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However, the issue of its failure to contain sewage remains unaddressed. No major permits are available in Cambridge, where the sewer-water discharge pipes are requiring re-design. In fact, Cambridge has emphatically stated it has no plans of giving a permit any time soon. This proceeding cannot be seen as a "best faith effort." We understand the developer has a Belmont permit for a holding tank with trucks to remove the waste frequently. With regular rain storms with as much as 6" to 9" of rain in one hour, there developer has not shown access to and availability of the array of trucks or barges capable of negotiating the terrain in a capacity necessary to protect the citizens of Belmont and Cambridge from the additional raw sewage overflow that even presently floods their homes. Cambridge has no agreements or permits for construction or remediation of the mess this construction will cause.

The Sierra Club asks that you take immediate steps to stop the destruction of the forest and protect the residents and environment of Belmont and Cambridge. The public record has extensive evidence of the value of this unique and increasing rare natural forest and the failure of the developer to address all the environmental issues of its proposed development and the impact of this failure on the Belmont and Cambridge communities and environment.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Nelson, Chair

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