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Ann Machado
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Re: Vincent (Cap) Mona, House Island Buffer Restoration

Dear Ann Machado:

Thank you and *Jeff Tarling, City Arborist*, for your assistance in working with Cap Mona's buffer restoration plans. Mr. Mona is submitting the attached Level I Application, as requested by the City of Portland, to restore a vegetative buffer.

Mr. Mona had done some selective clearing of the parcel for removal of invasive vegetation (see Photos 11a. and 11b. enclosed) and in the process, cut some native vegetation in the 75' vegetative buffer. A significant amount of plantings have already been done to restore the buffer, however, City staff felt that the planting should be supplemented with more native species. Jeff Tarling kindly worked closely with Mr. Mona's Landscape Architect, Drew Newton, to refine the planting schedule for a slightly more *naturalized* vegetative mix. Attached is a Level I Application for the restoration of the vegetative buffer.

Please note: We have been working closely with Jennifer Harris, Project Analyst for Maine DEP, on the Maine Natural Resource Protection Act (NRPA), Permit-by-rule (PBR) component of this project, and she has been copied with the City application. Maine DEP currently has a pending DEP PBR for this work, and Jennifer Harris has advised me that she is ready to approve the permit but is waiting for the City's final approval.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or additional matters for discussion regarding the site.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert Frick".

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AF/nd

Enc. Level I Application packet

Cc. Cap Mona
Jennifer Harris, DEP