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Josh Arneson
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Dear Mr. Arneson:

In 2020, the Town of Richmond submitted a permit application to the Vermont DEC Stormwater Program to combine three separate permits in which they were the sole permittee – 6116-9010 (Southview Subdivision), 3355-9010.R (Hidden Pines), and 6115-9010 (Mary Drive, previously called Peet Subdivision) into a single permit. A permit, #6116-9010.R, was subsequently issued to the Town in 2020 to consolidate the three permits into one permit. Southview Subdivision was originally permitted in the 1980's for 44 single family homes and 13.90 acres of impervious surface which included rooftops, driveways, and roads, located off Southview Drive, Joan Avenue, Westall Drive, Westall Extension, and Overlook Lane. This development is a "three-acre site," as defined in General Permit 3-9050 for Operational Stormwater Discharges and is currently past due for submitting an application for permit coverage with all required technical supporting information, including site plans, engineering feasibility analysis, and a stormwater system design. As part of an "Initial NOI" permit application (the first phase of the three-acre site permitting process which also intended to renew the 6116-9010.R permit) in 2022 the Town's civil engineering consultant submitted a delineation of impervious surface to the Department's Stormwater Program that included the impervious surfaces associated with these three developments and needing permit coverage as collectively making up the three-acre site, with 19.26 acres of impervious surface in total. The permit was not issued as the Town withdrew its application. Both the 6116-9010.R and Initial NOI submittals were not efforts by the Town to make Hidden Pines and Mary Drive subject to the three-acre site permitting requirements, but likely to consolidate the permitting for ease of renewal, inspection reporting, and fee payments. Both the Hidden Pines and Mary Drive developments were each previously permitted for discharges from less than three acres of impervious surface, and they are not subject to the three-acre permit requirements. However, their existing operational stormwater permit coverage under their original stormwater designs must be continued.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance to you on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Purcell".

Terry Purcell
Operational Section Supervisor
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