North American Land Trust





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IRS Requirements regarding Baseline Documentation

<u>Treasury Regulations 26 C.F.R. § 1.170A-14(g)(5)(i)</u>

- (5) Protection of conservation purpose where taxpayer reserves certain rights—
- (i) *Documentation*. In the case of a donation made after February 13, 1986, of any qualified real property interest when the donor reserves rights the exercise of which may impair the conservation interests associated with the property, for a deduction to be allowable under this section the donor must make available to the donee, prior to the time the donation is made, documentation sufficient to establish the condition of the property at the time of the gift. Such documentation is designed to protect the conservation interests associated with the property, which although protected in perpetuity by the easement, could be adversely affected by the exercise of the reserved rights. **Such documentation may include:**
- (A) The appropriate survey maps from the United States Geological Survey, showing the property line and other contiguous or nearby protected areas;
- **(B)** A map of the area drawn to scale showing all existing man-made improvements or incursions (such as roads, buildings, fences, or gravel pits), vegetation and identification of flora and fauna (including, for example, rare species locations, animal breeding and roosting areas, and migration routes), land use history (including present uses and recent past disturbances), and distinct natural features (such as large trees and aquatic areas);
- (C) An aerial photograph of the property at an appropriate scale taken as close as possible to the date the donation is made; and
- (**D**) On-site photographs taken at appropriate locations on the property. If the terms of the donation contain restrictions with regard to a particular natural resource to be protected, such as water quality or air quality, the condition of the resource at or near the time of the gift must be established. The documentation, including the maps and photographs, must be accompanied by a statement signed by the donor and a representative of the donee clearly referencing the documentation and in substance saying "This natural resources inventory is an accurate representation of [the protected property] at the time of the transfer."

Purposes of Baseline Documentation as Defined by the Land Trust Alliance

- 1. Records both the important conservation values and the current conditions of the property.
- 2. Serves to support qualification for tax benefits and substantiating overall public benefit by describing why the property is being conserved and documenting current conditions.
- 3. Operates as evidence in future litigation, if it meets court-specific rules for admissibility, and provides a foundation for future monitoring and enforcement activities.
- 4. Enables land trust staff to identify worthwhile projects, to retain institutional knowledge and to communicate with landowners about stewardship responsibilities.



~Seavista Resort

Conservation Area~

Horry County, South Carolina

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A. Owner Acknowledgment



Property:

Location:

~Baseline Documentation Acknowledgment~

Seavista Resort Conservation Area

Horry County, South Carolina

By signing below, the Owner and Land Trust certify that they have received and fully

viewed the attache at it is an accurate best of their know	d Baseline Documentation in its entirety prior to recordation, and representation of the physical condition of the Conservation Area wledge.
	NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST:
	CAA.
Signature:	Steven W. Carter, NALT Stewardship Coordinator
Date:	12/28/2015
	SEAVISTA RESORT, LLC:
Signature:	Love A. M. Elyl
Date:	12/28/2015



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October 22, 2015

Seavista Resort Conservation Area Horry County, South Carolina

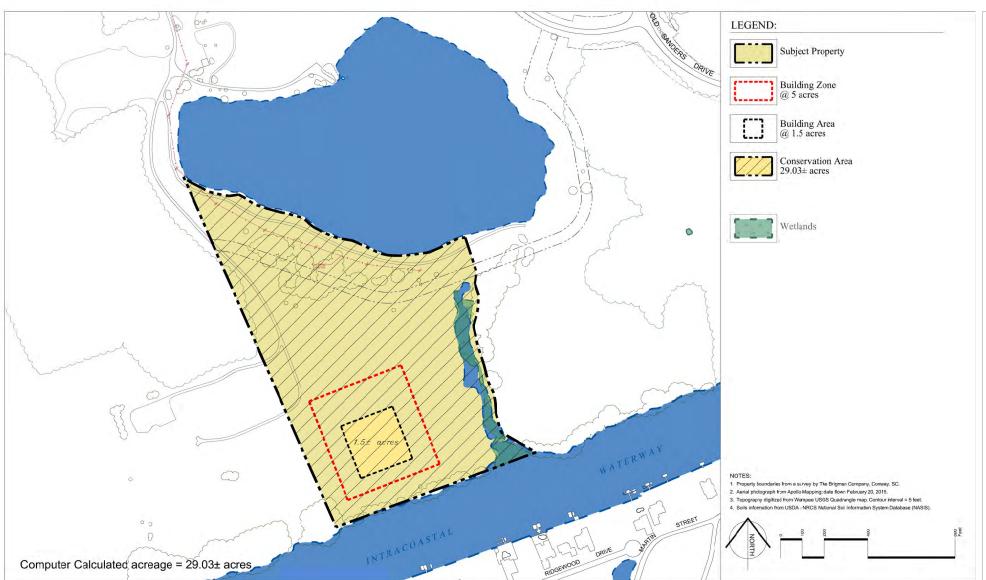
Building Zone Acknowledgement

An ±5 acre "Building Zone" has been established on the Seavista Resort Conservation Area, as shown on the attached Concept Plan. Please see Section 4.1. and Subsections 4.1.1. - 4.1.6. in the Seavista Resort Conservation Easement for additional terms, conditions and uses regarding the "Building Zone." The location of the "Building Zone" as shown in the Concept Plan has been carefully considered by NALT's land planning and stewardship staff, and strategically located to avoid adverse impacts to the protected conservation values and purposes.

Andrew L. Johnson NALT Vice President

Peter Smith

NALT Conservation Biologist



SEAVISTA RESORT

HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

CONCEPT PLAN







B. Baseline Documentation Overview



NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST Conservation Easement Baseline Documentation

~Seavista Resort

Conservation Area~

Horry County, South Carolina

~Baseline Documentation Overview~

J. Donor Information

Seavista Resort, LLC 2200 Century Parkway Suite 550 Atlanta, Georgia 30345

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The following Baseline Documentation describes the Conservation Values and physical condition of the Seavista Resort Conservation Area located in Horry County, South Carolina. The Seavista Resort Conservation Area is comprised of approximately 29.03 acres.

