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Memorandum

To:	Barkhamsted Low Impact Development Committee
From:	Martin J. Connor, AICP
Date:	May 17, 2010
Re:	Barkhamsted Low Impact Development Recommendations for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations

I have reviewed the “*Town of Barkhamsted Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations*” with a goal of incorporating best management practices relating to Low Impact Development into the Regulations. I have the following recommendations.

Add the definition of Low Impact Development to Section 2.1:

“Low Impact Development (LID)” means a site design strategy intended to maintain or replicate predevelopment hydrology through the use of small-scale controls integrated throughout the site to manage runoff as close to its source as possible.

Add to existing Section 7.5(f) language underlined, “Alternatives, Low Impact Development (LID) practices, which would cause less or no environmental impact...”

Add to 7.5(l), language underlined, “Any other information the Agency deems necessary to the understanding of what the applicant is proposing, including proposed Low Impact Development (LID) practices; and...”

Add to 7.6(g), language underlined, “Management practices and other measures, including Low Impact Development (LID) practices, designed to mitigate the impact of the proposed activity...”

To comply with Public Act 09-181

Under Section 7: Application Requirements:

Add to Section 7.10 language underlined: Any application to renew a permit shall be granted upon request of the permit holder unless the Agency finds that there has been a substantial change in circumstances which requires a new permit application or an enforcement action has been undertaken with regard to the regulated activity for which the permit was issued provided a) no permit issued during the time period from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2009, inclusive, shall be valid for more than eleven years; and b) no permit issued prior to July 1, 2006, or after July 1, 2009 may be valid for more than ten years.

Under Section 11: Decision Process and Permit:

Add to Section 11.6 the language underlined: Any permit issued by the Agency prior to July 1, 2006, or after July 1, 2009 for the development of land for which an approval is required under section 8-3, 8-25 or 8-26 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be valid for five years provided the Agency may establish a specific time period within which any regulated activity may be conducted. Any permit issued by the Agency prior to July 1, 2006, or after July 1, 2009 for any other activity shall be valid for not less than two years and not more than five years. Any permit issued by the Agency during the time period from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2009, inclusive, shall expire not less than six years after the date of such approval.