



January 11, 2013

Mayor Thomas P. Koch  
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Mayor's Office  
New Quincy Center District  
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Dear Mayor Koch,

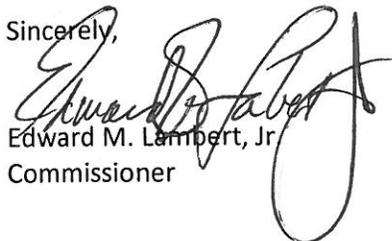
We are in receipt of your letter dated December 19, 2012 requesting authorization to perform modifications to the Deep Rock Relief Tunnel built as part of the Federally Authorized Town Brook Flood Control Project. This request for authorization to perform modifications to this structure was mandated by the Final Order of Conditions for City of Quincy's Town Brook Enhancement Project.

The Town Brook Flood Control Project is a federally authorized project that reflects over \$60 million of investment by the federal government through the Army Corps of Engineers and the state government through the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) the predecessor to the Department of Conservation of Recreation (DCR). The project was developed as an answer to the serious flooding problems suffered by the City of Quincy in the 1950s and 60s and the flooding that continued to plague the city until the completion of the majority of the flood control components in 2002. Since that time the Town Brook Flood Control Project has successfully protected the City from millions of dollars in damage from flooding. The project has been built so a minimal amount of operation and maintenance is required for the project to achieve its goal of flood reduction.

As has been discussed with the City, the modifications to the structure that you are requesting in your letter would have unacceptable increases in operation and maintenance and lead to an unacceptable shortening of the design life of key components of the flood control project. Further, a Memorandum of Agreement has been reached among the City of Quincy, the DCR, the Division of Marine Fisheries, and Street-Works Development LLC, which will achieve the majority of the goals without modifying components of the Town Brook Flood Control Project. Therefore the DCR denies your request for authorization to modify the Town Brook Flood Control Project and looks forward to working with the City in achieving the stated goals as outlined in the recently signed MOA.

Thank you for the time and effort you have spent on this matter.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Lambert, Jr.  
Commissioner

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