Seavista Resort Conservation Area is located immediately north of Myrtle Beach which is one of the most densely developed coastal areas in the state of South Carolina. Approximately 1000 linear feet of the southeastern boundary of the property borders the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIW) and is highly visible from the AIW. This property and surrounding properties are being encroached upon by intense high density development. Conservation of such properties enhances water quality and protects breeding and foraging habitat for plant and animal species that would otherwise be lost to development.

A ± 5 acre "Building Zone" has been established on the Seavista Resort Conservation Area, as shown on the Concept Plan. Please see Section 4.1. and Subsections 4.1.1. - 4.1.6. in the Seavista Resort Conservation Easement for additional terms, conditions and uses regarding the "Building Zone." The location of the "Building Zone" as shown in the Concept Plan has been carefully considered by NALT's land planning and stewardship staff, and strategically located to avoid adverse impacts to the protected conservation values and purposes.

Please reference the Existing Condition Report, Photographic Documentation, and Supportive Mapping sections of this Baseline Documentation which further describe the Conservation Values of the Seavista Resort Conservation Area.

III. Conservation Purposes

The IRS Tax Code Section 26 U.S.C. § 170 (h)(4)(a) and 26 CFR § 170A-14(d)(i), has established specific 'Conservation Purposes' that, if perpetually protected through the donation Conservation Easement, could render the donor eligible for a charitable contribution. In particular, the Seavista Resort Conservation Area satisfies three (3) Conservation Purposes:

- 1. Preservation of the Conservation Area as a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants or similar ecosystem; and
- 2. Preservation of the Conservation Area as open space which provides scenic enjoyment to the general public and yields a significant public benefit; and
- 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.

IV. Conservation Values

The following 'Conservation Values' document the ecological and environmental significance of the Seavista Resort Conservation Area. Please reference the Existing Conditions Report, Photographic Documentation, and Supportive Mapping sections of the Baseline Document that examine the Conservation Values of the Conservation Area in greater detail.

- The Conservation Area provides wildlife corridors, breeding habitat, foraging habitat and shelter for at least fifty species of animals.
- The Conservation Area provides the natural ecological requirements for at least fifty species of plants.

- The Conservation Area supports at least four bird species considered Species of Regional Importance by the Partners In Flight Species Assessment Database: Eastern Wood Pewee (*Contopus virens*), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*), Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*), Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*).
- The Conservation Area is visible from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway thus providing a scenic view to the general public.

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:

- The Conservation Area helps to fulfill the goals of the South Carolina Forest Legacy Program, including the following specified goals: "protect river systems, wetlands, and their associated upland habitats; reduce forest fragmentation caused by development; provide buffer areas and connectivity to already protected areas; and promote Best Management Practices for forestry".
- 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."
- 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."
- 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 Horry County Comprehensive Plan sets forth 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.

V. Reserved Rights

The Reserved Rights that have been allowed in the Conservation Easement have been carefully reviewed for consistency with the Conservation Purposes and the protection of the Conservation Values. Approval of the Reserved Rights by Holder must be conducted under the notice and review procedure set forth in the Conservation Easement, which assures that the Holder may reject any exercise of the Reserved Rights that fails to protect the Conservation Purposes and the Conservation Values. Consideration of certain Reserved Rights are specifically addressed below:

- <u>Dwellings and other Buildings in Building Zone</u>. Limited improvements and residential use is permitted in the Reserved Rights within a defined "Building Zone". Protection of the Conservation Purposes and the Conservation Values is assured by restrictions on these predetermined locations of disturbance and use. The Holder has a right of prior approval of any such activity. The amount of disturbance has been determined to be *de minimis* compared to the dimensions and context of the Conservation Area.
- <u>Roads and Driveways</u>. These are strictly controlled by Holder and must be reviewed and approved subject to the obligation of the Owner to protect the Conservation Purposes and the Conservation Values.
- Alternative Energy Structures. It is important to address issues of climate change
 that alternative energy structures be permitted on conserved properties, subject to
 review and limitations. The Conservation Easement requires that any such
 structures serve only permitted uses in the Conservation Area and are preapproved by Holder.

- <u>Buildings</u>. All other buildings are subject to strict size limitations assuring that they are only *de minimis* as compared to the size of the Conservation Area and are subject to approval by the Holder for consistency with the Conservation Purposes and Conservation Values.
- <u>Trails</u>. Trails of various sorts are needed for the proper management and permitted use of the Conservation Area. Accordingly, trails are permitted, but only subject to limitations that will serve to protect the Conservation Purposes and the Conservation Values.
- Water Courses. Dredging, channelizing or other manipulation of previouslyaltered natural or manmade water courses within the Conservation Area may only be conducted if necessary to maintain wetlands, if any, existing on the Conservation Area, to restore wetlands previously existing on the Conservation Area
- Subdivision and Allocation of Reserved Rights. Subdivision will have no impact on the legal enforceability of the Conservation Easement on the Conservation Area or any lots created from the Conservation Area. Nevertheless, in order to prevent any impact in the ability of Holder to monitor and enforce the Conservation Area or on the long term stewardship of the Conservation Area, Owner may only subdivide the Conservation Area with prior approval from Holder.
- <u>Existing Structures</u>. Structures existing on the Conservation Area on the date of this Conservation Easement may only be maintained or, in some case, enlarged to limited degree, in order to protect the Conservation Purposes and the Conservation Values.
- <u>Utility Installations</u>. Utilities are necessary for any property to function.
 However, they are restricted to those necessary to service the permitted uses and the Conservation Easement imposes certain other limitations designed to protect the Conservation Purposes and the Conservation Values, including Holder approval.
- Tree Cutting and Forest Management. Tree harvesting is appropriately limited. Primarily, there are areas where the Conservation Easement prohibits or restricts harvesting and all forestry activity must be done only in accordance with a Forest Management Plan, which must meet the professional standards set forth in the Conservation Easement, as well as Best Management Practices. Failure to do so is an enforceable violation of the Conservation Easement.

VI. Conservation Management

The following section regarding Conservation Management is meant to serve as a general guideline for NALT's Conservation Easements. NALT recognizes that each property has its own unique characteristics and conditions which may utilize a wide variety of Conservation Management techniques that may be absent or deviate from what is described below. Please reference the Existing Conditions Report and recorded Conservation Easement document in this Baseline Documentation for more specific detail regarding Conservation Management on your particular property.

