

SHERBORN CONSERVATION COMMISSION



MEMO

TO: Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals and the Sherborn Select Board

FROM: Conservation Commission

DATE: August 25, 2025

RE: Comments on Revised Permit Site Plan for Washington Street Sherborn Homes (Lot 3) dated August 25, 2025

Comments on Revised Permit Site Plan:

(in addition to the Conservation Commission comments dated July 15, 2025):

1. The design plan shows the proposed tree-clearing limits; however, the proposed lawn limits should also be delineated. Refer to the *"Proposed Restoration Planting Plan and Sketch"* for the extent of lawn proposed by the Commission within the wetland buffer zone. As indicated on above referenced sketch, eight (8) wetland markers should be installed—along the 213 contour line within the BVW buffer area and at the buffer zone edge for the Isolated Vegetated Wetlands/Vernal Pool.
2. Erosion control barriers should consist of a mulch sock backed by a silt fence. A construction detail should be added to the plan.
3. The discharge pipe from Recharger #1 should be removed. Instead, overflow or bypass devices should be installed at the downspouts. This will ensure that once the infiltration system reaches capacity, stormwater from the dwelling is not directly discharged into the buffer zone. Redirecting the overflow in this manner eliminates a point-source discharge into the inner wetland buffer and allows stormwater to infiltrate through the lawn before reaching the resource area.
4. The foundation drain from the southerly dwelling should be discharged to a riprap apron to prevent erosion.
5. The limit of work for the septic leaching field should be adjusted to avoid encroachment into the area of the proposed trail modification.
6. The proposed trail modification within the isolated wetland buffer zone should be relocated to a shorter path that generally follows the limit of work, with adjustments to minimize tree and vegetation disturbance. Similarly, other trail modifications should also be adjusted to minimize tree and vegetation disturbance.
7. The rain garden planting plan should include a diverse mix of native flowering perennials tolerant of both wet and dry conditions.

Additional Notes on the Revised Permit Site Plan:

- The proposed well is mislabeled. The current label and offset dimensions appear to reference a prior well location.
- Recharger #1 is depicted inconsistently across the plans and should be corrected for clarity.
- Clearing more than one acre may trigger the need for a Stormwater Permit through the Planning Board.
- Clearing more than one acre will also require filing for an NPDES Permit with the EPA.