



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT/

NEW BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

March 24, 2014


Mr. Ronald Labelle
Commissioner of Public Infrastructure
1105 Shawmut Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02746

Re: Tree Box Filters
Sassaquin Watershed

Dear Mr. Labelle,

This letter is to express the concerns of the Conservation Commission regarding the recent installation of tree box filters on Acushnet Avenue and the scheduled installation of additional tree box filters in the Sassaquin Pond watershed. The Commission is requesting a plan showing the design of the tree box filter, the sizing, media composition and whether or not this has been constructed in accordance with the Standard Industry Practice. Our concern is that the DEP has not approved this design and no outside engineering peer review has occurred before the installations. We would like to schedule a meeting with yourself and our consultant to discuss this in further detail. Please contact Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent (508) 991-6188 at your earliest convenience so that we can arrange a meeting time. Your prompt response on this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ken Motta 

Kenneth Motta, Chairman
New Bedford Conservation Commission

cc: Mayor Jon Mitchell, Councilor Oliveira, Conservation Commissioners

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