Forest Management

Under most circumstances, the cutting of live trees within the Conservation Area is prohibited. However, some types of forest management activities are permitted and may be deemed necessary on a periodic basis. Permitted activities may include the removal of dead or damaged trees, harvesting personal firewood, and removing exotic (non-native) species, so long as easement restrictions are not violated. For instance, altering topography while constructing new roads to access a stand of damaged trees is not permitted.

NALT's desired outcome of protecting forests within the Conservation Area is to <u>provide</u> <u>habitat for species of viability concern and natural forest conditions that are not otherwise</u> <u>well represented across the landscape</u>. Although such conditions can vary across the landscape, in most cases the desired condition is best described as "old-growth." Such naturally maturing forests are characterized as containing well developed soils and an abundance of woody debris, both standing and fallen, in a variety of types, sizes, and decay classes.

Although the removal of dead or damaged trees is permitted, we encourage landowners and forest managers to recognize the extreme ecological importance of woody debris and undisturbed soils.

NALT recognizes the ecological importance of active forest management activities, such as prescribed burns in appropriate forest types, and encourages such activities when, and where, appropriate by certified individuals. All permitted "stand" level forest management or restoration activities must be pre-approved by NALT and require a management plan drafted by a qualified forester. When forest management is necessary, efforts must be made to avoid damage to soils and aquatic features by heavy machinery and erosion.

Forest conditions will be assessed on each monitoring visit by a NALT representative. If necessary, management suggestions will be outlined in the monitoring report.

<u> Aquatic Features Management</u>

NALT's desired outcome of protecting aquatic features within the CA is to maintain or enhance water quality, natural hydrology, and aquatic habitats for species of viability concern.

Alteration of natural hydrology, stream channels, wetlands, or other watercourses is prohibited in the Conservation Area. Introduction of non-native plant or animal species to natural aquatic features is also prohibited. The introduction of fish, particularly predatory fish (such as bass, sunfish, and trout) to otherwise fish-free ponds, is discouraged.

Landowners should recognize that streams benefit from forest cover and shading, and that woody debris in streams and wetlands is an important ecological component. Removal of woody debris from aquatic features should be avoided. Some aquatic features, such as bogs, may require active management, such as shrub removal, to maintain habitats for rare species.

All efforts to control stream bank erosion or any other manipulation of aquatic features require consultation with, and pre-approval from, NALT and may also require government permits.

Aquatic feature conditions will be assessed on each monitoring visit by a NALT representative. If necessary, management suggestions will be outlined in the monitoring report.

VII. Monitoring Policy

Part of the responsibility NALT assumes when it accepts the donation of a Conservation Easement is the perpetual monitoring of the subject property to ensure that the integrity of the Conservation Purposes remains intact. This Baseline Document will provide the basis for the monitoring program. By chronicling the property through photographs, professional reports, and maps an accurate depiction of the property is presented at the time of the donation. This will prove essential to a future NALT representative who can quickly compare data and photographs to determine how the property has changed. Regularly scheduled monitoring visits will also help establish a sound relationship between the landowner and land trust. This is an important ingredient for effective stewardship.

The Monitoring Process:

- 1. Notify the landowner prior to the monitoring visit and provide them, or their representative, an opportunity to meet and/or accompany you.
- 2. Review the Baseline Documentation for the property and become familiar with the Restrictions and Reserved Rights clauses in the Conservation Easement.
- 3. Survey the property and record any apparent changes since the previous monitoring visit, or discrepancies from the Baseline Documentation. Attempt to take photographs in the same position and location as previous photographs.
- 4. Communicate with the landowner about the visit and ask if they have questions. Find out if they intend to initiate any Reserved Rights in the immediate future.
- 5. Draft a report describing the visit and provide to landowner for review and comment.
- 6. Our monitoring and enforcement program has proven effective in regularly viewing the easement property, enforcing the restrictions, and keeping the landowners informed which will be done in perpetuity.

It is crucial that the landowner communicate with NALT about any future activities within the Conservation Easement Area. This includes exercising any of the Reserved Rights in Article 4. This will ensure NALT's files remain updated and will avoid any potential misunderstandings during regularly scheduled monitoring visits.

NALT is confident these steps will ensure a harmonious relationship between landowner and land trust while protecting the Conservation Areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

VIII. Mission Statement

The Mission of North American Land Trust is to promote long-term stewardship of our natural and cultural heritage by implementing successful private land conservation projects and promoting innovative land conservation techniques.



C. NALT IRS Information

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Important Tax Information Regarding North American Land Trust

The following information is attached regarding NALT's current status:

Internal Revenue Service – Charitable Status

The IRS notified NALT that it had granted it permanent status on June 25, 1997 as a publicly supported 501 (c) (3) organization as described in section 509 (a)(1) and 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi). The notification is attached to this memorandum. Tax returns (IRS form 990) have been filed annually and are available upon request.

Internal Revenue Service – Employer Identification Number

NALT was assigned an Employer Identification Number on August 28, 1992 (Notification # CP 575 E).

The EIN that was assigned is: 23-2698266

A copy of the notification is attached to this memorandum.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Bureau of Charitable Organizations

NALT is registered with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations and has submitted annual reports by the required deadlines.

The registration number is: **0014473**

Auditor's Report

NALT has an annual audit that is performed by the following firm:

O'Connell & Company Certified Public Accountants Suite 213 One Washington Square 8101 Washington lane Wyncote, Pa 19095

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DESTRICT DIRECTOR P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI, OR 45201

Date:

NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST C/O ANDREW JOHNSON PO BOX 134 CHADDS FORD, PA 19317-0134 Employer Identification Number: 23-2698266

DLN:

17053088920007

Contact Person:

D. A. DOWNING

Contact Telephone Number:

(513) 241-5199

Our Letter Dated:

November 1992

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

You are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. For guidance in determining whether your gross receipts are "normally" more than \$25,000, see the instructions for Form 990. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$10 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

District Director

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PHILADELPHIA PA 19255

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 09-28-92
NUMBER OF THIS NOTICE: CP 575 E
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 23-2698266
FORM: SS-4 TAX PERIOD: N/A
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FOR ASSISTANCE PLEASE WRITE TO US AT:

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PHILADELPHIA PA 19255

BE SURE TO ATTACH THE BOTTOM PART OF NOTICE

OR YOU MAY CALL US AT:

574-9900 LOCAL PHIL. 1-800-829-1040 OTHER PA

NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST X GAIL CUMMINGS LEVAN 3800 CENTRE SQUARE WEST PHILADELPHIA PA 191022186

NOTICE OF NEW EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ASSIGNED

Thank you for your Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number (EIN). The number exsigned to you is shown above. It will be used to identify your business account, tax returns and documents, even if you don't have employees.

