

# EXISTING GRADE, INC.

Land Surveyors - Civil Engineers

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Leicester Planning Board  
3 Washburn Square  
Leicester, Massachusetts 01524

**RE:     *Proposed 4 Duplex Building Layout Site Plan*  
          *710 Main Street (Route 9)*  
          *Requested Design Revision to Lot 3***

Leicester Planning Board Members:

On behalf of the Applicant, Farnham Properties, LLC, Existing Grade, Inc (EGI) is pleased to submit a request for plan change pertaining to a proposed retaining wall shown on the Site Plans entitled, "Proposed Layout Plan for 710 Main Street, Cherry Valley Massachusetts 01611", prepared for Rapid Transit, LLC by Existing Grade, Inc, dated November 15, 2018 and last revised March 13, 2019. The requested change is to remove the proposed retaining wall shown on Lot 3 and replace with a stabilized 3:1 grassed slope.

The proposed slope has been field constructed and is currently shown on a sketch plan attached. Per the original design plan, the closest point of work to the wetlands, specifically wetland flag WFA10, is 55.0', while the base of the stabilized slope on the sketch plan is 40.2'. The proposed slope does not alter the drainage paths or analysis for the project and will have no negative impact to the wetlands or surrounding areas.

It is in the opinion of EGI that a stabilized slope in lieu of retaining walls will be more advantageous in the long term operation of the site, both in regards to required maintenance of retaining walls and fencing, as well as safety. Per the original design plan, the retaining wall has a maximum height of 14' at the eastern most corner, by removing and replacing with a stabilized slope there is less of a safety hazard for any future owners of the property.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email directly at (508) 694-6501 or [zgless@existinggrade.com](mailto:zgless@existinggrade.com).

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