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Raul Duverge, Project Manager
Boston Planning and Development Agency
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201-1007

Subject: 99 Sumner Street NPC Comments

Dear Mr. Duverge:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of project change (NPC) for the 99 Sumner Street Project. 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.

While the proposed project is located outside the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD) established under Article 32 of the Zoning Code, I was pleased to see that the proponent has committed to design and construct the proposed project to comply with the requirements of Article 32.

As stated in the NPC and confirmed the scoping session the proposed project will be designed to meet the groundwater recharge standards of Section 32-6 of the Code, such that the proposed project will not have any adverse effects on groundwater levels at the project site or on nearby lots. In addition the proposed project will include a groundwater recharge system to enable the Proposed Project to meet the groundwater recharge standards of Section 32-6 of the Code. The Proponent will also obtain from the BWSC, a certification that the proposed project will meet such performance standards, which certification may be obtained through the BWSC site plan approval process. The Proponent will provide a copy of such BWSC determination to the BPDA and to the Boston Groundwater Trust prior to the issuance of a Certification of Consistency for the proposed project under Section 80C-9 of the Code. The proponent also stated that the proposed project will be complete streets compliant and porous pavers will be installed in the furnishing zone along Sumner Street.

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

Very truly yours,



Christian Simonelli
Executive Director

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