

December 19, 2014

Chairman Norm Fontaine
Members of the Planning Board
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Re: Silo Ridge Resort Community

Dear Chairman Fontaine and Members of the Planning Board:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on Audubon International and our continued involvement with the Silo Ridge Resort Community.

Amid some enhancements within our organization, in 2013 Audubon International celebrated 20 years of promoting sustainable development through its Signature Program. Our mission is to deliver high-quality environmental education and facilitate the sustainable management of land, water, wildlife, and other natural resources in all places people live, work, and play.

Through education, technical assistance, certification, and recognition, Audubon International facilitates the implementation of environmental management practices that ensure natural resources are sustainably used and conserved. Several of the organization's longstanding environmental education and certification programs have received national awards. Audubon International continues to positively impact environmental health at multiple geographic scales, including individual properties, communities, and ecoregions.

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Now for an update on Silo Ridge. After a lapse in communication for several years while Silo Ridge was dormant, we reconnected with the Silo Ridge team in the fall of 2013 and received updates on the ongoing approval process. Silo Ridge renewed their membership and continues to be enrolled in our Signature Program.

In the summer of 2014 Mike Dignacco and I communicated on a regular basis as the Silo Ridge golf construction team was implementing some of the Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) requirements including reporting, water quality monitoring, and the updated design of the Natural Resource Management Center (NRMC). We also discussed the updating of the NRMP to reflect the revised plan.

Recently I reviewed the Habitat Management Plan (HMP), the most current site layout plan, the detailed layout of the NRMC to ensure compliance with the NRMP, the Open Space Plan, and Table 3 indicating reduced impacts from the previous plan. Additionally, the NRMP has been updated with the revised layout and project description.

Most recently, I was made aware that conservation buffer markers will be used to indicate the areas that are to be protected and to denote the boundaries of the no-spray zones for pesticides and fertilizers. This seems to be an appropriate and acceptable method for denoting the management and protection areas and we agree with the use of them as illustrated in C14.01.

Audubon International is pleased with the progress on site, and we look forward to our continued involvement with the Silo Ridge Resort Community.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Nancy Richardson'.

Nancy Richardson

CC: Mike Dignacco
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