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Subject: 290 Tremont Street, Parcel P-12C, Chinatown Expanded Project Notification Form
Comments

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Dear Mr. Polanco,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 290 Tremont Street, Parcel P-12C, Chinatown Expanded Project Notification Form (EPNF). The Boston Groundwater Trust (BGWT) was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of Boston where the integrity of building foundations is threatened by low groundwater levels and to make recommendations for solving the problem. Therefore, my comments are limited to groundwater related issues.

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As stated in the EPNF the project site is located within the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD) as outlined in Article 32 of the City of Boston Zoning Code.

The EPNF also states that the Project will comply with the standards and requirements set forth in Article 32 of the Zoning Code. The Proponent will obtain a written determination from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) as to whether the Project meets the standards and requirements of Article 32. In addition, the Proponent will demonstrate that the Project meets the requirements of Section 32-6 of the Zoning Code by obtaining a stamped certification from a Massachusetts registered engineer that the requirements of Section 32-6 of the Zoning Code are met. The Proponent will provide both a copy of the written determination from BWSC and a copy of the stamped certification from a Massachusetts registered engineer to the BPDA and the Boston Groundwater Trust prior to the issuance of a Certification of Consistency. As such, the Project is designed in compliance with Article 32 of the Zoning Code.

Executive Director

I look forward to continuing to work with the proponent and the Agency to assure that this project can have only positive impacts on area groundwater levels.

Christian Simonelli

Very truly yours,



Christian Simonelli
Executive Director

CC: Kathleen Pederson, BPDA
Maura Zlody, EEOS

