June 1, 2006

Mr. Mark McGowan, Project Manager
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201-1007

Subject: 15 Miner Street

Dear Mr. McGowan:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Project Notification
Form for the Stonewall Audubon Circle. The Boston Groundwater Trust
was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels
in sections of Boston where building foundations are threatened by
lowered groundwater levels and to make recommendations for solving the
problem. As such, my comments are restricted to groundwater related
issues.

The project is not in an area that is part of the Groundwater Conservation
Overlay District, but it is near the historic made land neighborhoods, and
the Trust has installed groundwater observation wells nearby. As I stated
during the scoping session, I am very pleased that the proponents have
chosen to install a groundwater recharge system as part of their project. I
am pleased as well that the project plans to use a mat foundation and
waterproofed basement to eliminate groundwater pumping.

The PNF states that groundwater levels will be monitored outside the
project site during construction. If new observation wells are to be
installed, we would ask that the proponent consult with us on their
location and design, so that they can be incorporated into our network
after construction.

The PNF states that preliminary data indicates that there is one building
supported on wood pilings in the vicinity, located approximately 100 feet
from the site. In order to help us better map areas of concern, I would
appreciate it if the proponent could provide the Trust with the location of
that building. If piling cutoff elevation data is available, I would
appreciate receiving that as well.

The attention to groundwater issues in a project outside the GCOD is commendable. I look forward to working with the proponent and the Authority as the project goes forward.

Very truly yours,

Elliott Laffer
Executive Director

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