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**Subject: Response to comments**

Dear Miss. Gaudette

The following are response to your comments, please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for the help.

1. The response to the previous review comment is not complete. The city cannot access any links on the website.

You will need to provide a video inspection report and a downstream drainage report to demonstrate the existence of the existing drainage system, and the condition of the existing drainage system from the connection point to the lake. The report must be signed and stamped by a civil engineer. The report must include a plan showing the existing drainage system from the connection point to the lake, the analysis of the video inspection results, and replacing/repairing recommendations if necessary. The plan needs to have stationing associated with the video inspection result. The video can be part of the report. The civil engineer takes the responsibility for the analysis of the video inspection and provides the recommendations. Providing the city a DVD or a flash drive without the report is not acceptable.

**Response:** The proposed soldier pile wall will not require any footing drain. A new storm water easement is currently under negotiation with the property owner below this proposed project site. If a new footing drain is proposed, the footing drain discharge point will connect with the new storm pipe.

2. It appears the applicant has removed several trees within two years, either provide full analysis of timelines of work within the last two years. Or provide replanting plan in critical area with at least 4 trees to be planted and bare soil covered.

**Response:** Seeding will be planning on the critical area. 4 trees will be planted per city requirement.

3. City trees were previously removed without permit per code compliance case CE15-0007 and it appears the mitigation plantings were removed. Show these trees replanted on replacement plan. At least 3 trees need to be replaced on the city right of way with drip irrigation. These species on city right of way shall three different species from the following list.

Please choose from the following approved trees for the city Right-of-way.

1. Weeping Alaska cedar, *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis pendula*
2. Hinoki cypress, *Chamaecyparis obtusa*
3. Shore pine, *Pinus contorta*
4. Mt. Hemlock, *Tsuga mertensiana*
5. Rocky mountain juniper, *Juniperus scopulorum*
6. Serbian spruce, *Picea omorika*

**Reponses:** 3 trees will be planted at city right of way and the trees will be selected from the list above.

Thank you for the help.

Steve Wu