



Environmental Consulting & Restoration, LLC



August 10, 2026

Town of Hingham  
Conservation Commission  
210 Central Street  
Hingham, MA 02043

**RE: Waiver Request, 1 Sycamore Lane, Hingham, Massachusetts**

Dear Members of the Hingham Conservation Commission:

On behalf of the Applicant, Environmental Consulting & Restoration, LLC respectfully requests that the Hingham Conservation Commission grant a waiver from the requirements of the Hingham Wetland Regulation (HWR) Sections 7.4(c) and 23.7(c) for the proposed project at 1 Sycamore Lane.

The proposed project includes approximately 22 square feet of new structure on a crawl-space foundation within the 50-foot Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. This portion of the proposed addition is located entirely within a previously altered area consisting of existing gravel and maintained lawn, and no direct alteration of undisturbed buffer or Bordering Vegetated Wetland is proposed. The proposed addition has been reduced to the smallest footprint considered practical while maintaining the homeowners intent of the proposed addition and compatibility with the existing home layout. Further relocation or reduction of the addition would substantially affect the functionality and overall design of the home.

As an additional environmental benefit, the project includes approximately 570 square feet of native Buffer Zone mitigation planting within previously altered portions of the site. This substantially exceeds the 223 square feet of mitigation otherwise required for the proposed Buffer Zone alterations. The mitigation will replace maintained lawn with native vegetation and is intended to improve the habitat and protective functions of the Buffer Zone.

We respectfully request the Commission consider the limited extent of the proposed structure within the 50-foot Buffer Zone, its location within an existing disturbed area, and the substantial buffer zone restoration proposed and grant the requested waiver for the proposed project.

Sincerely,  
Environmental Consulting & Restoration, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Holmes". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brad Holmes, PWS, MCA  
Manager