- 1. Keep a copy of the number in your permanent records.
- 2. Use your name and the number exactly as shown above on all Federal tax forus.
- 3. Use the number on all tax payments and tax-related correspondence or documents.

Using a variation of your name or number may result in delays or errors in posting payments to your account. It also could result in the assignment of more than one Employer Identification Number.

He have extablished the filing requirements and tax period shown above for your account based upon the information provided. If you need help to determine your required tax year, get publication 538, Accounting Periods and Mathods, which is available at most IRS offices.

Assigning an Employer Identification Number does not grant tex-exempt status to nonprofit organizations. Any organization, other than a private foundation, having annual gross receipts normally of \$5,000 or less is exempt by statute if it meets Internal Revenue Code requirements. Such organizations are not required to file Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption, or Form 890, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax.

However, if your organization mants to establish its examption and receive a ruling or determination letter recognizing its exampt status, file Form 1023 with the Key District Director. For details on how to apply for the examption, see Publication 557, Tex-Exampt Status for Your Organization.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Department of State Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations

Certificate of Registration No. 14473

This is to certify that **North American Land Trust** is registered as a **Charitable Organization** with the Department of State, Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations under The Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, 10 P.S. § 162.1 et seq., and is authorized to solicit charitable contributions under the conditions and limitations set forth under the Act.

This certificate is not to be used as identification, nor does it constitute an endorsement.

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Secretary of the Commonwealth

EXPIRATION DATE & AUTOMATIC EXTENSION: 11/15/2015



D. NALT Board Resolution and Minutes



NORTH AMERICAN LAND TRUST Board Resolution & Minutes

October 23, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 10:25 am. with the following members in attendance: John Halsey, Stephen Johnson, John Witherspoon, John Snook, and Paul Haldeman. A quorum was present. Others in attendance were: Andy Johnson, Steve Carter, Patty Kennedy, Peter Smith, Lee Echols, Matt Stutzman, Will Gandy, Susan Chase Levin and Jamie McVickar.

Excerpt from Minutes of Meeting:

 The Board <u>approved</u> the acceptance of a Conservation Easement on Seavista Resort Conservation Area located in Horry County, South Carolina consisting of approximately 29.03± acres.

The above is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of the Board Meeting on October 23, 2015.

Stephen Thor Johnson

President



E. Recorded Conservation Easement



~Seavista Resort

Conservation Area~

Horry County, South Carolina

~Recorded Conservation Easement and Declaration of Restrictions & Covenants~

After recording please return to: North American Land Trust P.O. Box 467 Chadds Ford, PA 19317

NOTICE OF CONVEYANCE AND TRANSFER PAYMENT REQUIRED – SEE ARTICLE 7

PIN: 349-00-00-0018 (partial)

349-00-00-0042

CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS ("Conservation Easement") first executed on December ______, 2015, to be effective on December ______, 2015, is made by and between SEAVISTA RESORT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Owner"), having an address of 2200 Century Parkway, Suite 550, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, 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 all that certain real property (hereinafter called the "Conservation Area") in the City of North Myrtle Beach, Horry County, South Carolina that consists of 29.03 acres of land, more or less, as described in the deed from Permenter Brothers Holdings, LLC to Owner recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Horry County on September 22, 2015 as Instrument 2015000122010 at Deed Book 3856 page 847. According to said deed the Conservation Area is also described on the plat dated August 28, 2015 and recorded September 17, 2015 in Plat Book 267 page 264 in the Office of the Register.
- 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.
- 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 provides wildlife corridors, breeding habitat, foraging habitat and shelter for at least fifty species of animals.
 - 1.4.2 The Conservation Area provides the natural ecological requirements for at least fifty species of plants.
 - 1.4.3 The Conservation Area supports at least four bird species considered Species of Regional Importance by the Partners In Flight Species Assessment Database: Eastern Wood Pewee (Contopus virens), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Archilochus colubris), Tufted Titmouse (Baeolophus bicolor), Yellow-throated Warbler (Dendroica dominica).
 - 1.4.4 The Conservation Area is visible from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway thus providing a scenic view to the general public.
- 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 The Conservation Area helps to fulfill the goals of the South Carolina Forest Legacy Program, including the following specified goals: "protect river systems, wetlands, and their associated upland habitats; reduce forest fragmentation caused by development; provide buffer areas and connectivity to already protected areas; and promote Best Management Practices for forestry".

- 1.5.2 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."
- 1.5.3 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."
- 1.5.4 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.
- 1.5.5 The Horry County Comprehensive Plan sets forth 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.

- 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 set forth in this Conservation Easement to accomplish the Conservation Purposes.
- Owner and Holder intend that this document be a "conservation easement" as defined in the South Carolina Conservation Easement Act of 1991, as amended (the "State Conservation Easement Law"), Sections 27-8-10 et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, for no 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, the easements, covenants, prohibitions, and restrictions set forth 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 set forth in this Conservation Easement.

ARTICLE 2. GRANT OF EASEMENT

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 which are reserved to Owner and Owner's successors and assigns, as set forth in Article 4 of this Conservation Easement:

3.1 <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.

