

The Town of Grand Island

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September 23rd, 2021

Dear Town Supervisor and Town Board Members,

At a September 23rd meeting of the GI Conservation Advisory Board, we discussed the scoping document for 2780 Long Rd. We agreed the document looks good but we would advise adding or editing the following:

- Wildlife inventory/ Habitat inventory by a qualified wildlife Biologist/Ecologist with recommendations impact assessments related to concerns due to the size of the property and the proximity to Buckhorn State Park, West River, surrounding homes, location within a RAMSAR designated corridor (4.5.3)
- Impact on migratory birds in the RAMSAR corridor including pollution/light/noise.
- RAMSAR should be a separate category
- Expert on migratory birds/Ramsar to give recommendations
- Limit/prevent use of herbicides/insecticides/pesticides
- Noise baseline studies during the day and night (4.5.5)
- Impact due to stream relocation, bank restoration
- Stormwater runoff and retention due to an impervious surface of 63 acres. Options for porous pavement?
- Recommend requesting a detailed landscaping plan for water features (4.5.2) including vegetation appropriate for streams, banks, erosion deterrent
- Category: Vegetative Impact Assessment: inventory all vegetation on the development site including a tree survey
- Addition of rain gardens as a natural pollution barrier
- Request an assessment on salt/oil/pollutant runoff from operations
- Request a baseline study on air pollution (4.5.6)
- Soil and groundwater impact assessment: Request a baseline study on properties/pollution currently in the soil within and surrounding the development
- Recommend dark sky lighting
- Placement of a solar array on the roof
- Accessible trails on property
- Buffer between residential housing - conservation easement
- Stormwater generated on the M1 zoned property should drain onto or rely on retention on the R1A parcel
- Add CAB to the interested agencies
- Should there be a decommissioning plan if this sits unused?

MOTION:

The CAB will submit a letter of advisement to the TB that includes the points discussed at our meeting on 9/23/21 on the 2780 Long Rd. distribution facility after review by our board members.

Motion: Jeff Green, Second: Diane Evans, Passed 5-0

Sincerely,
GI Conservation Advisory Board.