

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING



December 15, 2016

Mr. Paul Forsberg Looking Glass Meadows Development Co. 1240 Biochot Road Lansing, Michigan 48906

Dear Mr. Forsberg:

SUBJECT: Wetland Identification Report

Wetland Identification Site Name: 19-Airport and West Herbison-

DeWitt Charter Township

MiWaters Submission Number: 2K8-AHGA-HHV2

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) conducted a Level 2 Wetland Identification of approximately two acres on property (Property Tax Identification Number 050-018-200-021-60) located in Town 05N, Range 02W, Section 18, DeWitt Charter Township, Clinton County on October 27, 2016. The wetland identification was conducted in accordance with Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), and Rule 4 (1), Wetland Identification and Assessment (R 281.924), of the Administrative Rules for Part 303. This is a report of our findings in response to your Wetland Identification application.

Based on our on-site investigation, which included a review of plants, hydrology, and soils, the DEQ finds that the review area contains wetland. The DEQ also reviewed other pertinent information such as aerial imagery, soils survey data, topographic mapping data, and surface hydrology data.

During the DEQ's site review, the DEQ flagged the approximate wetland boundaries with DEQ-labeled, pink flagging tape and documented the boundaries on the enclosed site map (Figure 2). The site map identifies areas containing regulated wetland and non-wetland (upland). A rare wetland community (i.e., prairie fen) occurs on site and to the west of the review area.

Approximately 0.9 acre [all] of the wetland within the review area is regulated by the DEQ because of wetland size or proximity to a pond, lake, or stream. For those areas identified as regulated wetland on the site map, please be advised that any of the following activities require a permit under Part 303:

- Deposit or permit the placing of fill material in a regulated wetland.
- Dredge, remove, or permit the removal of soil or minerals from regulated wetland.
- c) Construct, operate, or maintain any use or development in a regulated wetland.
- d) Drain surface water from a regulated wetland.

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For those areas identified as non-wetland (upland) on the site map, the DEQ lacks jurisdiction under Part 303 for activities occurring in those areas.

High-accuracy GPS equipment was utilized to map wetland boundary flags within the review area. The enclosed map depicts approximate boundary locations of regulated wetland and non-wetland (upland). The GPS map data generated by the DEQ may be compatible with site planning/survey software that your engineer or surveying firm uses and may be available upon request.

This Wetland Identification Report is limited to findings pursuant to Part 303 and does not constitute a determination of jurisdiction under other DEQ administered programs. Any land use activities undertaken within the review area may be subject to regulation pursuant to the NREPA under the following programs:

Floodplain Regulatory Authority found in Part 31, Water Resources Protection Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control

Please be aware that this wetland identification report does not constitute a determination of jurisdiction under local ordinances or federal law. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) retains regulatory authority over certain wetlands pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and specifically those wetlands associated with traditionally navigable waters of the state. Navigable waters are generally the Great Lakes, their connecting waters, and river systems and lakes connected to these waters. In other areas of the state, the DEQ is responsible for identification of wetland boundaries for purposes of compliance with the CWA under an agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Your review area does not appear to be within those areas also regulated by the USACE. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the USACE at 313-226-2218.

You may request the DEQ reassess the wetland boundaries and regulatory status of wetlands within any portion of the review area, should you disagree with the findings, within 60 days of the date of this report. A written request to reassess the Wetland Identification review area must be accompanied by supporting evidence with regard to wetland vegetation, soils or hydrology different from, or in addition to, the information relied upon by DEQ staff in preparing this report. The request should be submitted to:

Wetland Identification Program
Department of Environmental Quality
Water Resources Division
P.O. Box 30458
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958

The findings contained in this report do not convey, provide, or otherwise imply approval of any governing act, ordinance, or regulation, nor does it waive the obligation to acquire any applicable federal, state, county, or local approvals. This Wetland Identification Report is not a permit for any activity that requires a permit from the DEQ.

Should you need to apply for a permit for future work within this site, please use the same site name listed within the subject line of this letter when you are listing the site location within the MiWaters online permit application.

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The findings contained in this report are binding on the DEQ until December 15, 2019, a period of three years from the date of this Wetland Identification Report, unless a reassessment has been conducted. Please contact me at 517-243-5002; gyekisk@michigan.gov; or DEQ, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958, if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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Wetland Identification Program Coordinator

Water Resources Division

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Enclosures

cc: Clinton County Soil Erosion Enforcement Agent (CEA)

Mid-Michigan District Health Department

DeWitt Charter Township Clerk, Clinton County

Ms. Mary Vanderlaan, DEQ Ms. Carol Valor, DEQ



