



ROSE ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC

March 27, 2017

Re: Krasnow Project, Charlotte

Dear Krasnow Family,

I am supportive of your proposed changes to the 9-lot subdivision under re-consideration by the Charlotte DRB. The final proposal satisfies the goals of the town, and does a great job of conserving the diverse values of this property including streams, wetlands, wildlife, prime agriculture, and forestry. Your project blends with nature and respects the rural character of Charlotte.

On the west side of the project, the designation of a 100' nature corridor on the southern property line, as well as additional connected acreage on the western border of Lot 8, is ample in providing a continuous corridor linking Mt Philo to forested corridors along Kimball Brook and through agricultural fields. The Kimball Brook corridor on the west side of Mt. Philo Road links to Thompsons Bay and Pease Mountain. Through the center of the Krasnow parcel, another nature corridor creates a connection from Mt. Philo to additional agricultural fields and wetlands to the north of the property. This central corridor facilitates movement throughout the entire property by connecting the designated "open areas" with the "nature/wildlife corridors". All together, these natural areas represent 59 acres of the 88-acre parcel, a substantial conservation of valuable land.

The town identified core habitat on this property based strictly on distances from human activity; and not based on habitat type or quality of habitat. Mountains Edge Road on the eastern property boundary and the gravel access road on the southern property boundary need to be considered in this designation of core habitat. Mt. Philo is heavily used for recreation year-round and the state park hosts hundreds of visitors each day.

Charlotte is dominated by agriculture, and forestland is not common. The everyday wildlife species that use your property will benefit from the natural corridors connecting the variety of habitats in this area of Charlotte. As a professional Ecologist, I believe your thoughtful project layout and protection of 67% of the land of the proposed 88 acre subdivision as natural/wildlife corridors or open space will be successful in retaining the natural resource values present on the property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Howell'.

Kristen Howell
Ecologist