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# CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND DECLARATION OF

RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS ("Conservation Easement") first executed on

DOVEDBER 15, 2017, to be effective on December 1, 2017, is made by and between BIRKDALE LANDING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Owner"), formerly having the name Wampee Plantation Limited Partnership, having an address of 3424 Peachtree Road, Suite 1550, Atlanta, GA 30326 and NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST ("Holder"), a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation having an address of Post Office Box 467, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

# ARTICLE 1. BACKGROUND

- Owner is the owner of certain real property in Horry County, South Carolina, that consists of approximately 31.67 acres (hereinafter called the "Conservation Area") as most recently described in a deed granted to Wampee Plantation Limited Partnership (now having the name Birkdale Landing, LLC) and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Horry County on December 23, 2003 at Book 2679, page 0674. The Conservation Area is described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and depicted and identified as the "Conservation Area" on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The Conservation Area is intended to include any gaps and gores lying between the described Conservation Area and adjoining tracts of land.
- 1.2 Holder is a non-profit corporation, having a tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (hereinafter called the "Code"), which has been established as a public charity for the purpose of preserving and conserving scenic landscapes, natural habitats and environmentally sensitive areas and for other charitable, scientific and educational purposes and which is a "qualified organization" under Section 170(h)(3) of the Code (hereinafter a "Qualified Organization").

- 1.3 Preservation of the Conservation Area by this Conservation Easement shall serve the following purposes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 170 (h)(4)(a) and 26 CFR §1.170A-14(d)(i), (the "Conservation Purposes"):
  - 1.3.1 Preservation of the Conservation Area as a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants or similar ecosystem; and
  - 1.3.2 Preservation of the Conservation Area as open space which provides scenic enjoyment to the general public and yields a significant public benefit; and
  - 1.3.3 Preservation of the Conservation Area as open space which, if preserved, will advance a clearly delineated Federal, State or local governmental conservation policy and will yield a significant public benefit; and
- 1.4 The Conservation Purposes and the natural, physical or other characteristics of the Conservation Area that support and justify the Conservation Purposes (which may be hereinafter called the "Conservation Values") have been documented and established in the reports, plans, photographs, and documents assembled by, and retained in the offices of, North American Land Trust (collectively called the "Baseline Documentation"), pursuant to 26 CFR §1.170A-14(g)(5). The Baseline Documentation describes the following Conservation Values of the Conservation Area, among others:
  - 1.4.1 The Conservation Area contains priority habitat in the form of early successional, old-field, grassland habitat and is located within the Early Successional/Grassland Species Focus Area identified in the South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative plan.
  - 1.4.2 The Conservation Area provides the natural ecological requirements for at least fifty species of plants.
  - 1.4.3 The Conservation Area contains appropriate habitat to support at least two bird species observed onsite and identified as high priority species by the South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative Implementation Plan. Northern Flicker (Colaptes auratus) and Eastern Kingbird (Tyrannus tyrannus) were both observed onsite during field surveys.
  - 1.4.4 The Conservation Area includes habitat for at least eleven bird species considered Species of Regional Importance by the Partners In Flight Species Assessment Database: Pileated Woodpecker (Hylatomus pileatus), Eastern Wood Pewee (Contopus virens), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Archilochus colubris), Tufted Titmouse (Baeolophus bicolor), Yellow-throated Warbler (Dendroica dominica), Chimney Swift (Chaetura pelagica), Red-bellied Woodpecker (Melanerpes carolinus), Eastern Kingbird (Tyrannus tyrannus), Brown Thrasher (Toxostoma rufum), American Kestrel (Falco sparverius) and Field Sparrow (Spizella pusilla). Three of these species, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird and Ruby-throated Hummingbird were observed foraging within the Conservation Area.

- 1.4.5 The vegetated bluffs of the Conservation Area are highly visible from two public roads along the northern boundary of the property, the Carolina Bays Parkway (State Rt. 31) and West Pelican Road. The property is also highly visible to the public traveling via boat along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIW), thus providing a natural scenic view to the general public along both the northern and southern boundaries of the property.
- 1.4.6 The Conservation Area is contiguous to the east with the Arcadian Quay Conservation Area and to the north with Camellia Station, both previously conserved by conservation easement donations to the Holder. It is also in close proximity (<1 air mile) to 12 other conservation easement areas held by Holder, including Waterway Grove, Lakeshore Resort, Sanibel Resort, Seavista Resort, North Bay Cove, South Bay Cove, Long Bay Marina, Cypress Cove Marina, Carolina Bays Resort, Magnolia Bay Resort, Azalea Bay Resort, Ocean Grove Resort and White Sands Village. The Conservation Area will enhance these protected areas and their associated habitats, thus contributing to the overall preservation of land and water quality in Horry County.
- 1.4.7 Since 2014 North American Land Trust has been working in the northern region of Horry County, termed The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Conservation Corridor (AIWCC). At the time of this document, the AIWCC is a 6 mile stretch of conservation work that begins approximately at the intersection of SC Highway 17 and SC Highway 22 and ends to the northeast at approximately the intersection of SC Highway 17 and the Robert Edge Parkway. In this 6 mile conservation corridor, North American Land Trust has conserved over 1295 acres within 2 miles north of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIW). Over 370 acres of this land is contiguous with the AIW. South Carolina allocated 2015 fiscal year funding of \$500,000 to AIW preservation efforts. The Conservation Area further contributes to these conservation efforts.
- 1.5 The following government conservation policies are supported by the grant of this Conservation Easement and the Conservation Values described above achieve a significant public benefit towards the fulfillment of these conservation policies:
  - 1.5.1 South Carolina Code Annotated 48-59-20 et seq., states that "rapid land development and economic growth which has benefited the state's people and economy, but has also led to the loss of forestlands, farmlands, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, beaches and public areas for outdoor recreation; and has impacted the health of the state's streams, rivers, wetlands, estuaries, and bays, all of which impacts the quality of life of the state's current and future citizens and may jeopardize the well-being of the state's environment and economy if not addressed appropriately".
  - 1.5.2 South Carolina Code Annotated 48-59-20 et seq., also notes that "the protection of open space by acquisition of interests in real property from

willing sellers is essential to ensure that the State continues to enjoy the benefits of wildlife habitats, forestlands, farmlands, parks, historical sites, and healthy streams, rivers, bays, and estuaries; for recreational purposes, for scientific study, for aesthetic appreciation, for protection of critical water resources, to maintain the state's position as an attractive location for visitors and new industry, and to preserve the opportunities of future generations to access and benefit from the existence of the state's outstanding natural and historical sites."

- 1.5.3 The Horry County Parks and Open Space Plan sets forth the following public objectives that are advanced by the conservation of the Conservation Area by this Conservation Easement:
  - a) Promote the preservation of open space, scenic areas and vistas, greenways, squares and village greens;
  - b) Promote the protection and conservation of environmental or natural resources.

This will be accomplished, in part, by permanently eliminating the potential for environmental impacts associated with development to the full extent allowed by zoning, protecting naturally vegetated open lands, and limiting the visual impact of development from 2 public roads and over 120 linear feet of shorefront along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway affording scenic views to the general public. The shoreline also extends by over 3,600 linear feet the total length of contiguous protected shoreline by virtue of conservation easements previously placed on adjacent property.

- 1.5.4 The Horry County Comprehensive Plan sets forth the following public Water Resource needs and goals that are advanced by the conservation of the Conservation Area by this Conservation Easement:
  - a) Maintain and improve the surface water quality for all waterbodies located in Horry County.
  - b) Maintain and improve water quality in the coastal zone.
  - c) Conserve the essential flood reduction, groundwater recharge, pollution filtering, and recreation functions of wetlands.
  - d) Recognize the link between land use and water quality, use a combination of regulation and incentives to ensure that new development adequately mitigates its impacts on water quality.
  - e) Encourage development techniques which maintain or improve water quality.

The substantially reduced allowance for built structures is perpetually protected by this Conservation Easement and will contribute to water quality protection by allowing for natural water infiltration and reduction of erosion and sediment pollution and other sources of pollution associated with development.

- 1.5.5 The Horry County Comprehensive Plan states the following public land resource needs and goals that are advanced by the conservation of the Conservation Area by this Conservation Easement:
  - a) Horry County needs to protect and conserve its forests, agriculture, plant and animal habitat, and urban trees while increasing its preserved open areas, scenic areas and recreational opportunities.
  - b) Protect, promote, and enhance, the forestlands of Horry County in a manner consistent with achieving the greatest good for its citizens.
  - c) Recognize the fragmentation of the natural landscape that is occurring and take steps to mitigate these effects.
  - d) The use of native species should be encouraged whenever possible.

The Conservation Easement will contribute to the accomplishment of these goals by significantly and perpetually reducing the potential for development and land disturbance thereby conserving scenic views, retaining sustainably managed habitats, and preventing further fragmentation of wildlife habitat.

- 1.5.6 The Conservation Area supports one of the five Areas for Conservation Action Opportunities with Urban and Developing lands as recognized within Chapter 3 of the South Carolina State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). The SWAP lists "Protection of habitat through acquisition and easements" as a primary conservation action. The Conservation Easement supports this policy through permanent protection of land and important natural resources within a highly populated county that continues to face accelerated development pressure.
- 1.5.7 This Conservation Easement supports the goals and strategies for Habitat Protection found in the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative Implementation Plan which a joint venture by The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources among others. Conservation Strategy #2 under Habitat Protection for Waterfowl, Shorebirds, Waterbirds, and Landbirds reads:
  - 2. Conservation easements: Conservation easements with private landowners and local governments will be used to acquire legal interests to conserve and manage important wetlands and associated upland habitats

and limit development while allowing some use by the landowner consistent with the easement conditions.

- 1.5.8 The donation of this Conservation Easement will advance the goal of protection for high priority species and ensuring habitat linkages of terrestrial habitats, watersheds and coastal habitats as identified within Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources 2005 Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, which states: "Loss and fragmentation of habitat have been identified as a major threat to many of the species included in South Carolina's Plan. There are many ways to prevent habitat loss and reduce the effects of past losses and fragmentation. One of the most expensive conservation tools is land acquisition; further land acquisition is frequently driven by land availability, not by what is required for high priority species. However, acquiring land is likely the most beneficial method of ensuring wildlife and habitat protection. Conservation easements are also extremely beneficial for habitat protection." The plan further defines as one of the Highest Priority Conservation Actions: (1) Acquire property for protection of priority species and to ensure habitat linkage through fee simple acquisition and conservation easements in the following habitats: Terrestrial Habitats, Watersheds and Coastal/Marine Habitats.
- 1.6 Owner and Holder desire to perpetually accomplish, fulfill and protect the Conservation Purposes and conserve the Conservation Values.
- 1.7 Owner intends to grant the easement and impose the restrictive covenants on the Conservation Area as stated in this Conservation Easement to accomplish the Conservation Purposes.
- Owner and Holder intend that this document be a "conservation easement" as defined in the Conservation Easement Act of 1991, as amended (the "State Conservation Easement Law"), Sections 27-8-10 et seg. of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, for no monetary consideration and as an absolute charitable gift and further in consideration of the above premises, the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, restrictions, and promises contained in this Conservation Easement, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Owner hereby voluntarily, unconditionally and absolutely grants and conveys unto Holder, its successors and assigns, a perpetual conservation easement and the easements, covenants, prohibitions, and restrictions in this Conservation Easement, in perpetuity, to accomplish the Conservation Purposes. Holder hereby accepts the grant of such easement and the right to enforce such covenants, prohibitions and restrictions and agrees to hold such easements and rights exclusively for the Conservation Purposes and to enforce the terms of the covenants, prohibitions and restrictions in this Conservation Easement.

#### ARTICLE 2. GRANT OF EASEMENT OF ACCESS

Owner hereby voluntarily, unconditionally and absolutely grants and conveys unto Holder, its successors and assigns, a perpetual conservation easement and easement in gross over

the Conservation Area for the purpose of preserving and protecting the Conservation Purposes and enforcing the restrictive covenants set forth below. In addition, Owner hereby grants and conveys unto Holder, its successors and assigns, pursuant to 26 CFR §1.170A-14(g)(5)(ii), the easement and right of Holder and its agents to enter upon and inspect the Conservation Area for compliance with this Conservation Easement at any time and from time to time. Holder shall make a reasonable effort to give Owner notice of any such entry and inspection at least seven (7) days in advance, except in instances when Holder reasonably suspects or knows of a violation of this Conservation Easement.

