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Town of Lynnfield Planning Board
Town of Lynnfield Conservation Commission
55 Summer Street
Lynnfield, MA 01940
By email

Re: Regency at Lynnfield

To the Lynnfield Planning Board and Conservation Commission members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Regency at Lynnfield development project, currently before the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

We wanted to follow up on our initial letter (dated 12/19/2023) as the Board and Commission prepare for peer review and to specifically speak to stormwater management aspects of the project.

As you are aware, MassDEP recently released long-awaited [draft recommendations](#) for changes to the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA), which replaces outdated precipitation data to reflect our current climate of increasing storms and aligns the regulations with EPA's MS-4 permit, among other updates. The regulations are expected to be adopted late spring or early summer of 2024, and will therefore be enacted well before this project begins construction.

We strongly recommend that the Town's peer reviewer, in addition to evaluating the project's stormwater design under the current WPA regulations, assess the design against the proposed regulations and provide recommendations to exceed current compliance in order to prepare for future climate projections and enhance water resource protection in this critical area.

Please incorporate these comments into the public record of the hearing on this matter, and contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Bonney Casey
Resiliency Program Director