



FUSS & O'NEILL

April 15, 2022

Town of Southington Conservation Commission  
c/o David Lavallee  
Municipal Center  
196 North Main Street  
Southington, CT 06489

RE: Anthony Properties – Wetland & Watercourse Application  
Statement of No Vernal Pools

Dear Conservation Commissioners:

In November 2021, Fuss & O'Neill submitted a Wetland Amendment Map for the properties of 1177, 1193 and 1303 West Street in Southington. The map was revised based on a review of conditions at the site following a site visit by Mr. David Lavallee. On October 28, 2021 Mr. Lavallee indicated in an email that there were three areas that he would like me to revisit: a small wet depression in the southeastern sector of the site (found to not be a wetland); an area near wetland flags A170-A179 (initial flags relocated and included on the Wetland Amendment Map based on soil properties); and an area near wetland flags A253-A258 (identified as a potential vernal pool).

Regarding the area near wetland flags A253-A258: I observed the area Mr. Lavallee thought might be a vernal pool. Unfortunately, a conclusive determination was not able to be made in November 2021 since observations of obligate breeding amphibians is best performed in the spring (late March – early June).

On April 14, 2022, I inspected the wetlands at the site for potential vernal pool habitat. No area would be characterized as vernal pools as defined by the Town of Southington. Notably, there was insufficient depth of water in any of the wetlands on site to support the breeding and development of obligate vernal pool species.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your comments and observations.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Revised Wetland Amendment Map  
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