# ARTICLE 3. OWNER'S DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

Owner, for Owner and Owner's successors and assigns, covenants and declares that the Conservation Area shall be, and hereby is, bound by and made subject to the following covenants and restrictions in perpetuity, SUBJECT TO AND EXCEPTING however the Reserved Rights (hereinafter defined) which are reserved to Owner and Owner's successors and assigns in Article 4 of this Conservation Easement:

- 3.1 <u>Purpose</u>. It is the exclusive purpose of this Conservation Easement to ensure that the Conservation Area will be retained forever predominantly in its open, forested, relatively-natural, and relatively-undeveloped condition, and with its Conservation Values intact, and to prevent any use of the Conservation Area that will significantly impair or interfere with the Conservation Values of the Conservation Area, as defined herein and in the Baseline Documentation. Owner intends that this Conservation Easement will confine the use of the Conservation Area to such activities as are consistent with the Conservation Purposes of this Conservation Easement.
- 3.2 <u>Use Restrictions</u>. The Conservation Area shall not be used for a residence or for any commercial, institutional, industrial or agricultural purpose or purposes. Among the uses prohibited by the preceding sentence are, without limiting the meaning or interpretation of the preceding sentence, any of the following: (1) construction or occupancy of any dwellings; (2) manufacture or assembly of any products, goods, equipment, chemicals, materials or substances of any kind or nature whatsoever; (3) sale of any products, goods equipment, chemicals, materials, substances or services of any kind or nature whatsoever; (4) storage of any products, goods, equipment, chemicals, materials or substances of any kind or nature, except if stored for use upon the Conservation Area in connection with activities not prohibited by this Conservation Easement; and (5) offices for persons involved in the sale, manufacture or assembly of goods or services or for the performance of services.
- 3.3 <u>Structures Prohibited</u>. No Structure (hereinafter defined) of any kind shall be built, erected, installed, placed, affixed or assembled within or upon the Conservation Area or upon any trees or other natural features upon the Conservation Area. "<u>Structure</u>" shall mean any assembly of material forming a construction for occupancy or use for any purpose and erected upon or attached to the ground including, for example but not to limit the foregoing definition, the following: building; platform; shed; bin; shelter; dam; dike; tower; tank; antenna; bulkhead; paved, stone or concrete street, driveway or vehicle

- parking area; riding arena; and riding ring with a surface that is impervious to percolation of storm water.
- 3.4 Removal of Ground or Surface Water from Conservation Area. No ground or surface water from the Conservation Area shall be removed, collected, impounded, stored, transported, diverted or otherwise used for any purpose or use outside the Conservation Area unless approved by Holder in its sole discretion without obligation to do so nor for any purpose or use within the Conservation Area that is prohibited by this Conservation Easement.
- 3.5 <u>Roads, Driveways, Etc.</u> There shall not be constructed, cut, created, paved with impervious material or placed on the Conservation Area any road, driveway, cartway, path or other means or right of passage across or upon the Conservation Area. No road, driveway, cartway, path or other means or right of passage located on the Conservation Area shall be used for access to any use (whether or not upon the Conservation Area) which is prohibited by this Conservation Easement.
- 3.6 <u>Live Trees</u>. No cutting, removal or destruction of live trees shall be permitted upon or within the Conservation Area.
- 3.7 <u>Signs and Similar Structures</u>. No signs, billboards or outdoor advertising structures shall be placed, erected or maintained within the Conservation Area.
- 3.8 <u>Land Disturbance; Mineral Extraction</u>. There shall be no filling, excavating, dredging, surface mining, drilling or any removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock, peat, gas, oil, coal, other minerals or other materials, upon or from the Conservation Area.
- Dumping and Pollution. There shall be no dumping of ashes, trash, garbage, or any other unsightly or offensive materials at any place on, under or within the Conservation Area. There shall be no discharge of chemicals, waste water or other pollutants onto the Conservation Area or into any permanent or intermittent water course within the Conservation Area.
- 3.10 <u>Change of Topography</u>. There shall be no change in the topography of the Conservation Area by any means or method.
- 3.11 <u>Water Courses.</u> There shall be no dredging, channelizing or other manipulation of natural water course or of any other water course existing within the Conservation Area as of the date of this Conservation Easement
- 3.12 Wetland and Riparian Protection Area.
  - 3.12.1 "Wetland and Riparian Protection Area" shall mean that part of the Conservation Area that lies within, or within 100 feet of: (a) any body of water or permanent or intermittent watercourse (including but not limited to any lake or pond, but excluding manmade storm water swales or ditches not fed by a spring, pond or other natural source) as defined by its banks or the mean water elevation as Holder deems relevant and appropriate in the

circumstances; and (b) any wetland under the regulatory jurisdiction of the federal or state government; but does not include any area within the Building Zone (hereinafted defined).

- 3.12.2 There shall be no clearing, cutting or removal of live or dead trees, other clearing or removal of vegetation, clearing or removal of leaf litter or other natural detritus, or digging, earth movement or other alteration of the earth surface or topography within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area, except that areas within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area that are predominantly in grasses on the date of this Conservation Easement may be mowed.
- 3.12.3 Owner shall be responsible for ascertaining the boundaries of the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area, at Owner's expense, in consultation with Holder, before undertaking any action that is or may be prohibited in the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area. If the banks of a water course are not clearly defined then Holder shall, in its reasonable discretion, establish a line of the mean water elevation to substitute for that purpose upon request by Owner, relying on available topographic, hydrologic information, and other maps and relevant information. Owner shall bear the expense of any survey or field work necessary to establish the line.
- 3.12.4 Any approvals by Holder of Reserved Rights to be conducted within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area, if permitted under this Conservation Easement subject to approval by Holder, shall be granted by Holder only if Holder concludes that the Reserved Rights shall have no material adverse effect on the habitat within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area and thus on the Conservation Values and Conservation Purposes pertaining to the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area.
- 3.13 <u>Vegetation Management Plan.</u> Owner shall cut and remove shrubs and grasses, or plant or remove trees, in the Conservation Area, including those within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area, only in conformance with a Vegetation Management Plan prepared by an appropriately qualified natural resource professional, at Owner's expense, and approved by Holder. The purpose of the Vegetation Management Plan shall be to perpetually promote the fulfillment of the Conservation Purposes and protection of the Conservation Values by, among other things, addressing habitat for avian species and native grasslands and wildlife management objectives and strategies. The Vegetation Management Plan may allow for removal of tree species without a Forest Management Plan (defined below) in areas predominately occupied by shrubs or grasses. The Vegetation Management Plan must address issues and provide information as Holder requests.
- 3.14 <u>Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control</u>. All activity on the Conservation Area shall be conducted so as to avoid the occurrence of soil erosion and sedimentation of streams or other water courses. Without limitation of the foregoing, Owner and Holder shall, in identifying practices that will prevent soil erosion and sedimentation, refer to the soil

- conservation practices as then established or recommended by the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture or any successor governmental office or organization performing the same function within the United States government, as approved by Holder.
- 3.15 <u>Non-Native Plant Species</u>. There shall be no introduction of plant species within the Conservation Area except those that are native to the area in which the Conservation Area is located or that are recognized as non-invasive horticultural specimens or fruit orchard trees.
- 3.16 Transfers of Development Rights or Development Density Credits. The Conservation Area may not be used as open space for purposes of obtaining or qualifying for governmental approval of any subdivision or development on lands outside the boundaries of the Conservation Area nor, without limitation of the foregoing, may the Conservation Area be used in the calculation of the amount or density of housing units or other construction for development or other impervious ground coverage on lands outside the boundaries of the Conservation Area or for sale by Owner.
- 3.17 <u>No Subdivision</u>. There shall be no subdivision or other division of the Conservation Area into one or more lots, tracts or parcels of land under separate ownership.
- 3.18 Notice of Exercise of Reserved Rights. As required by 26 C.F.R. § 1.170A-14(g)(5)(ii), Owner shall notify Holder in writing before exercising any Reserved Right that may impair the conservation interests associated with the Conservation Area.
- Preservation of Conservation Area. The parties recognize that this Conservation Easement cannot address every circumstance that may arise in the future, and the parties agree that the purpose of this Conservation Easement is to preserve the Conservation Values of the Conservation Area and to fulfill the Conservation Purposes in accordance with 26 U.S.C. § 170(h). Without limiting the preceding covenants and restrictions, and in fulfillment of the requirements of 26 CFR §§1.170A-14(g)(1) and 1.170A-14(e)(2), any right, use or activity which is not reserved in Article 4 of this Conservation Easement, is inconsistent with the Conservation Purposes or materially threatens the Conservation Purposes is prohibited.
- 3.20 <u>Restrictions Cumulative</u>. The prohibitions and restrictions in this Conservation Easement shall be considered cumulative. No prohibition or restriction contained herein shall be interpreted as a limitation on the meaning, effect, interpretation or enforceability of another prohibitive or restrictive provision.
- 3.21 Rights of Ownership Generally. Owner retains, not as Reserved Rights but incidental to its ownership of the Conservation Area, in addition to the Reserved Rights set forth in Article 4, all rights accruing from ownership of the Conservation Area, including the right to engage in or permit others to engage in all uses of the Conservation Area except to the extent prohibited, restricted, limited or conveyed to Holder according to the terms of this Conservation Easement, including the rules of construction and interpretation of

this Conservation Easement, subject to procedures set forth in this Conservation Easement or provided in applicable law.

#### ARTICLE 4. RESERVED RIGHTS

Owner reserves for Owner and Owner's successors and assigns who may now or hereafter be an owner of all or part of the Conservation Area the rights set forth in this Article 4 (the "Reserved Rights"). Owner and Holder intend that these Reserved Rights and the activities and uses which are described below as the Reserved Rights are exceptions to the prohibitions and restrictions set forth in Article 3 and, hence, may be conducted as described below without having an adverse effect on the Conservation Purposes; except, however, that none of the Reserved Rights shall supersede the protections of the Wetland And Riparian Protection Area set forth in Article 3 except with the approval of Holder which may be given or withheld in its discretion. A Reserved Right to "construct" a Structure or other improvement shall include the right to maintain, repair, replace, use, and occupy such Structure or improvement for the purpose and within the limitations stated in this Article.

- 4.1 <u>Agricultural Activity</u>. "Agricultural Activity" shall mean the following: breeding and raising livestock and other animals; growing and harvesting crops; growing orchard trees and nursery trees (but excepting trees for wood products); and boarding and training horses and training riders. Agricultural Activity shall be permitted within the Conservation Area in accordance with the following covenants and restrictions:
  - 4.1.1 All Agricultural Activity shall be located only within the Building Zone and, if outside of the Building Zone, then: (a) outside forested areas (b) outside of areas where the Agricultural Activity will interfere with natural forest succession of partially forested areas, and (c) outside of the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area.
  - 4.1.2 Agricultural Activity shall be conducted in accordance with soil conservation practices as then established or recommended by the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture or any successor governmental office or organization performing the same function within the United States government, as approved by Holder.
  - 4.1.3 Tree removal for the purpose of conducting Agricultural Activity shall not be permitted except to the extent such tree removal is otherwise permitted in this Conservation Easement.
- 4.2 <u>Dwelling and other Buildings in Building Zone.</u>
  - 4.2.1 Within the area described as the "Building Zone" in <u>Exhibit "B"</u> (the "<u>Building Zone</u>") attached to and incorporated in this Conservation Easement Owner may, subject to the limitations in this Section, construct either one Residence (hereinafter defined) or one Resort Building (hereinafter defined) but not both.