- 3.2 <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; or paved, stone or concrete street, driveway or vehicle parking area.
- 3.3 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.
- Roads, Driveways, Etc. There shall not be constructed, cut, created 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.
- 3.5 <u>Live Trees</u>. No cutting, removal or destruction of live trees shall be permitted upon or within the Conservation Area.
- 3.6 <u>Signs and Similar Structures</u>. No signs, billboards or outdoor advertising structures shall be placed, erected or maintained within the Conservation Area.
- 3.7 <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; provided however that this Conservation Easement shall not prohibit production of natural gas, oil and accompanying liquids from beneath the Conservation Area provided that (a) only horizontal or similar drilling methods from surface locations not within the Conservation Area are used; (b) within the Conservation Area no surface mining or drilling methods

are used, and no pipeline construction, equipment or water storage, or other land disturbance occurs; (c) no visible or discernible impact on the surface of the Conservation Area occurs; (d) no methods shall be permitted which enter or interfere with the water bearing zones under the Conservation Area; and (e) any impact upon the biological, aquatic, hydrologic or other natural resources of the Conservation Area is prohibited.

- 3.8 <u>Dumping and Pollution</u>. 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.
- 3.9 <u>Change of Topography</u>. There shall be no change in the topography of the Conservation Area by any means or method.
- 3.10 <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 except that manmade drainage swales, ditches or storm water management facilities may be dredged or otherwise altered for maintenance purposes or to maintain its function for its intended purpose on the date of this Conservation Easement.

3.11 Wetland and Riparian Protection Area.

- 3.11.1 "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; or (b) any wetland under the regulatory jurisdiction of the federal or state government; but does not include any area within a Building Zone (hereinafter defined).
- 3.11.2 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.
- 3.11.3 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.
- 3.11.4 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.
- 3.12 <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.
- 3.13 <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.
- 3.14 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.
- 3.15 <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.
- 3.16 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.
- 3.17 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)(i) and 170A-14(e)(2), any right, use or activity which is not reserved in Article 4 of this Conservation Easement and

- which is inconsistent with the Conservation Purposes or which materially threatens the Conservation Purposes is prohibited.
- 3.18 <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.

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>Buildings in Building Zone</u>.

- 4.1.1 Subject to the limitations in this Section, within the area described as the "Building Zone" in Exhibit "A" attached to and incorporated in this Conservation Easement (the "Building Zone"), Owner may construct: (a) either one Residence (hereinafter defined) or one Resort Residential Building (hereinafter defined) but not both and (b) one Recreational Building (hereinafter defined).
- 4.1.2 "Residence" shall mean single family dwelling. The single family dwelling and all Structures customarily accessory to residential use, such as a shed, kennel, garage, gazebo, septic system, well, or swimming pool, which are also permitted, shall be constructed within a Building Area (hereinafter defined) to be identified and located within the Building Zone as provided below. Use of the Residence may include, without limitation, customary home occupations 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.
- 4.1.3 "Resort Residential Building" shall mean a building containing no more than one kitchen and up to 12 bedrooms, for use by any persons, whether or not for compensation, as the Owner may choose. The Resort Residential Building shall be constructed within a Building Area to be identified and located within the

- Building Zone as provided below. The parking area for the Resort Residential Building shall be located within the Building Area.
- 4.1.4 A "Recreational Building" shall mean one building having up to 2,500 square feet in ground coverage area for use in recreational activities and social gatherings and that may contain a kitchen but shall have no bedrooms or similar living accommodations nor be used for a hotel, lodging, residence or other place of human habitation. The Recreational Building shall be within the Building Zone in the location approved by Holder, but need not be within the Building Area.
- 4.1.5 A "Building Area" shall mean and be identified and located, with Holder's approval, as follows:
 - (a) The Building Area shall be no more than one and one-half (1.5) acres in area and shall be located entirely within the Building Zone.
 - (b) The location and dimensions of the Building Area and the permitted roads and driveways serving the Building Area shall have been reviewed and approved by Holder.
 - (c) The description of the Building Area and, when approved by Holder, acknowledgment of the review and approval of the Building Area by Holder shall 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.
- 4.1.6 In addition to the foregoing permitted uses, within a Building Zone Owner may:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) install landscaping and other vegetation (including ornamental gardens) and irrigation system;
 - (c) construct storm water drainage systems; and
 - (d) install paved or concrete roads and driveways, utilities, and walkways.
 - (e) Any permitted clearing or construction shall be done so as to minimize the impact on surrounding vegetation, and shall be done in accordance with best management practices.
- 4.2 <u>Road and Driveway</u>. Owner may construct a paved or concrete road and driveway for access to the Building Zone and the Building Area within the Building Zone in a location or locations approved by Holder. Parking areas shall be located only within a Building Area. The width of the road and driveway and any area of land disturbance, grading or

tree removal for such driveway 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.

- 4.3 Agricultural Activity. "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:
 - 4.3.1 All Agricultural Activity shall be located only within a Building Area and, if outside of a Building Area, then: (a) outside forested areas (b) outside of areas where the Agricultural Activity will interfere with natural forest succession of partially forested areas or areas of previous tree harvesting, and (c) outside of the Wetland and Riparian Protection Area.
 - 4.3.2 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.
 - 4.3.3 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 Article 4.
- 4.4 <u>Alternative Energy Structures</u>. Owner may construct Structures to generate energy for the conduct of any of the permitted activities in the Conservation Area, provided that the energy is derived from a natural source such as solar or wind energy, substantially all of the energy produced is consumed on the Conservation Area for the permitted uses and not sold or otherwise transferred for use off of the Conservation Area, and the location and appearance of any such Structures are approved by Holder.
- 4.5 <u>Picnic Shelters and Areas</u>. Owner may construct, within or outside of the Building Zone, in locations approved by Holder, roofed shelters for outdoor picnicking and similar outdoor recreation uses provided they are open, without walls, on at least three sides and that the aggregate ground coverage area of all such shelters shall not exceed 2,500 square feet for all shelters. 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. This ground coverage limitation shall not apply to such buildings within a Building Area.
- 4.6 <u>Buildings for Storage</u>. Owner may construct, within or outside of the Building Zone, in locations approved by Holder, buildings for storage of equipment and materials used in the maintenance of the Conservation Area, also commonly referred to as a shed or barn, provided that the aggregate ground coverage area of all such buildings shall not exceed

- 4,000 square feet in locations approved by Holder. This ground coverage limitation shall not apply to such buildings within a Building Area.
- 4.7 <u>Unpaved Vehicle Trails.</u> 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 remain pervious (such as dirt or gravel); (b) such trails shall be located, to the extent possible, in the path of forestry roads 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.
- Trails and Raised Walkways. Owner may construct trails or paths for nature education 4.8 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. 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) Owner shall comply with all other covenants and restrictions of this Conservation Easement; and (c) Holder approves the proposed walkway based on the foregoing requirements.
- 4.9 Permitted Work within a Wetland And Riparian Protection Area. Owner may, with the 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, or (c) restore natural stream channel morphology and natural wetland hydrology. Owner may also protect against erosion and sedimentation by constructing a retaining wall along the Intracoastal Waterway and into the water; provided that the embankment shall be sloped from the existing grade down to the retaining wall and planted with grass or other ground cover to inhibit erosion and sedimentation.
- 4.10 <u>Participation in Ecological Programs</u>. 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 (nor is any such use or action permitted by this Section); (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.

