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Phil Cohen, Project Manager
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Subject: 88 North Washington Street Small Project Review

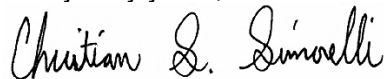
Dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Small Project Review Application (SPR) for 88 North Washington Street. 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.

The project is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD) established under Article 32 of the Zoning Code. In the Bulfinch Triangle area, the GCOD does not require recharge but it does require the proponent to furnish a stamped certification by a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts showing how the project will not have any negative effect on groundwater levels on site or adjacent lots. This letter should be provided to the Trust and the Board of Appeals before zoning is approved for the project. The site is in area with many wood piling supported buildings, and maintenance of adequate groundwater levels is necessary to preserve the integrity of their foundations.

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,



Christian Simonelli
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