- 4.2.2 "Residence" shall mean one single family dwelling. The single family dwelling and Structures customarily accessory to residential use, such as a shed, kennel, garage, gazebo, septic system, well, or swimming pool, shall be constructed within the "Building Area" to be identified and located within the Building Zone as provided below. Use of the Residence shall include, without limitation, a customary home occupation such as an office for a home-based business or a craft business such as furniture making, provided that the business is actively operated by one or more of the residents of the permitted dwelling and that the business use does not occupy more than one half of the space within the buildings in the Building Area in which the business use is contained.
- 4.2.3 "Resort Building" shall mean a building containing not more than one kitchen and up to 15 bedrooms for use by any persons, whether or not for compensation, as the Owner may choose. The Resort Building shall be constructed within the Building Area to be identified and located within the Building Zone as provided below.
- 4.2.4 In addition to the foregoing uses permitted within the Building Zone Owner may, within the Building Zone:
  - Construct a second single family dwelling in the Building Area in (a) which the Residence has been constructed; provided, however, that: (i) the second single family dwelling shall not be sold, transferred or conveyed separately from the Residence in the Building Area in which the second dwelling is constructed by any means, such as lot subdivision, air rights subdivision, condominium or similar means (and this limitation supersedes any other provision of this Conservation Easement which may allow subdivision); and (ii) the second single family dwelling may be a part of the Residence or of another building that is permitted within the same Building Area if either (A) the floor area of the second dwelling does not exceed onehalf of the floor area of the building of which it is a part or (B) if the floor area of the second dwelling is more than one-half of the floor area of the building (but not the Residence) of which it is a part then the ground coverage area of that building shall not exceed one-half the ground coverage of the Residence;
  - (b) remove vegetation and perform grading to the extent reasonably necessary to facilitate the construction and use of the buildings and other Structures permitted in this Section;
  - (c) install landscaping and other vegetation (including ornamental gardens) and irrigation system;
  - (d) construct storm water drainage systems;

- (e) install roads, driveways, utilities, and walkways;
- (f) construct buildings and other structures for agricultural activity, such as barns, run in sheds, paddock, corral or riding ring;
- (g) construct shelters without walls (but that may have insect screens) one for picnicking and similar outdoor recreational use; and
- (h) install benches, fire pits and other similar structures without a roof that are commonly used in outdoor picnicking and camping;

provided, however, that any permitted clearing or construction within the Building Zone but outside of a Building Area shall be done so as to minimize the impact on surrounding vegetation, shall be done in accordance with best management practices, and vegetation that is damaged as the result of such clearing or construction shall be immediately restored.

- 4.2.5 The Building Area shall be identified and located as follows:
  - (a) There shall be one Building Area and it shall be no more than one acre in area.
  - (b) Before commencing any construction or removal of trees or other vegetation in the Building Zone for any activity that is permitted to occur only in Building Area according to this Conservation Easement Owner shall first provide to Holder a copy of a survey depicting the boundaries of the Building Zone and the Building Area and the location of the road or driveway that will provide access to the Building Zone and Building Area. Such survey shall be provided to Holder at least 30 days before any such construction or removal of trees or other vegetation occurs.
  - (c) The description of the Building Area shall also be set forth in a written document, signed by duly authorized officers of Holder and by Owner, which shall be recorded in the same place of public record in which this Conservation Easement was recorded.
- 4.3 Road. Owner may construct and pave with pervious or impervious material (such as bituminous asphalt, concrete or crushed stone), in locations approved by Holder, roads for access to the Building Zone and Building Area and to other buildings and Structures permitted in this Conservation Easement in a location approved by Holder. The width of a road and any area of land disturbance, grading or tree removal for such road shall be no greater than the minimum necessary to meet any legal requirements or, to the extent no legal requirements apply or are lawfully waived, the minimum practicable consistent with sound engineering techniques and methods. Owner may also construct a road in the Conservation Area for ingress and egress to land not within the Conservation Area but only if such road is approved by Holder in its discretion.

- Alternative Energy Structures. Owner may construct, or attach to existing Structures, 4.4 Structures and related facilities to generate energy for consumption within the Conservation Area for activities that are not prohibited by this Conservation Easement provided that: (a) the energy is generated from a renewable, natural source such as solar or wind energy, or as a natural by-product of an activity on the Conservation Area that is not prohibited by this Conservation Easement, (b) the facilities and other Structures used to generate such energy are sized with a capacity limited to producing energy substantially all of which will be consumed in the Conservation Area for activities not prohibited by this Conservation Easement, (c) substantially all of the energy that is produced is consumed on the Conservation Area and not sold or otherwise transferred for use off of the Conservation Area but, while conforming at all times to this limitation, energy not consumed on the Conservation Area may be sold, (d) the Structure and related facilities are not visible from any property, street, trail or waterway accessible to the general public unless the Structure and facilities have substantially the same appearance of a Structure that is permitted under the Conservation Easement, (e) if located outside of the Building Zone then the Structure shall be designed to be integral part of a permitted Structure and does not materially alter the typical appearance of such a permitted Structure and must be approved by Holder before any tree removal, land disturbance, construction or installation occurs, and (f) this Section shall not be construed to permit the consumption of any natural resources of the Conservation Area, such as wood or natural gas, that is not otherwise permitted under this Conservation Easement.
- 4.5 <u>Pond with Dock.</u> Owner may create one pond having a size not exceeding one acre of surface area and with a design and location that is approved in advance by Holder. Owner may construct a dock on the pond and raised walkways and earthen or gravel trail to such dock. The location and design of such dock, walkway and path shall be as approved by Holder prior to construction. Without limitation of the requirements of this Conservation Easement for the exercise of Reserved Rights, it is further stipulated that the location, dimensions and design of a pond shall not adversely impact the ecological and environmental protection purposes and value of the wetlands within the Conservation Area.
- 4.6 <u>Dock.</u> Owner shall have the right to construct, in the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area, a dock and a walkway and pathway to such dock (collectively the "Dock") for personal, common or shared use by the Owner and guests but not for rental or commercial use. The Dock may be designed for shared, private use with the owners and guests of adjoining properties, but not for public, community, rental or commercial use, if Holder concludes, in its discretion, that a shared use dock will produce ecological and conservation benefits from, and legal assurance of, construction of fewer docks on the Intracoastal Waterway. Holder must be consulted on the location, dimension and design for a Dock to ensure no material adverse effect upon the Conservation Values or the Conservation Purposes and shall do so based on plans presented to Holder by Owner prior to submission of permit applications to government agencies.
- 4.7 <u>Picnic Shelters and Areas</u>. Owner may construct in in the Building Zone or, if not within the Building Zone, only in locations approved by Holder, roofed shelters for outdoor picnicking and similar outdoor recreation uses provided they are open, without walls, on

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at least three sides and that the aggregate ground coverage area of all such shelters outside the Building Zone shall not exceed 2,500 square feet. Insect screens are permitted on the roofed shelters and will not be considered a wall for purposes of these restrictions. Owner may construct picnic tables and benches, charcoal cooking grills, fire pits or rings, and similar Structures commonly associated with outdoor picnicking and similar outdoor recreation so long as, in the reasonable opinion of Holder, there is no material adverse effect upon habitat.

- 4.8 <u>Buildings for Storage and Agriculture</u>. Owner may construct, within or outside of the Building Zone, buildings for storage of equipment and materials used in the maintenance of the Conservation Area and buildings for use in Agricultural Activity; provided that the aggregate ground coverage area of all such buildings and shelters outside the Building Zone shall not exceed 5,000 square feet and are located where, and are of a size which is, approved by Holder. This ground coverage limitation shall not apply to permitted buildings within the Building Zone.
- 4.9 Unpaved Vehicle Trails. Owner may also construct unpaved vehicle trails for limited vehicular access to the areas of the Conservation Area otherwise inaccessible by vehicle for use in maintenance, emergency access, and other permitted uses of the Conservation Area if the following requirements and conditions are satisfied: (a) the surface of such trails shall have a pervious surface (such as dirt or crushed stone that is not so fine as to create the equivalent of a paved condition); (b) such trails shall be located, to the extent possible, in the path of roads or trails existing on the date of this Conservation Easement; (c) the width of the area cleared for such trails shall not exceed that which is necessary for a single lane of vehicular traffic; (d) and such trails shall be otherwise constructed in a manner to avoid unnecessary tree removal and land disturbance; (e) if such trails require any grading or change in topography, then such grading shall blend into the natural topography of the Conservation Area, shall control erosion, and shall be of a design and location approved, in advance, by the Holder in its discretion; and (f) Holder approves the proposed service vehicle trail based on the foregoing requirements.

#### 4.10 Trails and Raised Walkways.

- 4.10.1 Owner may construct trails or paths for nature education and outdoor recreation purposes if the following requirements and conditions are satisfied:

  (a) the surface of the trail shall remain pervious (such as dirt, wood chips or gravel); (b) the trail shall be located, to the extent possible, in the path of a trail or forestry road existing on the date of this Conservation Easement;

  (c) the width of the area cleared and improved for the trail shall not exceed that which is necessary for pedestrian or equestrian use; and (d) the trail shall be otherwise constructed in a manner to avoid unnecessary tree removal, grading and other land disturbance.
- 4.10.2 Owner may construct raised walkways (but not bridges or similar structures for motor vehicle use) for access to any or all of the land within the Conservation Area if the following requirements and conditions are satisfied:

  (a) it can be demonstrated to Holder that it is not feasible to use any existing

walkway or pathway or to improve any existing walkway or pathway for such access purpose; (b) the width of the area cleared and improved for the walkway shall not exceed that which is necessary for pedestrian or equestrian use; (c) the walkway shall be constructed in a manner to avoid unnecessary tree removal, grading and other land disturbance and (d) Holder approves the location, design and dimensions of the proposed walkway.

- 4.11 <u>Man-made Stormwater Features.</u> Owner may dredge or otherwise alter man-made drainage swales, ditches or storm water management facilities for maintenance purposes or to maintain their function for their intended purpose as established on the date of this Conservation Easement.
- Permitted Work within a Wetland And Riparian Protection Area. Owner may, with the 4.12 approval of Holder, dredge or otherwise manipulate previously-altered natural or manmade water courses within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area or perform work, including the removal of vegetation or disturbance of land, within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area if necessary to (a) maintain wetlands existing on the Conservation Area, (b) restore wetlands previously existing on the Conservation Area, (c) restore natural stream channel morphology and natural wetland hydrology, or (d) to conduct pruning and substitution of vegetation according to a Riparian Buffer Management Plan (hereinafter defined). A "Riparian Buffer Management Plan" shall be a plan prepared by Owner and submitted to Holder for review and approval meeting the following minimum requirements: (a) the plan shall be prepared by a landscape architect or another person experienced in landscape design or botany and shall include such plans, species list, pruning methods, erosion controls, and planting diagrams as Holder requires; (b) the plan shall provide for the maintenance of a natural visual buffer of the public view into the Conservation Area and, specifically, without any prominent view from the AIW of built structures except a permitted dock and temporarily during implementation of the plan such as the period of planned growth of planted trees or other vegetation; (c) the plan proposes use of native species in a naturalistic pattern; (d) the plan promotes the avoidance of erosion, sedimentation and other pollution into the AIW or other waterbodies; (e) the plan promotes diversity of wildlife and plant species; and (f) the plan promotes accomplishment of the Conservation Purposes and perpetual protection of the Conservation Values.
- 4.13 Participation in Ecological Programs. Owner may participate in, and retain revenue from, future conservation, preservation, or mitigation programs involving ecological assets, including but not limited to, carbon sequestration credits, wetland and stream credits, endangered species credits, water quality credits, and ground water credits, located within the Conservation Area, even if protected by this Conservation Easement, so long as (a) such participation does not require any use or action upon the Conservation Area that is prohibited by this Conservation Easement, it being agreed that this Section shall not be construed to permit any use of or activity on the Conservation Area that is not otherwise permitted under this Conservation Easement; (b) any approval by Holder required by this Conservation Easement for any use or action permitted by this Conservation Easement is obtained; (c) the uses and the Conservation Purposes that are intended to be protected by this Conservation Easement remain protected as provided in

this Conservation Easement; and (d) notice is provided to Holder at least 30 days before Owner enters into any agreement by which Owner will be legally obligated to participate in any such program.

