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The Honorable Janet D. Howell  
Member, Senate of Virginia  
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The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum  
Member, Virginia House of Delegates  
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Dear Senator Howell and Delegate Plum:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 2009, concerning the stream restoration project in Reston. In general, streams located in the Northern Virginia region are in poor condition due to increased stormwater flows from local land development. The increased flow causes erosion of streambeds and banks. Not only does this erosion damage the streams, it also results in sediment that causes water quality problems downstream including adverse impacts to the Chesapeake Bay. Restoration projects that stabilize the streams are often undertaken in a way that limits the amount of future streambank erosion.

In the specific case you inquired about, the Northern Virginia Stream Restorations, LC, which is managed by Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc., is conducting the project on behalf of the Reston Association. The work is being funded by the Northern Virginia Stream Restoration Bank, with the cooperation of the Reston Association. As specified in Section 62.1-44.15.23, of the *Code of Virginia*, the stream mitigation bank creates a mechanism whereby credits can be purchased to offset impacts to other streams in the area.

This project has met all of the requirements of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). As allowed in Section 10.1-563.E, of the *Code of Virginia*, Wetlands Studies and Solutions, Inc. has filed general erosion and sediment control specifications with DCR on an annual basis in lieu

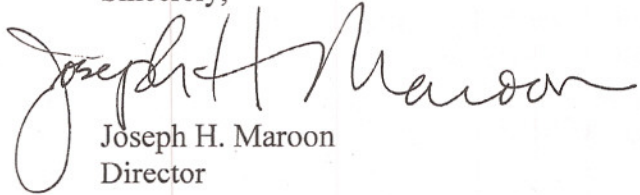
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of specific erosion and sediment control plans for the project. As part of this arrangement, DCR conducts site inspections. Recent site inspections results indicate that the erosion and sediment controls are being constructed and maintained as specified in the annual specifications.

DCR has issued a Virginia Stormwater Management Permit for the project. This permit requires that the site contractor manage the stormwater runoff pollution in a manner that limits adverse impact to surface waters.

I appreciate you contacting DCR regarding this issue and hope this information is helpful. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph H. Maroon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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c: Ann F. Jennings, Virginia Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
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