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Adam Cohen  
North Street Neighborhood Association  
351 Pleasant Street, PMB 222  
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**RE: Northern Ave. Vernal Pool Assessment**

Dear Adam,

I have reviewed the “Vernal Pool Assessment Summary Report” prepared by LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. dated June 5, 2008. I conducted site visits to inspect the study area on March 28 and April 18, 2008. I was accompanied by Brian Madden of LEC on both site visits.

I conclude that the study was conducted in accordance with the City of Northampton’s Wetlands Protection Ordinance (Ch. 337) and was adequately designed and undertaken so as to address all questions of whether any “Vernal Pool Habitat” exists within the onsite wetlands. I concur with the conclusions made by LEC that none of the five surveyed depressions meet the criteria for Certification as “Vernal Pool Habitat” by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as defined in 310 CMR 10.04 or as “Vernal Pool Resource Areas” as defined by the Northampton Ordinance (Ch. 337-3).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the assessment.

Cordially,

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