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Subject: Correction to preliminary deficiency letter, dated July 29, 2005, regarding soils information.

Dear Mr. Lehner:

I am writing to clarify and correct my request for soils information related to Plum Creek's concept plan proposal for the Moosehead Lake region, as described in my letter to you dated July 29, 2005. After further discussion with LURC staff and State Soil Scientist, David Rocque, we are in agreement that the rezoning petition requirement for soils mapping and information may instead be fulfilled as described below:

Exhibit D – Soils Mapping and Information. Please submit a soil survey for all areas within the concept plan proposal that are targeted for development (including roads). The survey should consist of NRCS soils maps along with verification of the accuracy of such maps. At minimum, the survey should include a narrative, map unit descriptions and a legend, as well as documentation of map accuracy (including soil pits, observations of road cuts, bedrock outcroppings, bogs, etc). The soils maps should include the general boundary lines of all proposed development areas (including proposed subdivisions, commercial development, and roadways). Topographic contour lines are not necessary. Please also provide justification for any proposed development of map unit areas that have low development potential. All supporting documentation must be dated and include the signature and license number of the soil scientist responsible for the work.

Please note, should the petition for rezoning be approved by the Commission, site specific soil surveys will be needed as part of subsequent permit applications for subdivision and other development in order to demonstrate the suitability of specific development sites (this would likely involve high intensity soils mapping and associated topographic contours).

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. If you need further clarification regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me via phone or e-mail correspondence.

Sincerely,

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