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Mr. Craig Dixon
Chairman
New Bedford Conservation Commission
New Bedford City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02744

RE: Nitsch Project #9972
Riverwalk I
Veterans Memorial Way
New Bedford, MA

Dear Mr. Dixon:

This letter is in regard to the proposed Riverwalk located off Veterans Memorial Way in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Nitsch Engineering has reviewed the following documents for compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Stormwater Management Standards:

- Plans entitled "Riverwalk Restoration Project, Acushnet River, Segment I, New Bedford, Massachusetts," prepared by Farland Corp., dated March 7, 2018.
- Notice of Intent Application Documents, "Riverwalk Restoration Project, Acushnet River, Segment 1, Assessor's Map 93-2 Lots 263 & 265, New Bedford, Massachusetts," prepared by Farland Corp., dated April 5, 2018.

The proposed project includes the construction of a six-foot-wide bituminous concrete walkway located in close proximity to Acushnet River.

Below are our comments on the proposed project:

1. The project includes the limited installation of impervious surface. The proposed walkway is six feet wide and approximately 700 feet long. This results in an increase in impervious surface of approximately 4,200 square feet.
2. The Stormwater Management Standards do not specifically state that projects of this nature are prohibited from the Standards. They do state that footpaths are subject to the Standards to the maximum extent practicable.
3. The proposed project has not proposed any stormwater management practices.
4. The project is located partially within the 25-foot Riverfront Area as well as within 100 feet of wetlands.

If you have any questions, please call us at 617-338-0063.

Very truly yours,

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