Exhibit K



STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



January 22, 2024

Dale Finseth, Executive Director Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District 2305 North Belfast Avenue Augusta ME 04330

Dear Dale,

This letter acknowledges DEP acceptance of the North Pond Watershed-based Management Plan as an approved Nine Element plan for protection. The plan is well written and provides a thorough overview of current conditions and a clear action plan for restoring water quality in North Pond. This plan fulfills the prerequisite to be eligible to apply for a Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Project Watershed-based Plan implementation grant.

Congratulations to KCSWCD and Ecological Instincts for completing the work necessary to produce this plan. We wish you success with implementation of the plan and look forward to continuing to work with you to restore the water quality of North Pond.

Sincerely,

Wendy Garland

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Director, Division of Environmental Assessment Bureau of Water Quality

cc: Alex Wong, DEP

Greg Beane, DEP

Jen Jespersen, Ecological Instincts