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Mr. Anthony Gianforcaro
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June 20, 2013

RE: Deficiency Letter for Letter of Interpretation – Partial Line Verification

File No.: 1427-04-0018.2 (FWW 130001)

Applicant: Gianforcaro Architects, Engineers and Planners

Project Name: Mt. Olive High School

Block: 7600; Lot: 86

Mount Olive Township, Morris County

Dear Mr. Gianforcaro:

I am writing with regard to the above referenced application for a partial Letter of Interpretation (LOI) – Line Verification. Based on my site inspection on June 18, 2013, revisions to the submitted map and additional information are required as follows:

1. An additional area of wetlands is present beyond that depicted on the submitted mapping. Specifically, a wetland swale is located within the lawn area east of the existing track and field. This area contains hydric soils meeting the F6, Redox Dark Surface indicator, hydrophytic vegetation, and hydrology. The extent of this area is similar to that depicted on the previous approved LOI map for the Mount Olive High School, File No. 1427-04-0018.1, FWW 040001, and identified by points B-55 through B-60 on the prior approved map. The submitted mapping needs to be revised to include this additional wetland swale.
2. The delineation of State open waters between points SOW 4-C through SOW 2-A is not accurate as this area contains wetlands in addition to State open waters. Specifically, there is a depressed and ponded wetland area located north of the State open water channel. This wetland area is separated from the channel by uplands. The wetland area appears to be isolated; however, please confirm. The entirety of the separate wetlands and State open waters in this area need to be specifically delineated on a revised plan.

3. The State open water designation needs to be revised to remove "State open water (swale)" and to just specify "State open water".
4. The application does not appear to include the applicant's signature. Please provide.
5. Since issuance of the original LOI on October 18, 2005, an unauthorized activity has occurred within the State open water. Specifically, a sidewalk has been constructed across this waterway and through the 150-foot transition area of the adjacent wetlands. This activity is regulated under the Freshwater Wetlands (FWW) Protection Act and Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Control Act rules. The applicant therefore needs to either remove the sidewalk and associated structures or apply for and obtain the appropriate FWW and FHA permits.

Please send one copy of the revised LOI plan within 45 days of the date of this letter. Additional copies will be requested if no additional revisions are needed. I can be reached at (609) 777-1726 or susan.michniewski@dep.state.nj.us with any questions on this application.

Sincerely,



Susan Michniewski
Bureau of Inland Regulation

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