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Wetlands Regulatory Permits
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**Subject: Wetland Concerns - Kain Development Group, LLC Proposed (18) lot subdivision,
Longkill Road, Town of Clifton Park**

Dear Mr. Connell,

Enclosed please find two letters that address issues we have with the proposed subdivision in northern Clifton Park. As these letters explain, most of our concerns center on the wet areas that exist within the proposed subdivision. We understand that your office has jurisdiction over wetlands delineation and protection in this forested area. We realize that ACOE wetland definitions are based on hydrology, soil and vegetation. But, as reported in the ***US Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual***, "*Although vegetation is often the most readily observed parameter, sole reliance on vegetation or either of the other parameters as the determinant of wetlands can sometimes be misleading.*" The builder's current plans show wetland delineations that do not correspond with our experience living in this area for 35 years.

We ask, before you provide a permit for construction for this subdivision, that you review our concerns about the wet nature of the area. We hope that the qualitative evidence we have presented will warrant a Level 2 On-site Inspection as described on Part IV, Section D, Subsection 2 of the **Wetlands Delineation Manual**.

Sincerely,

Cc: Steven Bulger, Clifton Park Planning Board
Jason Kemper, Clifton Park Town Planner
Mike O'Brien, Environmental Specialist
Clifton Park Environmental Conservation Committee