



January 8, 2026

Breeka Li Goodlander, PWS, CERPIT
Conservation Director
Town of Franklin Conservation Commission
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Re: 1199 West Central Street, Garelick Farms, Request for Variance

Dear Ms. Goodlander:

On behalf of the Applicant, Dandreo Brothers General Contractors, Tighe & Bond is submitting the following variance request in support of the proposed Drainage Resiliency Improvement Project at 1199 West Central Street in Franklin, Massachusetts at the existing Garelick Farms facility.

Pursuant to the Franklin Wetlands Protection Regulations, the Franklin Conservation Commission may grant a variance from the Regulations upon demonstration by the Applicant that the proposed work, or its natural and consequential impacts and effects, will not have any adverse effect upon any of the interests protected in Chapter 181 of the Town of Franklin Wetlands Protection Bylaw. In accordance with Section 5 of the Franklin Wetlands Regulations, the Applicant is seeking a variance from full compliance with the requirement that a property line survey (PSL) must be completed and incorporated into project drawings.

Existing site conditions for the project drawings were developed using multiple reliable and corroborating sources of information, including record drawings provided by the facility, limited survey of drainage infrastructure within the proposed work area, drone-based topographic data collection and contour generation, ground-penetrating radar information, record MassDOT plans, and supplemental site observations conducted by qualified engineering professionals. Data from these sources were integrated into project drawings to produce a comprehensive representation of existing conditions sufficient for stormwater management system design.

The site encompasses over 54 acres, and the cost associated with completing a full boundary survey by a Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) would be prohibitive relative to the scope and scale of the proposed work. Requiring a full survey in this instance would not materially improve the quality or accuracy of the information relied upon for regulatory review, nor would it enhance environmental protection or bylaw compliance.

We trust this information will be satisfactory in your review of the Drainage Resiliency Improvements at the Garelick Farms facility. Should you need additional information, please contact me at 413.572.3238 or jechristy@tighebond.com.

Very truly yours,


Jean E. Christy, PE
PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

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