- Subdivision and Allocation of Reserved Rights. Owner may, with prior approval from 4.11 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, the lot size and combination with any Structure or Reserved Rights 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. Holder shall cooperate with Owner to identify at least one subdivided lot for the Residence permitted within the Building Zone with boundaries acceptable consistent with the foregoing considerations. 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:
 - 4.11.1 Owner shall allocate, but not increase, such Reserved Rights between or among the lots resulting from such subdivision. Such allocation shall be set forth 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.
 - 4.11.2 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.

4.11.3 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.

4.12 Fences and Boundaries.

- 4.12.1 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 Intracoastal Waterway accessible to the public 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.
- 4.12.2 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.
- 4.13 <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.
- 4.14 Existing Structures. Structures existing on the Conservation Area on the date of this Conservation Easement, whether or not such Structure would be permitted to be constructed on the Conservation Area under these Reserved Rights, may, nevertheless, be repaired, restored or replaced but only within the vertical and horizontal dimensions in which the Structure existed on date of this Conservation Easement, but with no change of use except to a use that would be permitted under this Conservation Easement in its location, provided however that an existing structure located within the Building Zone shall not be subject to the limitations on dimensions in this Section but instead shall be subject to the covenants and restrictions imposed on any Structure located within the Building Zone.

- 4.15 <u>Utility Installations</u>. Owner may construct facilities normally used in connection with supplying utilities, removing sanitary sewage effluent and controlling storm water runoff 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; (b) all such construction and maintenance is conducted in a manner designed to produce no material adverse effect on the Conservation Purposes; and (c) Holder approves the proposed utility facility based on the foregoing requirements.
- 4.16 Wildlife Harvesting and other Outdoor Activities Not Prohibited. Nothing in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to limit the right of Owner to: hunt with or without dogs, shoot, fish, trap, conduct field trials, train dogs, or conduct ecotourism activities or other outdoor recreational activities on the Conservation Area; trap or otherwise capture and remove any invasive species or harmful pest that might negatively impact the populations of game or native wildlife on the Conservation Area; use motorized vehicles for any such purpose provided such use does not violate an expressed prohibition in this Conservation Easement; or lease all or any portion of the Conservation Area for any of such activities.
- 4.17 <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:
 - 4.17.1 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.
 - 4.17.2 Trees may be removed 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.
 - 4.17.3 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.
 - 4.17.4 "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 and (viii) removing trees

to establish wildlife food plots up to a maximum area of five (5) acres and in locations approved by Holder. 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 Buffer Protection Area, within mixed hardwood forest outside the Wetland And Riparian Protection Area or within areas reasonably determined by Holder to be Freshwater Emergent Wetland or Forested and Shrub Wetland except (i) in accordance with a Forest Management Plan and (ii) only for the purpose of promoting the maturing and ecological enhancement of forest conditions. In determining areas that are Freshwater Emergent Wetland or Forested and Shrub Wetland Holder may refer to the methodology used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for its National Wetland Inventory or similar methodology selected by Holder, though the area need not be shown as such on a National Wetland Inventory map.
- (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 private recreational activities permitted by this Conservation Easement; and (ix) compliance with then-current best management practices published by the 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.
- 4.18 Signs. Owner may construct a reasonable number of signs of the following types:
 - 4.18.1 regulatory or directional signs including, for example but not for limitation of the foregoing, "no trespassing" signs, "no gunning" signs, or "no hunting" signs;
 - 4.18.2 signs stating the common name of the Conservation Area, the names and addresses of the occupants or both;
 - 4.18.3 signs advertising or directing participants to an activity permitted under the provisions of this Conservation Easement;
 - 4.18.4 signs identifying the interest of Owner or Holder in the Conservation Area; and
 - 4.18.5 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 the Intracoastal Waterway 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. "No Wake" signs up to 16 square feet in area shall also be permitted along the Waterway.

- 4.19 Maintenance of Roads, Trails, Etc. Owner may maintain in passable condition the Structures, 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 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.
- 4.20 <u>Docks</u>. Owner may construct one dock, two covered boat lifts and walkways and pathways to such dock and lifts, for personal, common or shared use. The location and design of the dock, walkway and pathway shall be as approved by Holder prior to construction. The dock must be constructed and placed in a manner and location as will

- have no material adverse effect upon the Conservation Values or the Conservation Purposes, including sensitive elements of the ecosystem such as rare species nesting and foraging habitat, rare plant populations or exemplary natural communities.
- 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.
 - 4.21.2 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 property 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 forty-five (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 set forth 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 set forth 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 set forth 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. 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 forth 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.
- 4.21.10Owner 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 (a) Holder shall not incur expenses for its own staff or administrative time for review that can be conducted in Holder's office and (b) 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.
- 4.21.11While 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.

- 4.21.12In 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.
- 4.22 Rights of Ownership Generally. Owner retains, not as a Reserved Right but incidental to its ownership of the Conservation Area, in addition to the Reserved Rights set forth in this Article, 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; subjected to procedures set forth in this Conservation Easement; or provided in applicable law.

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.
- Assignment by Holder. 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 set forth in this Conservation Easement. The foregoing shall not limit any of the rights or remedies available to Holder as specifically set forth 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 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 shall expire thirty (30) days after the date of Holder's notice to Owner subject to extension for the time reasonably necessary to cure but 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, upon the measures Owners will take to cure the violation; (c) Owner commences to cure within the initial thirty (30) day period; 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.
- 6.3 <u>Remedy of Specific Performance</u>. 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 otherwise expressly set forth 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 <u>Remedy of Damages</u>. 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 Nothing in this Section is intended to limit, waive or release Conservation Purposes. Holder's right so seek specific performance or other equitable remedy.

