Exhibit A



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING

STATE OF MICHIGAN



June 29, 2017

Mr R Jack Barr, P E Nederveld 217 Grandville Avenue, SW, Suite 302 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Dear Mr Barr

SUBJECT⁻ File No HN5-CZWC-V8WE5, White Oaks Subdivision, County Drain No.12, Section 19, T5N, R15W, Holland Township, Ottawa County

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the preliminary plat of White Oak's Subdivision, which includes lots 1 through 52 and open space for stormwater retention basin. County Drain No 12 has a contributing drainage area of less than two square miles at this location; therefore, the establishment of a floodplain is not required under Section 117 of the Land Division Act, 1967 PA 288, as amended.

The Flood Insurance Study for Holland Township shows an unnumbered A Zone just to the north of County Drain No 12, which we have determined to be the result of backwater from flooding on Harlem Ext. Drain formerly named Pine Creek in the older Floodplain Insurance Study and located in Park Township just downstream of 144th Avenue (North Division Ave). The 100-year flood elevation is defined as 584 8 feet, National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD) or 584 4 feet, North American Vertical of 1988 NAVD at this location on Harlem Ext. Drain. This elevation was identified from the Ottawa County Flood Insurance Study, Flood Insurance Rating Map (FIRM), MAP Number 26139C292E, effective date of December 16, 2011. Based on the contours shown on your plat, this flooding will not affect White Oak's Subdivision

This letter grants no permit. A permit application must be filed with the DEQ for any activity that may take place below the ordinary high water mark of an inland lake or stream, or within any associated wetlands. An application form can be downloaded from the DEQ's website at www michigan.gov/jointpermit or is available upon request Note that the \$500 fee paid for this review may be credited toward future fees related to this project.

Please note the following must be accomplished before we can recommend approval of the final plat by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

 The proprietor's certificate on the final plat must state that any lots embracing waters of County Drain No 12 are subject to the correlative rights of other riparian owners and the public trust in these waters Mr. R Jack Barr, P E Page 2 June 29, 2017

- 2 Copies of any necessary DEQ permits are submitted to this office
- 3 A revised preliminary plat is submitted to this office for review if any significant revisions are made

One copy of the preliminary plat with our "No Objection under Sections 116 & 117 of PA 288" noted is being returned with this letter—If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact me

11/1/16

Mario Fusco, Jr, PE

Subdivision Floodplain Program

Water Resources Division

517-284-5578

Enclosures Preliminary Plat

cc Ottawa County Plat Board
Holland Township Clerk
HollandTownship Building Official
Mr Matt Wickstra, Developer
Mr Michael Barger, LARA (w/plat)
Ms Audrie Kirk, DEQ - Grand Rapids (electronic)

Mr Matthew Occhipinti, DEQ - Grand Rapids (electronic)