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Mr. Michael Behrendt, AICP Chief Planner City of Rochester 31 Wakefield Street Rochester, New Hampshire 03867

RE: Trail Re-Location Project, Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc., Rochester, N.H.

Dear Mr. Behrendt:

On behalf of Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc. (WMNH), please find our NHDES Recreational Trail Wetland Notification form, accompanying plans and filing fee for the development of a new section of recreational trail within the Mount Isinglass Recreational Area located (Figure 1: Locus Plan) off of Rochester Neck Road in Rochester, New Hampshire.

The Gonic Trail System (Figure 2: Overall Site Plan) is a series of trails within the Mount Isinglass Recreational Area designed to provide educational and recreational opportunities for the public. The trail network offers a self-guided tour through the forest management area and along the Isinglass River. The trails may be used for recreational activities such as hiking, biking, jogging, skiing, and snowshoeing. The trails also provide access to the river for fishing and swimming.

The project entails establishing approximately 960 linear feet of new trail which will follow parallel to the river from Isinglass Park to its juncture with the existing trail. Once established, WMNH intends to discontinue approximately 1,040 linear feet of existing trail (Figure 3: Existing Site Conditions Plan) which traverses through floodplain forested wetlands and steep slopes.

As planned, the new trail will eliminate impacts to the wetland by installing a foot bridge (Figure 4: Footbridge Detail) crossing the wetland at its narrowest point. Additionally, the trail will reduce the need to traverse steep potentially erosion prone slopes while creating an aesthetically pleasing trail providing an enhanced visual buffer between the trail and the nearby facility.

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I hope this information proves sufficient for your review. Please feel free to contact me

should you have any questions or comment.

Very truly yours,

CC: Anne Reichert, P.E., Waste Management of N.H., Inc. Kelly Anderson, P.E., Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc.

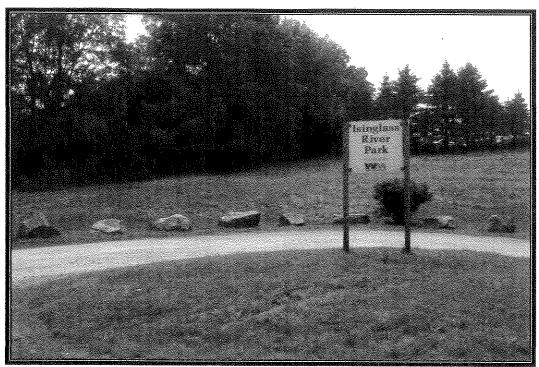


PHOTO #1: ISINGLASS RIVER PARK TRAIL HEAD PARKING AREA.



PHOTO #2: WELL WORN EXISTING TRAIL AT TOP OF SLOPE ADJACENT TO THE FACILITY.



PHOTO #3: EXISTING TRAIL THRU WETLANDS, TO BE DISCONTINUED.



PHOTO #4: EXISTING TRAIL THRU FLOODPLAIN WETLANDS.



PHOTO #5: PROPOSED NEW TRAIL INTERSECTION WITH EXISTING TRAIL.



PHOTO #6: TRAIL THRU FLOODPLAIN FOREST.

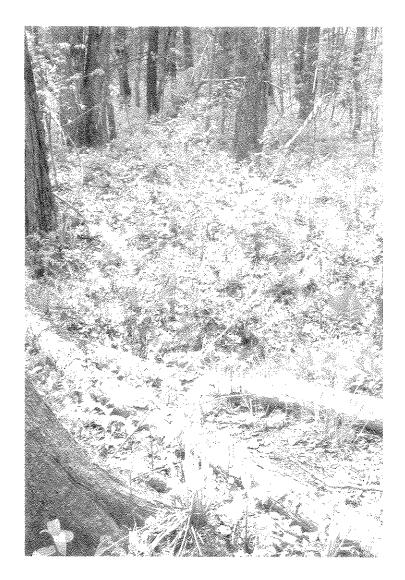


PHOTO #7: NEW TRAIL RE-LOCATION.



PHOTO #8: PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE CROSSING.



PHOTO #9: PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE CROSSING.



PHOTO #10: NEW TRAIL ENTRANCE FROM ISINGLASS RIVER PARK TRAIL HEAD PARKING AREA.

