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Dear Randall,

I am writing to confirm that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has reviewed and approved the proposed Hartford-Brainard Airport (HFD) Obstruction Removal Project on the Folly Brook Natural Area under conservation easement with TNC, assuming the landowner obtains and complies with all necessary permits required by state and local regulatory agencies.

Based on information we gathered during a site visit on 6/13/2022 and the written reports you shared with TNC on 7/5/2022, the proposed project is in compliance with the terms of the conservation easement. Regarding the use of herbicide, it is our understanding that licensed practitioners will apply the minimum needed to control invasive plants in areas where cattail sedge will be transplanted in accordance with the Incidental Take Report. The report and mitigation plan are based on findings by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base, as well as field surveys conducted by Stantec at the request of DEEP to target species of concern. Herbicide application must be conducted in compliance with local and state regulations and should only be used to improve the conservation value of the property under easement.

Any changes to the methods or timeline described in the plan are subject to review and should be communicated to The Nature Conservancy immediately.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alexander Novarro, Ph.D. Director of Stewardship & Ecological Management