- 4.14 Subdivision and Allocation of Reserved Rights. Owner may, with prior approval from Holder, subdivide the Conservation Area into lots for separate conveyance and ownership. Holder's review and decision whether to approve subdivision shall take into consideration the effect of the proposed lot boundaries and intended transfer upon the Conservation Purposes and the subdivision that would be most likely to promote the long term care, maintenance and stewardship of the Conservation Area, and the burdens of monitoring and enforcing this Conservation Easement. Subdivision shall result in no addition to or other amendment of the Reserved Rights and any parcel subdivided from out of the Conservation Area shall remain under and subject to this Conservation Easement. Owner acknowledges that, if the Conservation Area is subdivided, Reserved Rights which are limited in number or area must be allocated between the lots resulting from such subdivision. In connection with any subdivision or partition of the Conservation Area by any means, the following procedures shall apply:
  - 4.14.1 Owner shall allocate, but not increase, such Reserved Rights between or among the lots resulting from such subdivision. Such allocation shall be stated in a document which shall be subject to review and approval by Holder and which shall be recorded in the place of public record in which this Conservation Easement has been recorded before any conveyance of an interest in the lots resulting from such subdivision. Such allocation shall specifically identify, with respect to number or the allowable ground coverage, how much of the unused coverage or other Reserved Rights permitted by this Conservation Easement will be allocated to the respective lots.
  - 4.14.2 If Owner fails to make such allocation in a written document for such purpose before conveying title to or any beneficial interest in any of the lots resulting from such subdivision, then the Reserved Rights, whether or not built, shall be allocated proportionately among the lots resulting from such subdivision, in proportion to the relative area of such lots, as determined by Holder in its discretion, it being understood that this allocation shall not result in allowing any increase in the Reserved Rights.
  - 4.14.3 After any subdivision of the Conservation Area and conveyance of one or more lots resulting from such subdivision, and subject to Holder's prior approval thereof (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, consistent with and taking into consideration the fulfillment of the Conservation Purposes and the preservation of the Conservation Values), the owners of such respective lots may mutually agree among themselves to re-allocate, but not increase, such Reserved Rights in a manner different from the original allocation as determined above, provided that such allocation or re-allocation of Reserved Rights as among such lots does not result in any increase in Reserved Rights, is reflected in a document that is signed by all owners of

such lots and by Holder and is recorded in the place of public record in which this Conservation Easement has been recorded. The form and content of any such document shall be subject to Holder's review and approval.

## 4.15 Fences and Boundaries.

- 4.15.1 Owner may construct fences, provided that no fence shall be permitted if, in the reasonable opinion of Holder, it impairs the scenic view into the Conservation Area in any material respect. Any fence that shall be visible from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway shall be approved by Holder before construction. Fences that do not, in Holder's judgment, impair the view into the Conservation Area shall be permitted. Any fence that shall be visible from a public road or a waterway accessible to the public shall be approved by Holder before construction.
- 4.15.2 Nothing in this Conservation Easement shall prohibit Owner from identifying (by survey or marking) and otherwise maintaining visual indications of the boundary lines around the perimeter of the Conservation Area to protect the Conservation Area from trespassing and to assist Owner in the management and supervision of the management of the Conservation Area in accordance with this Conservation Easement.
- 4.16 <u>Wildlife Stands, Nests and "Blinds"</u>. Owner may construct a reasonable number of wildlife hunting or observation stands and "blinds" and houses, nests or perches for birds or other wildlife; provided that in the construction of any such Structure Owner shall comply with all other covenants and restrictions of this Conservation Easement.
- 4.17 <u>Utility Installations</u>. Owner may install cables and pipe normally used in connection with supplying water, electricity, communications, natural gas or similar utility services, removing sanitary sewage effluent or controlling storm water runoff, and may install water wells and government-approved waste water disposal facilities (e.g., septic system), if the following requirements and conditions are satisfied: (a) such facilities may only be constructed and used to serve the uses, Structures and improvements permitted under the terms of this Conservation Easement or, with Holder's approval in its discretion, to serve land not within the Conservation Area; (b) all such facilities shall be located underground to the extent feasible; (c) all such construction and maintenance is conducted in a manner designed to produce no material adverse effect on the Conservation Purposes; and (d) Holder approves the proposed utility facility based on the foregoing requirements.
- 4.18 <u>Tree Cutting and Forest Management</u>. Owner shall have the right, for the benefit of Owner and Owner's representatives, agents, contractors, subcontractors, licensees, and lessees, to conduct the following activities within the Conservation Area if the requirements of this Section are met:
  - 4.18.1 A live tree that has been damaged or disturbed by forces of nature or by disease or that is evidently at risk of falling may be cut and removed if such

tree presents a threat of injury to persons or livestock or other property or blocks a trail, road or other means of access to any part of the Conservation Area.

- 4.18.2 Trees may be removed within a Building Area.
- 4.18.3 Trees may be removed outside of a Building Area to the most limited extent necessary to construct the Structures and other improvements expressly permitted in this Conservation Easement, according to a plan approved in advance by Holder.
- 4.18.4 Early successional tree species may be selectively removed within areas existing in a meadow condition at the time this Conservation Easement is granted, for the purpose of preserving such areas as meadow.
- 4.18.5 "Forestry Activities" shall mean (i) harvesting, cutting, removal and sale of trees and forest products (including, but not limited to, trees, logs, poles, posts, pulpwood, firewood, chips, seeds, bark, pinestraw, stumps and other forest products); (ii) planting and growing of trees for the foregoing purposes; (iii) treating trees with herbicides, pesticides and fertilizer customarily used in the forest industry; (iv) constructing forest skid trails in connection with tree harvesting operations; (v) placing or storing sawdust, bark, sawtimber, logs, or other forest products in the Conservation Area; (vi) conducting prescribed burning; and (vii) undertaking such activities as may be necessary to facilitate production of forest products or to protect forest health. Owner may conduct Forestry Activities only if all of the following requirements are met:
  - (a) Forestry Activities shall not be conducted within the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area or within mixed hardwood forest outside the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area except for the purpose of promoting the maturing and ecological enhancement of forest conditions.
  - (b) Before conducting Forestry Activities Owner shall prepare a tree harvest and forest management plan (the "Forest Management Plan"). The Forest Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved by Holder.
  - (c) The Forest Management Plan must address and provide information regarding the following matters in such detail as Holder may reasonably request: the proposed location of harvesting activity, wetland delineation within the harvest area, harvesting plans and protocols, proposed road locations and design standards, erosion control measures, and replanting plans and schedule. The Forest Management Plan shall also contain: a statement of Owner's forest management objectives and goals, including the Forest Management Objectives (hereinafter defined); forest stand descriptions, including

- species composition, age classes and, where available, soil types; a forest stand map; and an outline of proposed silvicultural practices.
- (d) The Forest Management Plan must be prepared at Owner's expense by qualified natural resource personnel (e.g. a registered forester), who are experienced in the preparation of forest management plans.
- (e) The Forest Management Plan shall be prepared in a manner that is designed to achieve the following purposes and forest management objectives (collectively, the "Forest Management Objectives"): (i) minimizing insect infestation; (ii) identifying and protecting habitat for exceptionally rare, threatened or endangered species; (iii) avoidance of water pollution from Forestry Activities, erosion or sedimentation; (iv) protection of the Conservation Values and fulfillment of the Conservation Purposes; (v) promotion of sustainable forestry; (vi) assuring artificial or natural regeneration of the forest in both sufficient quantity and quality; (vii) compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, orders and regulations; (viii) identifying strategies to promote wildlife habitat and outdoor recreational activities permitted by this Conservation Easement; and (ix) compliance with then-current best management practices published by the Best Management Practices Task Force under the auspices of South Carolina Forestry Commission or its successor ("BMPs"). In the event of a conflict between the preceding Forest Management Objectives, the protection of the Conservation Values and fulfillment of the Conservation Purposes shall be the paramount consideration.
- (f) All Forestry Activities shall be conducted in accordance with (a) the Forest Management Plan; (b) BMPs; and (c) this Conservation Easement.
- 4.19 <u>Signs</u>. Owner may construct a reasonable number of signs of the following types:
  - 4.19.1 regulatory or directional signs including, for example but not for limitation of the foregoing, "no trespassing" signs, "no gunning" signs, or "no hunting" signs;
  - 4.19.2 signs stating the common name of the Conservation Area, the names and addresses of the occupants or both;
  - 4.19.3 signs advertising or directing participants to an activity permitted under the provisions of this Conservation Easement;
  - 4.19.4 signs identifying the interest of Owner or Holder in the Conservation Area; and
  - 4.19.5 signs educating the public as to the ecology of the area.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any sign that is greater than four square feet in surface area and visible from any public road or waterway accessible to the public shall be prohibited unless such sign shall have no material adverse effect upon the Conservation Purposes and such sign is approved in writing by Holder.

- Maintenance of Roads, Trails, Etc. Owner may maintain in passable condition the roads, trails or walkways existing within the Conservation Area at the date of this Conservation Easement or, if applicable, constructed pursuant to the Reserved Rights in this Article 4, by such activities as the following: the pruning of trees or other vegetation which threaten the safety of persons who may use or maintain the road, trail or walkway; installing or applying materials necessary to correct or impede erosion; grading earth to maintain a passable condition or to control or impede erosion; replacing existing culverts, water control structures and bridges; and dredging roadside swales and ditches. The right of maintenance in this section includes the right to, and therefore allows the Owner to, repave roads or driveways that are paved with bituminous asphalt, concrete or similar impervious material on the date of granting this Conservation Easement but does not include the right to pave with impervious material a road or driveway that is not paved on the date of granting this Conservation Easement unless such paving is permitted under another provision of this Conservation Easement.
- 4.21 <u>Notice and Approval Before Exercise of Certain Reserved Rights</u>. None of the Reserved Rights for which the approval of Holder is expressly required in any Section of this Article 4 may be exercised or undertaken unless Owner has first satisfied the following conditions and requirements:
  - 4.21.1 Owner shall notify Holder in writing before exercising any of such Reserved Rights.
  - Holder must be satisfied, as evidenced by its prior written approval of Owner's proposed exercise of a Reserved Right, that any use or activity done in the exercise of the Reserved Right will meet the requirements and conditions for such Reserved Right, will have no material adverse effect on the Conservation Purposes or on the Conservation Values or other significant environmental features of the Conservation Area, will not alter or permit the alteration, disturbance or destruction of the use of the Conservation Area that is intended to be protected by this Conservation Easement.
  - 4.21.3 Notwithstanding anything in this Conservation Easement to the contrary, if Owner undertakes to exercise a Reserved Right or other action, without prior approval of Holder, where such approval is expressly required under this Conservation Easement, then such exercise of the Reserved Right by Owner may be treated by Holder, in Holder's sole discretion, as an action that was prohibited by this Conservation Easement as fully as if the Reserved Right or other right was not contained in, or reserved to Owner under, this Conservation Easement. Should Holder elect, in its discretion, to decline to assert this prohibition and to waive a violation of the Conservation Easement

arising solely from Owner's failure to seek and obtain Holder's approval before exercising a Reserved Right or other right where such approval is required, Holder shall not be thereby obligated to do so in any future circumstance or event and Holder's waiver shall not be construed to require any waiver in a subsequent instance.

- 4.21.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Conservation Area is affected or in imminent danger of being affected by casualty damage resulting from an Act of God, fire or other event beyond Owner's control then the prior approval requirements of this Section shall be waived as to any action that would otherwise require such approval but which must be undertaken by Owner immediately in order to prevent loss, damage or injury to persons or to prevent ecological damage to the Conservation Area or neighboring property (an "Emergency Restoration Action"); provided that Owner makes a good faith effort to notify Holder prior to undertaking such Emergency Restoration Action and to keep Holder informed of its ongoing actions.
- 4.21.5 Holder's prior written approval of the exercise of Reserved Rights for which approval of Holder is required shall be obtained, conditionally obtained or declined according to the procedure provided in this Section. At least fortyfive (45) days before Owner begins, or allows, any exercise of Reserved Rights on the Conservation Area Owner must notify Holder in writing of Owner's intentions to do so; provided, however that Holder may, upon written request, reduce the period of time for notice of the proposed exercise of Reserved Rights for simpler requests, in Holder's discretion. Such notice must include plans depicting, in such detail as Holder requests, the construction or other use or activity, and location thereof, which Owner intends to undertake. Owner may also be required to present to Holder for review any applications to, and approvals or permits issued by, any governmental entity that is required for the exercise of the Reserved Right for which Holder's approval is sought. Holder may request additional information or details not provided by Owner regarding Owner's proposed exercise of Reserved Rights as Holder reasonably believes necessary to determine compliance with this Article. Holder shall not be obligated to accept or respond to any request for approval of a Reserved Right if the Owner is then in violation of this Conservation Easement in any material respect. Holder shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice or, if later, any additional information regarding the proposed use or activity requested by Holder, in which to make one of the following determinations:
  - (a) Approve Owner's proposed exercise of a Reserved Right in accordance with the materials submitted by Owner ("Approval"). Approval on such terms shall constitute a covenant by Owner to exercise the Reserved Right solely in accordance with the notice and other information submitted to Holder; which covenant shall be enforceable by Holder as fully as if stated in this Conservation Easement.

