineers, Inc.**



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