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Draft Oak Woodland Management Plan Comments
Attn: Monique Wilber
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Dear Ms. Wilber:

I have the following comments on the Revised Public review Draft (October 2007) OWMP:

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The first bullet point goal should be changed from “oak woodland” removal to “oak canopy” removal.:

Page 3
and
Page 10

The first bullet point at the top of the page, and the top two paragraphs on page 10 provide an ample basis to rebut the contention of those who argue that because the Oak Woodland Corridors contained in the August Draft have been excluded a defect in the OWMP (October Draft) has been created.

Page 4
Par 2.A.

The exceptions to Oak canopy retention/replacement requirements contained in Interim Interpretive guidelines adopted November 9, 2006 should be incorporated herein.

Page 7
and
1-4 on
Page 11

For Option A to apply the project must meet the very stringent retention standards of Table 3 of Policy 7.4.4.4.

Option A only requires that “the project shall replace woodland habitat at a 1:1 ratio.”

Off-site planting at this ratio is already allowed in the Interim Interpretive Guidelines (see page 11 d.e.)

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The October 2007 Draft OWMP allowing an in lieu fee or acquisition at a 2:1 ratio is in excess of the requirement under A, and not justified on account of the already exceedingly stringent retention standards of Table 3. Furthermore, the higher ratio is a disincentive to on site planting which lessens fragmentation.

Page 9
Par 3.

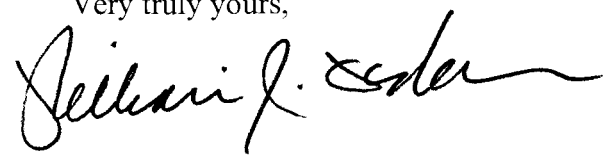
The Conservation Fund In Lieu Fee should be as described in the Community Coalition proposal and analysis (i.e. \$3,300.00)

Page 11
Par. 5

The language "in addition to the provisions of Step 4" is confusing because it seems to indicate that mitigation under B might require a more than a 2:1 replacement ratio. Should the sentence read "in addition to the provisions of Step 1 through 3, above. . . "?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft. We hope the OWMP will be adopted at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,



William J. Fisher
President

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