- 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.
- Remedy: Failure to Pay Certain Taxes. If Owner fails to pay taxes or other governmental assessments which may become a lien on the Conservation Area or upon this Conservation Easement or the rights it represents or that it grants to Holder, Holder may, but shall have no obligation to, pay such taxes or assessments 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.
- Enforcement 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.
- 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.

- Reimbursement of Expenses of Litigation. Owner acknowledges that for the fulfillment 6.13 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.

ARTICLE 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 7.1 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. The fair market value of this Conservation Easement shall be the difference between the fair market value of the Conservation Area unrestricted by this Conservation Easement and the fair market value of the Conservation Area as restricted by this Conservation Easement.
- Rules of Construction and Interpretation. The parties recognize the environmental, 7.3 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 7.4 harmless Holder, its directors, officers and employees 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 Holder or any of its directors, officers or employees 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 Holder or any of its directors, officers or employees or to which any of the foregoing are made a party or called as a witness; but notwithstanding the foregoing, "Indemnified Cause" shall not include any cause which results from Holder's own acts which are finally determined by a court to have been the result of bad faith, negligence or willful misconduct of Holder. 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 taxes, levies and assessments and other governmental or municipal charges which may become a lien on the Conservation Area or upon this Conservation Easement or the rights it represents or that it grants to Holder.
- Allocating Proceeds Following Extinguishment of Conservation Easement. It is the 7.6 intention of the parties that no change in conditions, including for example but not for limitation of the foregoing 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 the covenants, restrictions or easements contained in this Conservation Easement. If, however, notwithstanding the foregoing intention, any cause or circumstance gives rise to the extinguishment of this Conservation Easement or a material term or provision hereof by judicial proceeding then Holder, on any subsequent sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of the Conservation Area, shall be entitled, as required in 26 CFR 1.170A-14(g)(6)(ii), to a portion of the proceeds at least equal to the proportionate value that the Conservation Easement at the time of this gift 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 the conversion without regard to the terms of this Conservation Easement. All such proceeds received by Holder shall be used in a manner consistent with the Conservation Purposes.
- Allocating Proceeds of Condemnation. Whenever all or part of the Conservation Area is taken by exercise of eminent domain by public, corporate or other authority so as to abrogate the restrictions imposed by this Conservation Easement, Owner and Holder shall join in appropriate actions at the time of such taking to recover the full value of the taking and all incidental or direct damages resulting from the taking. All reasonable expenses incurred by Owner and Holder, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in any such action shall be paid out of the recovered proceeds. Holder shall be entitled to a portion of the recovered proceeds proportioned to Holder's real property interest and shall use such proceeds in a manner consistent with the Conservation Purposes. The respective rights of the Owner and Holder set forth in Section 7.6 and this Section 7.7 shall be in addition to and not in limitation of, any rights they may have in common law with respect to a modification or termination of this Conservation Easement by reason of changed conditions or the exercise of powers of eminent domain as aforesaid.
- 7.8 <u>Covenants, Etc. Run With The Land</u>. This Conservation Easement and all of the covenants, indemnifications, releases, easements and restrictions set forth 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.

- 7.9 <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.
- 7.10 <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.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 Transfer Payment. 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) in the manner set forth herein.
 - 7.12.1 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.
 - 7.12.2 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.
 - 7.12.3 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.
- 7.12.4 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.
- 7.12.5 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.
- 7.12.6 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.
- 7.12.7 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.
- 7.12.8 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.
- 7.12.9 Owner shall be liable for reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs of collection reasonably incurred by Holder in the enforcement of this Section.

- 7.12.10If 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 Andrew L Johnson, Vice President of the North American Land Trust.
- 7.12.11Without 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.
- 7.13 <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.
- 7.14 Compliance With Law. 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.
- 7.15 <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 set forth 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 <u>Availability or Amount of Tax Benefits</u>. 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:
 - -Naturalist's Report on the Conservation Area.
 - -Environmental Conditions Map of the Conservation Area.
 - -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.
 - -Topographic map 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.
 - 7.19.4 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 the Building Zone according to the Reserved Rights permitted within the Building Zone 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 the 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 set forth 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 intending this Conservation Easement to be effective on the date of the last signature below.

SEAVISTA RESORT, LLC

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	By: Seav	Seavista Resort Management, LLC, Manager		
	Ву: І	By: Ecovest Seavista Resort, LLC, Manager		
		Ву:	Ecovest Capital, Inc., Manager	
Witness:		By:		
			Robert M. McCullough, Sr. Vice President Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer	
Witness:				
			TH AMERICAN LAND TRUSTprofit corporation	
Witness:	M. Sugn- Matthew Stateman	Ву:	Andrew L. Johnson, Vice President	
Witness:	Matthew Stuteman		9	

State of Georgia
County of Cherokee
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of December, 2015 by Robert M. McCullough, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer of Ecovest Capital, Inc., which is Manager of Ecovest Seavista Resort LLC, which is Manager of Seavista Resort Management, LLC, which is Manager of SEAVISTA RESORT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, on behalf of the company.
Notary Public
My commission expires:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

:

COUNTY OF CHESTER

On this, the _______ day of December, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Pennsylvania, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Andrew L. Johnson, who acknowledged himself to be the Vice 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 Vice President.

