

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION



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TO: Planning & Zoning Commission

FROM: Richard B. Jacobson, Environmental Protection Officer *KB*

RE: EPC-05-2019, Diller Property, Cross Country Track
Nutmeg Lane

The EPC closed their public hearing on the Inland Wetland Permit Application for the proposed track and wetland boardwalk on May 1. The Commission requested staff prepare a resolution approving the application with conditions to be acted on at their June 5 meeting. The portion of the track on the High School property within the Commission's jurisdiction was approved on March 6, 2019.

The Commission heard concerns regarding potential impacts from the project on off-site flooding and impacts on the site's wetlands and watercourses. The Applicant's engineer, Joe Canas of Tighe & Bond, provided testimony that there will be no impacts on off-site flooding. The Applicant's Wetland Scientist, Raina Velosky, provided testimony that there will be no adverse impacts to wetlands or watercourses. She also testified that the removal of invasive plant species and the introduction of native species will improve the site's wetland functions and values.

The Commission's decision will include a finding of no significant adverse impacts to wetlands or watercourses. The proposed wetland enhancements will be an improvement to the property. The Commission noted that there has never been any maintenance of the property and the proposed use of the property for passive recreation will include future maintenance once the path and boardwalk are constructed.