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John FitzGerald, Senior Project Manager
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square
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Subject: The Fenway Point

Dear Mr. FitzGerald:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Second Amendment to the Development Plan for the Fenway Point. The Boston Groundwater Trust was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of Boston where the integrity of building foundations is threatened by low groundwater levels and to make recommendations for solving the problem. Therefore my comments are limited to groundwater related issues.

As stated in the amendment, the project is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District established in Article 32 of the Boston Zoning Code. In the amendment, as in earlier filings, the proponent has committed to meeting the recharge requirements of the GCOD through a filing with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission. As I pointed out in my March 28, 2013 comments on the Expanded Project Notification Form, the proponent also needs to provide a certification, in a letter stamped by a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts, showing why the project will cause no harm to groundwater levels on site or on adjacent lots. Because the project will have no further zoning review by the Board of Appeals, this certification should be provided before the completion of the Article 80 review process.

I look forward to continuing to work with the proponent and the Authority to assure that this project can have only positive impacts on area groundwater levels.

Very truly yours,

Elliott Laffer
Executive Director

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