- (b) Approve Owner's proposed exercise of a Reserved Right in accordance with the materials submitted by Owner but subject, however, to such qualifications and conditions as Holder may impose in its notice of approval. Such qualifications and conditions shall be limited to those which Holder deems necessary to: assure compliance by Owner with any of the express covenants or restrictions of this Conservation Easement, preserve and protect the Conservation Purposes or restrict Owner's exercise of the Reserved Rights to that which Owner has represented to Holder. Approval on such terms shall constitute a covenant by Owner to exercise the Reserved Right, if at all, only in accordance with the notice and other information submitted to Holder, as modified or supplemented by the qualifications and conditions that Holder imposed; which covenant shall be enforceable by Holder as fully as if stated in this Conservation Easement.
- (c) Decline to grant approval of Owner's proposed exercise of a Reserved Right on the basis of the notice and other materials submitted. Should Holder decline to grant approval Holder shall state in writing its reasons.
- 4.21.6 Holder shall exercise reasonable judgment in applying the standards of review and approval for the exercise of Reserved Rights, consistent with and taking into consideration the fulfillment of the Conservation Purposes and the preservation of the Conservation Values.
- 4.21.7 Holder may grant, with or without conditions, approval for recurrent exercises of Reserved Rights, particularly but not necessarily limited to activities of a de minimis nature, if Holder concludes that doing so will have no material adverse effect on the Conservation Purposes or on the burden on, and effectiveness of, Holder's monitoring and enforcement in accordance with this Conservation Easement. Such approval must be in writing and shall, as with other approvals of the exercise of Reserved Rights, be limited to the description of the proposed exercise of Reserved Rights in Owner's proposal as modified or limited by the conditions in Holder's written approval.
- 4.21.8 In the event that Holder's approval is required and Holder fails to respond within the time period specified above and further fails to respond within ten days after a second written request by Owner to Holder, then the Holder shall be deemed to have granted Approval (as defined above) unless the activity for which approval is required is plainly prohibited by this Conservation Easement.
- 4.21.9 Owner shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary government permits and approvals for any activity for which Holder's approval is required and Holder shall have the right, but not the obligation, to require that such permits and approvals be produced for inspection by Holder before Holder's approval is granted or as a condition to approval.

- 4.21.10 Owner shall be responsible, as a condition of the right to exercise the Reserved Rights for which the approval of Holder is expressly required, for payment of Holder's reasonable costs and expenses, including legal and consultant fees, associated with review of Owner's request for approval; provided, however, that Holder will notify Owner before incurring any costs or expenses which it believes Owner may be obligated to pay under this Section though Holder shall not be required to predict the exact amount of the cost or expense. Holder may condition consideration of a proposal for exercise of Reserved Rights upon the deposit of a sum of money with Holder to secure payment of Holder's reasonable costs of review. The time period for Holder's consideration of Owner's request shall not run until such deposit is made.
- 4.21.11 While the parties believe that each of the Reserved Rights as to which Holder's prior approval is required can be exercised in some manner without adverse effect on the Conservation Purposes of this Conservation Easement, no assurance is given that the above Reserved Rights may be exercised in specifically the manner as Owner might initially propose without having an adverse effect on the Conservation Purposes or other significant ecological values of the Conservation Area. The foregoing procedure is established for the purpose of making that determination and preventing any activity on or use of the Conservation Area that may have such an adverse effect.
- 4.21.12 In consideration for Holder accepting the perpetual responsibility and obligation to review the proposed exercise of Reserved Rights by Owner, Owner hereby waives, for Owner, and Owner's successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the fullest extent allowed by law, any and all right to seek or recover damages from Holder in any litigation or other legal action arising from a dispute over Holder's exercise of its rights, obligations or interpretations under this Article 4 and agrees that the sole remedy or legal right to seek redress arising from any decision of Holder pursuant to this Article 4 shall be to seek a declaratory judgment or other legal declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction as to the rights of Owner hereunder.

#### ARTICLE 5. HOLDER'S COVENANTS

- 5.1 <u>Best Efforts to Enforce</u>. Holder shall use its best efforts to enforce both the rights granted to it and the restrictions imposed upon the Conservation Area under this Conservation Easement.
- Inability to Enforce: Procedure. If at any time Holder is unable to enforce this Conservation Easement or if Holder or any successor or assignee of Holder's rights under this Conservation Easement ceases to exist or ceases to be a Qualified Organization and if, within a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of any of these events, Holder or any successor or assignee fails to assign all of its rights and responsibilities under this Conservation Easement to a Qualified Organization and "holder", then the rights and responsibilities under this Conservation Easement shall become vested in and fall upon

- another Qualified Organization in accordance with a proceeding before, and the order of, any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 5.3 <u>Assignment by Holder</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else in this Conservation Easement to the contrary, Holder and its successors and assigns shall have the right to assign, either wholly or partially, its right, title and interest hereunder provided that (a) the assignee is a Qualified Organization; (b) the assignee shall hold the Conservation Easement exclusively for the Conservation Purposes; and (c) the assignee agrees that the Conservation Purposes continue to be carried out. Holder agrees to notify Owner of its intent to assign the Conservation Easement, including disclosing the identity of the intended assignee, at least 30 days prior to such assignment and to offer Owner, during such period after notice and until assignment, an opportunity to comment on, but not approve or disapprove, such assignment.

## ARTICLE 6. REMEDIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- Remedies Generally. Holder shall have the right to enforce by proceedings at law or in equity each and every one of the covenants and restrictions in this Conservation Easement. The foregoing shall not limit any of the rights or remedies available to Holder in any law or in this Conservation Easement. Holder's remedies described in this Conservation Easement shall be cumulative and concurrent and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter available or existing at law or in equity.
- 6.2 <u>Violation of Conservation Easement</u>. If Holder determines that this Conservation Easement is being or has been violated or that a violation is threatened or imminent then the following provisions shall apply:
  - 6.2.1 Holder must notify Owner of the violation. Holder's notice may, in Holder's discretion, include its recommendations of measures to be taken by Owner to cure the violation and restore features of the Conservation Area damaged or altered as a result of the violation.
  - 6.2.2 Holder shall afford Owner a period to cure the violation as stated below before undertaking action in court to enforce the Conservation Easement, provided, however, that no cure period is required if circumstances require prompt action to prevent or mitigate irreparable harm or alteration to, or destruction of, any natural resource or other feature of the Conservation Area described in the Conservation Purposes and Conservation Values.
  - 6.2.3 Owner's cure period, if a cure period is required under the preceding paragraph, shall expire thirty (30) days after the date of Holder's notice to Owner but shall be extended for the time reasonably necessary to cure the violation if, and only if, all of the following conditions are satisfied:

    (a) Owner ceases the activity constituting the violation promptly upon receipt of Holder's notice; (b) Owner and Holder agree in writing, within the initial thirty (30) day period after Holder's notice to Owner or such longer time as Holder may afford in its discretion, upon the measures Owners will take to

cure the violation; (c) Owner commences to cure the violation within the initial thirty (30) day period or such longer time as Holder may afford in its discretion; and (d) Owner continues thereafter to use best efforts and due diligence to complete the cure measures that Holder and Owner have agreed upon in writing. In no event shall Holder be obligated, notwithstanding the foregoing, to allow a cure period of more than 90 days or to refrain from commencing a legal action in court during the cure period if Holder concludes it is necessary to do so in order to preserve its right to enforce the Conservation Easement. Nothing in this paragraph shall require or prohibit settlement of a litigation or threatened litigation arising from an actual or alleged violation.

- 6.3 Remedy of Specific Performance. Without limitation of any other rights of Holder in this Conservation Easement, Holder's right of enforcement of this Conservation Easement shall include the right to seek specific performance by Owner of the restoration of the Conservation Area to its condition at the time of the donation of the Conservation Easement as required by 26 C.F.R. § 1.170A-14(g)(5)(ii) or to its condition prior to any activity that violates this Conservation Easement or as otherwise may be necessary to remedy any violation of any easement, covenant, prohibition or restriction in this Conservation Easement, as Holder may elect.
- Non-Binding Mediation. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or related to, 6.4 this Conservation Easement shall be subject to mediation in accordance with this Section. If Owner and Holder are unable to resolve any dispute, controversy or claim, they shall first submit the dispute, controversy or claim to an independent third party mediator acceptable to them. Unless agreed to by Owner and Holder, neither of them shall be required to participate in mediation sessions exceeding a total of eight (8) hours as to any one dispute, controversy or claim. The cost of the mediation shall be split equally between the parties. The mediation process may be initiated by either Owner or Holder upon written request to the other. If Owner and Holder cannot agree on a mediator within fifteen (15) days of the written request, either Owner or Holder may file a request for mediation with the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") office nearest the Conservation Area, and selection of the mediator shall proceed under the Rules then established by the AAA. Within ten (10) days of selection of the mediator, Owner and Holder shall submit a written summary of its position to the mediator, with any other reasonable documentation it believes is relevant to the dispute. These submissions will be exchanged between Owner and Holder. At a time and place convenient to Holder and Owner, but not later than thirty (30) days after submission of written materials to the mediator, Owner and Holder shall meet with the mediator, discuss any nonbinding recommendations the mediator may have, and attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute. In the event Owner and Holder have not resolved the dispute, controversy or claim within thirty (30) days of the meeting with the mediator, Owner and Holder shall each have the right to initiate legal proceedings concerning such dispute, controversy or claim without further notice to the other. If Owner or Holder breaches this obligation by refusing to participate in the mediation process outlined above (and in accordance with the established schedule), the other shall be entitled to initiate legal proceedings immediately on any dispute, controversy or claim. The content of any documents,

discussions, negotiations, offers made, offers declined, settlements proposed, mitigations suggested or proposed or other matters that arise or that are produced during the mediation shall not be admissible as evidence or used as argument in any contemporaneous or subsequent legal proceeding. Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, the requirements of this Section: (a) do not create or give rise to any independent or substantive rights or cause of action not stated in this Conservation Easement and (b) shall not apply, nor shall be construed to limit or delay the right of Holder to commence and pursue litigation to enforce this Conservation Easement, in regard to any dispute, controversy or claim arising from a violation of this Conservation Easement that, in the sole and independent judgment of Holder, represents an ongoing or imminent material adverse impact upon the Conservation Values or the Conservation Purposes or upon the ultimate ability of the Owner to restore the condition of the Conservation Area.

- 6.5 Remedy of Damages. If Owner violates this Conservation Easement in such a manner as to cause damage to, extract or remove any trees, mineral resources, pond, wetland, stream, or other natural resource protected by this Conservation Easement, including violation resulting from failure to obtain Holder's approval, Holder shall be entitled to payment of damages in the amount of the value of the protected natural resource; provided, however, that if the natural resource effected by the Owner's violation of this Conservation Easement can be restored to its condition prior to the violation and if Owner does restore the natural resource to its condition prior to the violation within a time period accepted by Holder in writing, then Holder shall accept such restoration in lieu of damages. Holder may seek payment and recovery of such damages by any means available at law. The value of the protected natural resource shall be the greater of (a) the market value of the resource or, (b) the cost of immediate restoration of the Conservation Area and all resources to its condition prior to the violation. If such restoration is not reasonably possible then double the market value of the resource shall be the amount of liquidated damages. If the resource does not have a readily determinable market value then the amount of damages shall be the amount which a court having jurisdiction may determine, taking into account the importance of the resource to the fulfillment of the Conservation Purposes. Nothing in this Section is intended to limit, waive or release Holder's right so seek specific performance or other equitable remedy.
- 6.6 Rights and Remedies in Relation to Third Parties. As the owner of a real property interest under this Conservation Easement, Holder shall have the right, without limitation of any rights herein as against Owner, to assert and enforce any of the rights and remedies in this Conservation Easement against any person or entity other than Owner that engages in any action upon the Conservation Area that constitutes a violation of any of the covenants or restrictions of this Conservation Easement, whether such person or entity enters upon the Conservation Area as a tenant, guest or invitee of Owner, by an act of trespass or by any claim of right and Owner shall cooperate with Holder by joining in any action or proceeding commenced by Holder for such purpose.
- 6.7 <u>Remedy: Failure to Pay Certain Charges</u>. If Owner fails to pay any assessments, fees, fines, levies, penalties, taxes, and other charges imposed by a government, governmental agency, or governmental authority that can become a lien on the Conservation Area or

upon this Conservation Easement or the rights it represents or that it grants to Holder (collectively, "Governmental Charges"), Holder may, but shall have no obligation to, pay such Governmental Charges or any part thereof upon ten (10) days after sending written notice to Owner, according to any bill, statement, or estimate procured from the appropriate public office. Payment made by Holder shall become a lien on the Conservation Area in favor of Holder upon payment by Holder and shall bear interest until Holder is paid by Owner at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum or at the highest rate of interest per annum as is allowed by applicable law, whichever is less.

