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Public Comments  
c/o Woodlot Alternatives, Inc.  
30 Park Drive  
Topsham, ME 04086

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to support the grant application for the Berkshire Conservation Agent Program.

When the property abutting mine was being considered for a sand and gravel operation, and knowing there were streams and wetlands on the property, I contacted the BCAP consultant at the suggestion of the town administrator and selectmen. She was instrumental for both me as an abutter and ultimately for the town in determining how the scope of the project was in line (or out of line) with the regulations. She was present at the site visits and was extremely knowledgeable in preparing the necessary forms to challenge the project. She paved the way for getting the wetlands flagged and determining which streams were perennial and which were intermittent. It had a huge impact on the project thus protecting the wetland resources (including the groundwater), and ultimately protecting me. It was especially helpful that she was a phone call away, always available for questions, and the fees were very reasonable.... far below what one would expect to pay a private consultant.

This program has proven to be a valuable resource... so much so that I don't hesitate to refer the BCAP to other towns. Please help to keep the Berkshire Conservation Agent Program a viable program.

Sincerely yours,



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