- 6.8 <u>Certain Events Not a Violation</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Holder shall not bring any action seeking to enforce this Conservation Easement against Owner, nor shall this Conservation Easement be considered to have been violated by Owner, as a result of any damage to the Conservation Area if such damage was solely the result of:

  (a) a natural event such as an earthquake or flood, wind, lightning or other storm event, including those events commonly referred to as "acts of God"; (b) damage by persons trespassing upon the Conservation Area; or (c) any emergency measures reasonably and prudently taken by Owner to abate or mitigate significant injury to the Conservation Area as a result of any such natural event or trespass.
- 6.9 After Permitted Subdivision. If ownership of the Conservation Area has been subdivided in accordance with this Conservation Easement such that the Conservation Area is no longer owned by one owner and, thereafter, a violation of this Conservation Easement occurs or appears to Holder to have occurred, Holder need only give notice of violation or enforcement action to, and need only undertake legal and other enforcement action against, the owner of that portion of the Conservation Area on which the event, condition or circumstance which constitutes a violation has occurred or exists. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Holder may, in its discretion, give notice of a violation or enforcement action to, undertake enforcement action against and make a party to any legal action, such other owners or parties as Holder deems necessary or appropriate to the correction of the violation, monitoring or management of the Conservation Area or the Conservation Easement, protection of Holder's rights, or fulfillment of the Conservation Purposes of this Conservation Easement.
- Owner and Holder and no third party beneficiary rights, rights of enforcement or other rights are created or intended to be created or granted by this Conservation Easement in or to any other person or entity, any person or entity that was once an "Owner" but is no longer an owner of the Conservation Area, the public generally or any governmental authority except to the limited extent necessary to undertake an action under Section 5.2 or as required by statute (and only to the extent such statute cannot be waived by agreement of Holder and Owner). Owner and Holder do not intend that this Conservation Easement be or create a trust. Without limitation of the foregoing, no person or entity that has been an Owner shall have any rights under this Conservation Easement after such Owner has conveyed that Owner's legal ownership interest in the Conservation Area and no person or entity that is an Owner as to a part of the Conservation Area shall have any rights under this Conservation Easement as to any part of the Conservation Area not owned by that Owner.

- 6.11 Reimbursement of Expenses of Enforcement. In the event that Holder acts, after violation of the Conservation Easement, to enforce this Conservation Easement or any obligation hereunder, all reasonable expenses incurred by Holder shall be charged to and paid by Owner, including reasonable attorneys' fees regardless of whether an action or proceeding is commenced and whether incurred before or after the expiration of any cure period provided in this Conservation Easement; except however that Owner shall not be responsible to Holder for costs of a frivolous action by Holder or an action brought in bad faith by Holder, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. All such reasonable expenses, together with costs of collection (including reasonable attorneys' fees), shall be recoverable by Holder and be subject to collection by all lawful means for the collection of a debt under the law of the state in which the Conservation Area is located.
- 6.12 No Merger of Title. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Conservation Easement, should Holder become an Owner of any portion of the Conservation Area, this Conservation Easement shall not merge with any interest in the Conservation Area upon conveyance to Holder and title shall be transferred subject to the continued validity and enforceability of this Conservation Easement in accordance with the laws of the State in which the Conservation Area is located. In such event the rights of Holder under this Conservation Easement as to the portion of the Conservation Area owned by Holder shall forthwith be transferred to a Qualified Organization in accordance with Section 5.3. or, if necessary, 5.2.
- 6.13 Reimbursement of Expenses of Litigation. Owner acknowledges that for the fulfillment of Owner's purposes and intentions for this Conservation Easement, Owner requires Holder to accept perpetual obligations for the interpretation and enforcement of this Conservation Easement and that, pursuant to 26 CFR § 1.170A-14(c), Holder must maintain its reserve capacity to enforce this Conservation Easement. It is therefore agreed that, should Owner or anyone acting by, through, under or on behalf of Owner, commence litigation against Holder to enforce any rights hereunder or to dispute any actions or inaction of Holder, to enforce any alleged duty or obligation of Holder hereunder or to seek damages or specific performance against Holder then unless Holder is finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, beyond right of appeal, to have acted contrary to the terms of this Conservation Easement and to have failed to exercise reasonable judgment taking into account the Conservation Purposes, the Conservation Values and the circumstances of which Holder had actual knowledge at the relevant time, then Owner shall reimburse Holder on demand for all reasonable costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by Holder in its defense in such litigation. Holder shall not be considered to have failed to exercise reasonable judgment as aforesaid solely based on the fact that Holder did not or does not prevail in legal proceedings or that Holder is determined to have adopted an interpretation of this Conservation Easement not accepted by the court.
- 6.14 No Waiver of Rights of Enforcement. The failure of Holder to exercise any of its rights under this Conservation Easement on any occasion shall not be deemed a waiver of said rights and Holder retains the right in perpetuity to require full compliance by Owner of the covenants and restrictions in this Conservation Easement.

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#### ARTICLE 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Owner and Holder Further Defined. The term "Owner" used in this Conservation Easement shall mean and include the above-named Owner and any of Owner's successors or assigns, whether one or more, that are the legal owners of the Conservation Area or any part thereof as to such part of the Conservation Area. The term "Holder" used in this Conservation Easement shall mean and include the above-named Holder and its successors and assigns, it being understood and agreed that any assignee of the rights of Holder hereunder must be a Qualified Organization and shall carry out the obligations of Holder and the intent of this Conservation Easement.
- 7.2 <u>Vesting of Real Property Interest</u>. This Conservation Easement gives rise to a real property right and interest immediately vested in Holder with a fair market value that is at least equal to the proportionate value that this Conservation Easement at the time of this gift bears to the value of the Conservation Area as a whole at that time. That proportionate value of the Holder's property rights shall remain constant.
- 7.3 Rules of Construction and Interpretation. The parties recognize the environmental, scenic, and natural values of the Conservation Area and have the common purpose of preserving these values. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Conservation Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to promote, protect and fulfill the Conservation Purposes and the policies and purposes of Holder. If any provision in this Conservation Easement is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the Conservation Purposes that would render the provision valid should be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid. If any provision of this Conservation Easement is determined by final judgment of a court having competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such determination shall not have the effect of rendering the remaining provisions of this Conservation Easement invalid. The parties intend that this Conservation Easement, which is by nature and character primarily prohibitive (in that Owner has restricted and limited the rights inherent in ownership of the Conservation Area), shall be construed at all times and by all parties to promote, protect and fulfill the Conservation Purposes.
- Indemnification. Owner covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, reimburse, and hold harmless Holder, its directors, officers and employees (an "Indemnified Party") from, for and against any Loss (hereinafter defined) to the extent such Loss arose from an Indemnified Cause (hereinafter defined). A "Loss" shall mean any loss, cost, liability, penalty, fine, or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever which an Indemnified Party may reasonably be concluded to have suffered, paid or incurred. The term "cost" shall include, but shall not be limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and witness and court fees. An "Indemnified Cause" shall mean any of the following: the violation or alleged violation of any law in, upon or involving the Conservation Area by Owner or anyone acting by, for, through or under the direction of Owner, including but not limited to any tenant, contractor, agent, licensee or invitee of Owner; any tax or assessment upon the Conservation Area or upon this Conservation Easement or the rights it represents or that it grants to Holder; any death or injury to any person occurring on or about the Conservation Area; any lien or attempts to enforce a lien asserted against the

Conservation Area; the costs of performing any work on the Conservation Area; any loss or damage to any property on or about the Conservation Area; or any lawsuit or governmental administrative or law enforcement action which is commenced or threatened against an Indemnified Party or to which any Indemnified Party is made a party or called as a witness; but notwithstanding the foregoing, "Indemnified Cause" shall not, as to an Indemnified Party, include any cause which results from acts which are finally determined by a court to have been the result of bad faith, negligence or willful misconduct by that Indemnified Party. It is further agreed that no person shall have an indemnification obligation or liability under this Section as to any Indemnified Cause which arises entirely and solely from events which occurred after such person is no longer the legal owner of the Conservation Area or any part thereof and is no longer in possession of the Conservation Area or any part thereof (it being understood that one or more subsequent Owners shall have such indemnification, defense, reimbursement, and holding harmless obligation).

- 7.5 Responsibilities and Liabilities of Owner. Without limitation of anything herein to the contrary, Owner shall (a) retain all responsibilities and shall bear all costs and liabilities of any kind related to the ownership, operations, upkeep, and maintenance of the Conservation Area, including the general liability insurance coverage and obligation to comply with applicable law and (b) pay all Governmental Charges.
- 7.6 <u>Vesting of Real Property Interest and Allocating Proceeds Following Judicial Extinguishment or Condemnation of Conservation Easement.</u>
  - 7.6.1 The donation and grant of the perpetual conservation easement contained in this Conservation Easement with respect to the Conservation Area (the "Restrictions") gives rise to a property right, immediately vested in the Holder, with a fair market value that is at least equal to the proportionate value that such perpetual conservation easement at the time of the gift, bears to the value of the Conservation Area as a whole at that time. That proportionate value shall remain constant.
  - 7.6.2 It is the intention of the parties that no change in conditions surrounding the Conservation Area, including for example, but without limitation, changes in the use of properties adjoining or in the vicinity of the Conservation Area, will at any time or in any event result in the extinguishment of any of Restrictions.
  - 7.6.3 If, however, notwithstanding the foregoing intention, to ensure compliance with 26 CFR 1.170A-14(g)(6), a subsequent unexpected change in conditions surrounding the Conservation Area makes impossible or impractical the continued use of the Conservation Area for conservation purposes as described herein, and as a result of such change, gives rise to the extinguishment of such Restrictions by judicial proceedings, the Holder, on a subsequent sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of all or part of the Conservation Area, shall be entitled to a portion of the proceeds of such sale, exchange or involuntary conversion at least equal to that proportionate value of the perpetual conservation easement granted hereunder bears to the value of

the Conservation Area as a whole at that time, unless state law provides that the Owner is entitled to the full proceeds from such judicial conversion without regard to the terms of the of this Conservation Easement. Such portion of the proceeds allocable to Holder shall be used by Holder in a manner consistent with the Conservation Purposes set forth herein.

- 7.6.4 This Section shall also apply whenever all or part of the Conservation Area is taken by the exercise of eminent domain by judicial proceedings the same as any other extinguishment by judicial proceedings otherwise described in this Section. Owner and Holder shall join in appropriate actions at the time of such taking by eminent domain to recover the full value of the taking and all incidental or direct damages resulting from such taking.
- 7.6.5 This Section shall be construed to cause this Conservation Easement to conform to the requirements of 26 CFR §1.170A-14(g)(6), it being the specific intention of the parties that the conservation purposes protected in this Conservation Easement shall be treated as being protected in perpetuity in accordance with 26 CFR §1.170A-14(g)(6).
- 7.7 <u>Covenants, Etc. Run With The Land</u>. This Conservation Easement and all of the covenants, indemnifications, releases, easements and restrictions in this Conservation Easement shall run with the land and be binding upon Owner and Owner's successors and assigns, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Conservation Easement.
- 7.8 <u>Limitation on Owner Liability</u>. An Owner shall be and remain liable, even after ownership has been transferred, for any breach or violation of this Conservation Easement if, but only if, such breach or violation occurred during such time as such Owner was the legal or equitable owner of, or is in possession of, the entire Conservation Area or that part of the Conservation Area on which the breach or violation occurred.
- 7.9 <u>Effect on Mortgages and Other Liens</u>. All mortgages, deeds of trust and other liens or encumbrances upon all or any part of the Conservation Area which either come into existence or are recorded in the place for the recording of such liens or encumbrances after the date of this Conservation Easement will be subject to and subordinate to this Conservation Easement.
- 7.10 Right of Conveyance Retained; Notice Required. Nothing in this Conservation Easement shall limit the right of Owner, Owner's successors or assigns to grant or convey the Conservation Area, provided that any such grant or conveyance shall be under and subject to this Conservation Easement. Owner shall notify Holder in writing of any sale, transfer, lease or other disposition of the Conservation Area or any part thereof, whether by operation of law or otherwise, not later than 30 days after such disposition and such notice shall include a copy of the deed, lease, or other declaration of transfer, the date of transfer, and the name or names and addresses for notices of the transferee.
- 7.11 <u>Transfer Payment</u>. In consideration of the perpetual obligations assumed by Holder in this Conservation Easement, the costs of which are unpredictable, including, but not

necessarily limited to, the obligations to travel to and inspect the Conservation Area for compliance with this Conservation Easement, communicate with present and future owners and respond to questions and other matters, and maintain financial resources for the enforcement of compliance when necessary in fulfillment of Holder's obligation to be a Qualified Organization under 26 CFR §1.170A-14(c)(1), and in consideration of Owner's desire to support Holder in its charitable mission with respect to the Conservation Area and other properties in which Holder may have accepted conservation easement restrictions, Owner agrees for itself, Owner's successors and assigns, that there shall be paid to Holder the Transfer Payment (hereinafter defined) at the time of each Qualifying Transfer (hereinafter defined) and in the manner stated in this Section.

- 7.11.1 The "<u>Transfer Payment</u>" shall be the amount equal to one percent (1.0%) of the Purchase Price (hereinafter defined) of the Conservation Area or part thereof, the improvements on the Conservation Area and all of the other land and improvements that are included in the Qualifying Transfer.
- 7.11.2 A "Qualifying Transfer" shall mean the conveyance of legal title to the Conservation Area or any part thereof, the improvements on the Conservation Area, and any other land and improvements which are conveyed by the same deed of conveyance with which the Conservation Area or part thereof is conveyed.
- 7.11.3 The "<u>Purchase Price</u>" shall be the sum of all of the following given in consideration for a Qualifying Transfer: (a) payment of money, (b) transfer of real or personal property or other tangible consideration, (c) purchase money indebtedness, and (d) the assumption of indebtedness. Owner shall be obligated to provide to Holder a true and correct copy of the agreement of sale pertaining to the Qualifying Transfer or other documents verifying the Purchase Price to the reasonable satisfaction of Holder.
- 7.11.4 In the event of a Qualifying Transfer in which all or part of the consideration to seller is in the form of real or personal property rather than the payment of money, purchase money indebtedness or assumption of indebtedness, the Purchase Price shall include an amount equal to the fair market value of such real or personal property given in consideration for the Qualifying Transfer as determined by a qualified appraiser approved by Holder in its reasonable judgment. Appraisals used in the determination of the Purchase Price shall be based upon the guidelines and ethical standards of the Appraisal Institute, as then in effect, for the type of property involved. However, Owner and Holder may, if they so elect in their discretion, without obligation to do so, accept an alternate method of establishing the value of property including by contemporaneous agreement.
- 7.11.5 Purchase Price shall not impute fair market value to that portion of a Qualifying Transfer that is a gift, devise, bequest or other transfer not involving consideration by the payment of money, transfer of real or personal property, purchase money indebtedness or assumption of indebtedness.

- 7.11.6 The Transfer Payment shall not be applicable to a Qualifying Transfer into a corporation, limited liability company or general or limited partnership where the Owner that is the transferor receives all of the shares of the transferee entity as consideration and receives no other consideration.
- 7.11.7 The obligation for payment of the Transfer Payment shall be binding upon the Owner that is the transferor in the Qualifying Transfer and the purchaser or grantee that is the transferee in the Qualifying Transfer, all of whom shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the Transfer Payment, and also shall be binding upon their respective successors and assigns, and shall run with the land until paid.
- 7.11.8 The Transfer Payment shall be paid to Holder at or before the time of transfer of legal title as aforesaid. The amount of any Transfer Payment not paid in the amount and at the time required herein shall, (a) accrue interest payable to Holder in the amount of twelve percent (12%) per annum and (b) constitute, together with the accrued interest, to the extent permitted by applicable law, a lien on the Conservation Area in favor of the Holder until paid in full, provided that such lien shall not be superior to any mortgage, deed of trust or other lien that was executed, recorded and otherwise validly established against the Conservation Area prior to the date of the Qualifying Transfer.
- 7.11.9 Owner shall be liable for reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs of collection reasonably incurred by Holder in the enforcement of this Section.
- 7.11.10 If and to the extent the law of the state in which the Conservation Area is located so requires in order to preserve the validity of this Section, it is agreed that the Transfer Payment shall not apply to any Qualifying Transfer that occurs after the lifetime plus twenty-one (21) years of any biological child of Stephen Thor Johnson, President of the North American Land Trust.
- 7.11.11 Without limitation of any other provision of this Conservation Easement, neither the validity of this Section nor compliance with or enforcement of this Section shall have any bearing whatever on the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Conservation Easement.
- 7.12 <u>Managerial Control Retained by Owner</u>. Nothing in this Conservation Easement shall be construed as giving rise to any right or ability of Holder to exercise physical or managerial control over day-to-day operations of the Conservation Area, or any of Owner's activities on the Conservation Area, or otherwise to become an operator with respect to the Conservation Area within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.
- 7.13 <u>Compliance With Law.</u> Notwithstanding provisions hereof to the contrary, if any, Owner shall be solely responsible for complying with all federal, state and local laws and regulations in connection with the conduct of any use of the Conservation Area or the erection of any Structure permitted hereunder, and Owner shall be solely responsible for

- obtaining any required permits, approvals from the relevant governmental authorities in connection therewith.
- 7.14 <u>No Goods and Services Provided</u>. Holder provided no goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for the grant of this Conservation Easement.
- 7.15 <u>Public Access Not Created.</u> Nothing in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to create any right of access to the Conservation Area by the public.
- 7.16 Notices. All notices required of Owner under the terms of this Conservation Easement, and all requests for the approval by Holder, shall be in writing shall be deemed to have been given when either served personally or when sent by certified mail, with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, addressed to Holder at the address stated on the first page of this Conservation Easement or such other address provided by notice from Holder or Owner to the other for the purpose. Notices by Holder to an Owner need only be given to the Owner of the portion of the Conservation Area that is the subject of the notice.
- 7.17 <u>Headings</u>. The underlined headings preceding the Sections in this Conservation Easement are intended for convenience of reference only and shall not be applied in the construction or interpretation of the substance of this Conservation Easement nor shall any such headings be construed to add to, detract from or otherwise alter the substance, meaning, force or effect of any of the Sections in this Conservation Easement.
- 7.18 Availability or Amount of Tax Benefits. Holder makes no warranty, representation or other assurance regarding the availability, amount or effect of any deduction, credit or other benefit to Owner or any other person or entity under United States or any state, local or other tax law to be derived from the donation of this Conservation Easement or other transaction associated with the donation of this Conservation Easement. This donation is not conditioned upon the availability or amount of any such deduction, credit or other benefit. Holder makes no warranty, representation or other assurance regarding the value of this Conservation Easement or of the Conservation Area. As to all of the foregoing, Owner is relying upon Owner's own legal counsel, accountant, financial advisor, appraiser or other consultant and not upon Holder or any legal counsel, accountant, financial advisor, appraiser or other consultant of Holder. In the event of any audit or other inquiry of a governmental authority into the effect of this donation upon the taxation or financial affairs involving Owner or Owner's successors or assigns or other similar matter then Holder shall be reimbursed and indemnified for any cost or expense of any kind or nature whatsoever incurred by Holder in responding or replying thereto.
- 7.19 <u>Warranties and Representations of Owner</u>. By signing this Conservation Easement, Owner acknowledges, warrants and represents to Holder that:
  - 7.19.1 Owner has received and fully reviewed the Baseline Documentation in its present form in its entirety.
  - 7.19.2 The Baseline Documentation includes, among other things:

- Photographs of current site conditions on the Conservation Area.
- Narrative description of the significant ecological and other conservation values and characteristics of the Conservation Area.
- Supportive Mapping of the Conservation Area including, but not limited to, location maps, aerial photographs and topography.
- Existing Conditions Report prepared by a biologist/naturalist describing the conservation values and purposes, and any other significant ecological characteristics of the Conservation Area.
- 7.19.3 The Baseline Documentation is an accurate representation of the condition of the Conservation Area at the time of granting this Conservation Easement.
- Owner has had the opportunity to be represented by counsel of Owner's selection, and fully understands that Owner is hereby permanently relinquishing property rights which would otherwise permit Owner to have a fuller use and enjoyment of the Conservation Area.
- 7.19.5 The undersigned individual or individuals signing as or on behalf of Owner has all legal authority to enter into this Conservation Easement and perform all of the obligations of Owner hereunder, as the binding act of Owner.
- 7.19.6 Owner is seized of the Conservation Area in fee simple title. Owner has the right to grant and convey this Conservation Easement. The Conservation Area is free and clear of any Deed of Trust, Mortgage and any other liens and monetary encumbrances except: (a) liens for taxes not yet due and payable and (b) Deed of Trust or Mortgage liens that are subordinate to this Conservation Easement by virtue of the executed form of Joinder and Consent of Lienholder attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- 7.19.7 There are no recorded or unrecorded leases or other agreement for the production of minerals or removal of timber from the Conservation Area which would, if any of the activities permitted under such lease or other agreement was undertaken by Owner, violate the covenants or restrictions in this Conservation Easement or otherwise defeat the Conservation Purposes.
- 7.19.8 Owner has, to the extent Owner in Owner's discretion has deemed appropriate, investigated with all due diligence the cost, practicality, right, and ability to use and improve each Building Zone according to the Reserved Rights permitted within each Building Area under this Conservation Easement, as such use and improvement may be affected by zoning, other governmental regulation, access, availability of utilities, soil conditions, geology, topography, other physical and environmental conditions, and any other factor or condition. As to the cost, practicality, right, and ability of Owner to use and improve a Building Zone as and to the extent permitted in

this Conservation Easement, Holder makes no warranty or representation, has no obligation, gives no assurance, and is released by Owner, Owner's successors and assigns from any liability and claims, both compensatory and consequential.

- 7.20 <u>State Conservation Easement Law.</u> This Conservation Easement shall be a "conservation easement" under, and shall be governed by, the State Conservation Easement Law and Holder shall have all of the rights and powers of a "Holder" under the State Conservation Easement Law.
- 7.21 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Conservation Easement shall be governed by and construed under the law of the state in which the Conservation Area is located.

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the easements and rights in this Conservation Easement unto Holder, its successors and assigns, for its own use and benefit forever.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Owner and Holder have executed this Conservation Easement as of the day and year first above written:

# BIRKDALE LANDING, LLC

By: EcoVest Management, LLC, Manager

By: EcoVest Capital, Inc., Manager

Witness:

Bv:

Adam S. Lloyd, Senior Vice President and

Chief Operating Officer

Witness:

NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST

a non-profit corporation

Witness:

By:

[Seal] Stephen Thor Johnson, President

Witness:

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COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

On this, the 15 day of NOVEMBER, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Pennsylvania, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Adam S. Lloyd, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of EcoVest Capital, Inc., a Delaware corporation which is Manager of EcoVest Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company which is Manager of BIRKDALE LANDING, LLC, and that he as such officer, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing conservation easement for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Seal)

Notary Public

My commission expires:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL Karen M. Mazza, Notary Public Pennsbury Twp., Chester County My Commission Expires Aug. 22, 2018

MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA : COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA :

On this, the 15 day of Woven BER, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Pennsylvania, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Stephen Thor Johnson, who acknowledged himself to be the President of North American Land Trust, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation, and that he as such officer, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing conservation easement for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Seal)

Notary/Public

My commission expires:\_\_\_

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL Karen M. Mazza, Notary Public Pennsbury Twp., Chester County

My Commission Expires Aug. 22, 2018
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

#### EXHIBIT "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR THAT CERTAIN PIECE PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DESIGNATED AS PARCEL 5, 1,379,418 SQ. FT., 31.67 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED "BOUNDARY/SUBDIVISION SURVEY OF TRACTS 5, 6, & 7, LOCATED AT NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA" DATED JULY 27, 2016 PREPARED BY THE BRIGMAN COMPANY AND RECORDED AUGUST 5, 2016 IN PLAT BOOK 271 AT PAGE 207, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. SAID PARCELS HAVING SUCH METES, BOUNDS, COURSES, SHAPES AND DISTANCES AS WILL APPEAR BY REFERENCE TO THE AFORESAID PLAT WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF AND PARCEL HEREOF WHICH PLAT IS CRAVED AS FORMING A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT APPURTENANT TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITIES, OVER AND UPON THAT PROPERTY SHOWN AS "50' FUTURE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY", "FUTURE 50' PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY", "FUTURE 50' PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY (HATCHED AREA)", "FUTURE 50' PUBLIC R/W PER PLAT BOOK 267/264, AND "FUTURE 50' PUBLIC R/W PER PLAT BOOK 267/180" ON EACH OF THOSE PLATS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 267 AT 180, PLAT BOOK 267 AT 264, PLAT BOOK 271 AT 207 (COLLECTIVELY THE "EASEMENT PLATS"), TO THE EXTENT ANY PORTION THEREOF IS NOT LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY ABOVE DESCRIBED.

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH WESTERN CORNER OF SAID PARCEL & POINT BEING MARKED BY HAVING 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND AND HAVING S.C.STATE PLANE COORDINATES OF N 736,187.80, E 2,695,716.55 THENCE A LINE BOUNDED TO THE NORTH BY S.C.P.S.A 100' RIGHT OF WAY AND BOUNDED TO THE SOUTH BY THE SUBJECT TRACT THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS & DISTANCES:

N 67° 02' 24" E 880.08' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

N 66° 57' 12" E 68.33' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

THENCE A LINE BOUNDED TO THE EAST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY CAMELLIA STATION, LLC AND BOUNDED TO THE WEST BY THE SUBJECT TRACT THE FOLLOWING BEARING AND DISTANCE:

S 21° 40′ 22" E 1344.85' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

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THENCE A LINE BOUNDED TO THE SOUTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY ARCADIAN QUAY, LLC AND BOUNDED TO THE NORTH BY THE SUBJECT TRACT THE FOLLOWING BEARING AND DISTANCE:

S 68° 19' 38" W 796.49' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

THENCE A LINE BOUNDED TO THE EAST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY ARCADIAN QUAY, LLC BOUNDED TO THE WEST BY THE SUBJECT TRACT THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS AND DISTANCES:

S 22° 59' 47" E 838.47' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

S 24° 32' 42" E 632.46' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

THENCE A LINE BOUNDED TO THE SOUTH BY INTRACOASTAL WATERWAYAND BOUNDED TO THE NORTH BY THE SUBJECT PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING BEARING AND DISTANCE:

S 69° 29' 56" W 100.25' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

THENCE A LINE BOUNDED TO THE WEST BY PELICAN BAY SUBDIVISION AND BOUNDED TO THE EAST BY THE SUBJECT TRACT THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS AND DISTANCES:

N 24° 32' 42" W 625.39' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

N 22° 59' 47" W 830.46 TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

N 25° 40' 35" W 260.25' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

N 20° 42′ 21" W 124.95' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

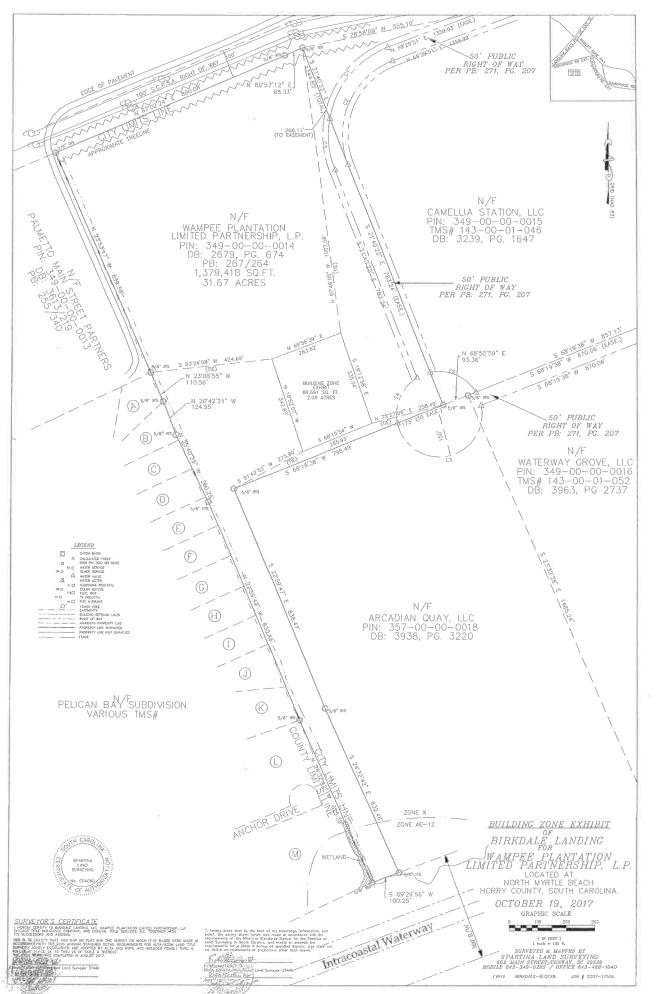
N23° 08' 55" W 110.56' TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

THENCE A LINE BOUNDED TO THE WEST BY PALMETTO MAIN STREET PARTNERS AND BOUNDED TO THE EAST BY THE SUBJECT PARCEL THE FOLLOWING BEARING & DISTANCE:

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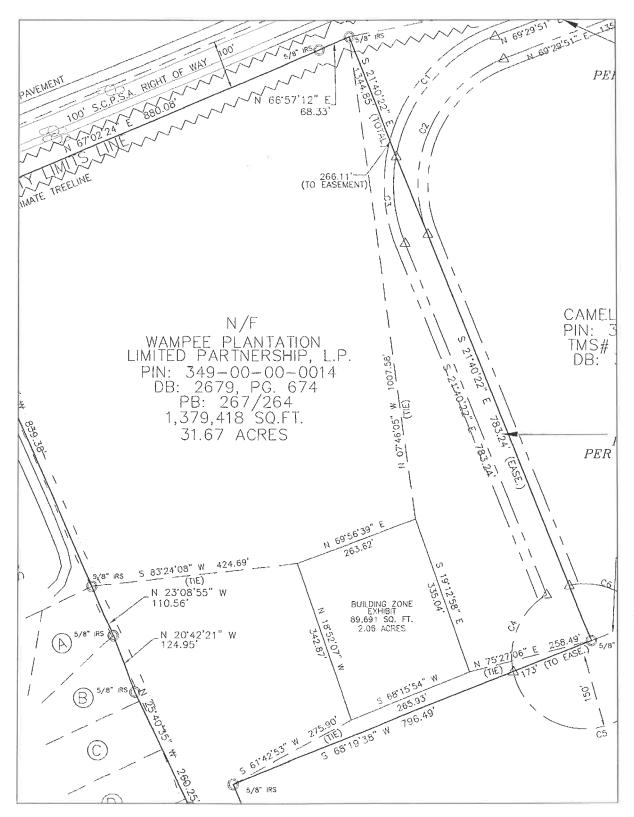
N 23° 53' 17" W 839.38 TO 5/8" IRON REBAR FOUND

THENCE BACK TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING. TRACT CONTAINS 1,379,418 SQ. FT. / 31.67 ACRES



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# **EXHIBIT "B"**



**Building Zone Detail** 

STA	ATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	. = =	
СО	UNTY OF HORRY	)	AFFIDAVIT	
PEF	RSONALLY appeared before me the unders	signed, who bei	ng duly sworn, deposes and says:	
1.	I have read the information on this affidavit and I understand such information.			
2.	The Easement being granted is described as "Conservation Easement and Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants" dated November 15, 2017.			
3.	The deed is exempt from the deed record	ling fee becaus	e (See Information section of affidavit):	
	SC Code Section 12-24-40 (1) - Value Less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars			
	If exempt under exemption #14 as described principal relationship exist at the time of the purchase the realty?  Check Yes or No	bed in the Infor he original sale	mation section of this affidavit, did the agent and and was the purpose of this relationship to	
4.	As required by Code Section 12-24-70, I state that I am a responsible person who was connected with the transaction as: Grantor			
5,	I understand that a person required to furnish this affidavit who wilfully furnishes a false or fraudulent affidavit is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dolla or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.			
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析	n to before me this 6th, 2017.  y Public for Georgia ommission Expires:	CHEROKELL	MCQUE MCQUE MOTARL MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT	

#### INFORMATION

Except as provide in this paragraph, the term "value" means "the consideration paid or to be paid in money's worth for the realty." Consideration paid or to be paid in money's worth includes, but is not limited to, other realty, personal property, stocks, bonds, partnership interest and other intangible property, the forgiveness or cancellation of a debt, the assumption of a debt, and the surrendering of any right. The fair market value of the consideration must be used in calculating the consideration paid in money's worth. Taxpayers may elect to use the fair market value of the realty being transferred in determining fair market value of the consideration. In the case of realty transferred between a corporation, a partnership, or other entity and a stockholder, partner, or owner of the entity, and in the case of realty transferred to a trust or as a distribution to a trust beneficiary, "value" means the realty's fair market value. A deduction from value is allowed for the amount of any lien or encumbrance existing on the land, tenement, or realty before the transfer and remaining on the land, tenement, or realty after the transfer. Taxpayer may elect to use the fair market value for property tax purposes in determining fair market value under the provisions of the law.

#### Exempted from the fee are deeds:

- (1) transferring realty in which the value of the realty, as defined in Code Section 12-24-30, is equal to or less than one hundred dollars:
- (2) transferring realty to the federal government or to a state, its agencies and departments, and its political subdivisions, including school districts;
- (3) that are otherwise exempted under the laws and Constitution of this State or of the United States;
- (4) transferring realty in which no gain or loss is recognized by reason of Section 1041 of the Internal Revenue Code as defined in Section 12-6-40(A);
- (5) transferring realty in order to partition realty as long as no consideration is paid for the transfer other than the interests in the realty that are being exchanged in order to partition the realty;
- (6) transferring an individual grave space at a cemetery owned by a cemetery company licensed under Chapter 55 of Title 39:
- (7) that constitute a contract for the sale of timber to be cut;
- (8) transferring realty to a corporation, a partnership, or a trust in order to become, or as, a stockholder, partner, or trust beneficiary of the entity provided no consideration is paid for the transfer other than stock in the corporation, interest in the partnership, beneficiary interest in the trust, or the increase in value in such stock or interest held by the grantor. However, the transfer of realty from a corporation, a partnership, or a trust to a stockholder, partner, or trust beneficiary of the entity is subject to a fee even if the realty is transferred to another corporation, a partnership, or trust;
- (9) transferring realty from a family partnership to a partner or from a family trust to a beneficiary, provided no consideration is paid for the transfer other than a reduction in the grantee's interest in the partnership or trust. A "family partnership" is a partnership whose partners are all members of the same family. A "family trust" is a trust, in which the beneficiaries are all members of the same family. The beneficiaries of a family trust may also include charitable entities. "Family" means the grantor and the grantor's spouse, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and the spouses and lineal descendants of any the above. A "charitable entity" means an entity which may receive deductible contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code as defined in Section 12-6-40(A);
- (10) transferring realty in a statutory merger or consolidation from a constituent corporation to the continuing or new corporation;
- (11) transferring realty in a merger or consolidation from a constituent partnership to the continuing or new partnership; and,
- (12) that constitute a corrective deed or a quitclaim deed used to confirm title already vested in the grantee, provided that no consideration of any kind is paid or is to be paid under the corrective or quitclaim deed.
- (13) transferring realty subject to a mortgage to the mortgagee whether by a deed in lieu of foreclosure executed by the mortgagor or deed pursuant to foreclosure proceedings.
- (14) transferring realty from an agent to the agent's principal in which the realty was purchased with funds of the principal, provided that a notarized document is also filed with the deed that establishes the fact that the agent and principal relationship existed at the time of the original purchase as well as for the purpose of purchasing the realty.
- (15) transferring title to facilities for transmitting electricity that is transferred, sold, or exchanged by electrical utilities, municipalities, electric cooperatives, or political subdivisions to a limited liability company which is subject to regulation under the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. Section 791(a)) and which is formed to operate or to take functional control of electric transmission assets as defined in the Federal Power Act.