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

(Seal)

Notary Public

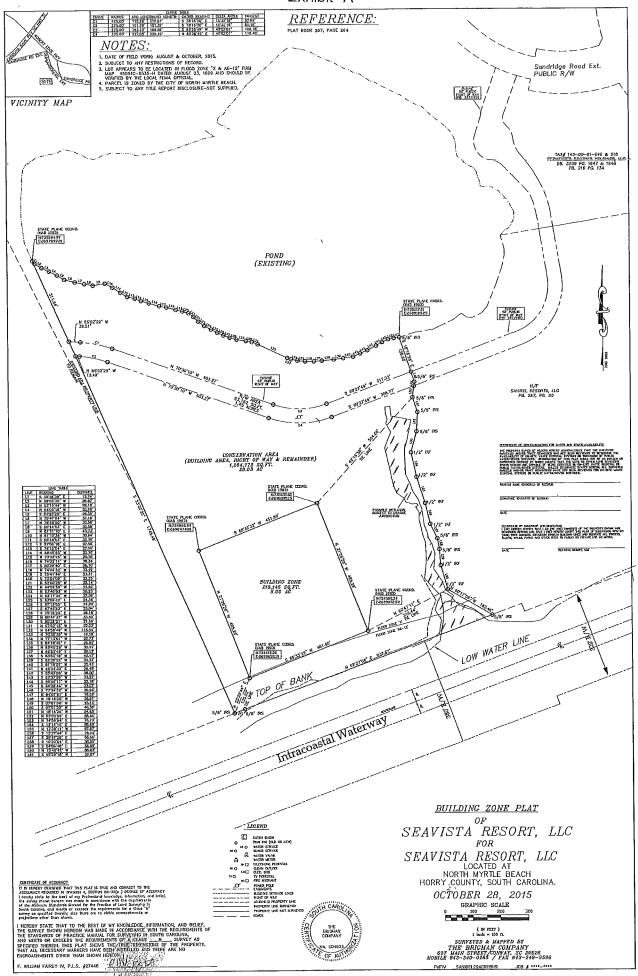
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

Exhibit "A"



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F. Existing Conditions Report

Seavista

Conservation Assessment Horry County, South Carolina

Prepared For: North American Land Trust P.O Box 467, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

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October, 2015



purple passionflower (Passiflora incarnata)

DATES VISITED: 2015-09-22 & 2015-11-17

*2015-11-17 visit made by Williams Gandy, NALT Biogeographer

COUNTY: Horry

CONSERVATION AREA SIZE: ± 29.03

LOCATION: Approximate property center: 33°49'55.12"N 78°41'54.16"W

UNITED STATES ECOREGION: EPA Ecoregion Level III: Middle Atlantic Coastal

Plain (63); Level IV: Carolina Flatwoods (63h)

WATERSHED: Carolina Coastal-Sampit (USGS Cataloging unit: 03040207)

USGS QUAD: Wampee

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Seavista conservation property was surveyed during one day on September 22, 2015.

Approximately 740 linear feet of the southern property line borders the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIW). Aside from scattered natural vegetation the tract is maintained as a manicured field regularly mowed. Typical species observed include loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*), eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), hickories (*Carya spp.*), various oaks (*Quercus spp.*) including live oak (*Q.virginiana*), graminoids (grasses), and others (see plant species observed).

The northern property line borders a lake that is the result of a past sand mining operation while the eastern border is contiguous with the North American Land Trust held Sanibel conservation easement. Five additional conservation easements and other significant protected lands are within one air mile of the Seavista property. This property's relationship to other protected lands and scenic value in an area of intense development primarily supports the tract's conservation value.

One notable observation is the presence of Eastern Fox Squirrel (*Sciurus niger*) on the property. Although considered relatively secure in South Carolina these mammals continue to decline throughout their range. The Seavista property provides both foraging and breeding habitat.

No man-made structures were observed on the property.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

ASPECT: Site is to flat for meaningful aspect but drains to the south and east **SLOPE:** Property drains to the southeast but no meaningful slope present

ELEVATION: Approximately 20'-25'

TOPOGRAPHY: Typical outer coastal plain topography: flat **HYDROLOGY AND MOISTURE:** Mesic to dry-mesic

GEOLOGY: Qso: Pleistocene: Primarily sand with clay or mud

ANIMAL HABITAT FACTORS

HABITAT HETEROGENEITY: Fairly homogeneous.

AMPHIBIAN BREEDING SITES: None noted

DENNING SITES: None noted.

BIG TREES/LARGE CAVITIES: Occasional

MAST PRODUCING SPECIES: oaks (*Quercus* spp.), hickories (*Carya* spp.)

AOUATIC HABITAT FACTORS

HYDROLOGY: Property borders the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway along southeastern property line

RARE, UNCOMMON OR INDICATOR SPECIES

Global, Federal, and State ranking information for rare species is maintained by the State Natural Heritage Program and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Any rare species discussed in the following text will follow the standardized ranking system. Global ranks are defined thusly: G1 = critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences), G2 = imperiled globally because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences), G3 = rare or uncommon (localized within range or narrowly endemic to special habitats, generally 20-100 occurrences), G4 = apparently secure, G5 = demonstrably secure, T_ = the rank of a subspecies or variety. State rankings follow the same categories: S1 = critically imperiled in state because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences), S2 = Imperiled in state because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences), S3 = rare or uncommon (localized within range or narrowly endemic to special habitats, generally 20-100 occurrences), S4 = apparently secure, S5 = demonstrably secure. Watchlist status is as follows: W1 = rare, but relatively secure, W2 = rare, but taxonomically questionable, W3 = rare, but uncertain documentation, W4 = rare, but believed not native, W5A = rare because of severe decline, W5B = exploited plants, W6 = regionally rare, W7 = rare and poorly known. A "?" after a ranking indicates that the ranking is uncertain. An "X" after state or global designation indicates that the species is presumed extirpated. State Designations: E = Endangered, T = Threatened, SC = Special Concern, SR = Significantly Rare, -L = Limited, -T = Throughout, -D = Disjunct, -P = Peripheral. Federal Designations: LT = Listed Threatened, LE = Listed Endangered, FSC = Federal Species of Concern

SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES PRESENT:

Eastern Fox Squirrel (Sciurus niger, G5, S4)

Partners In Flight Species Assessment Database, Species of Regional Importance Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*)

POTENTIAL FOR OTHER SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES: Fairly low.

EXOTIC/WEEDY SPECIES: See Plant Species Observed

LANDSCAPE FACTORS

ADJACENT LAND USE/OFFSITE STRESSES: Increasing pressure for suburban sprawl and coastal resort development

RELATION/CONNECTION TO OTHER SITES: Within one airmile of NALT held Long Bay Marina Conservation Area, Carolina Bays Resort Conservation Area, Magnolia Bay Conservation Area, and the Azalea Bay Conservation Area. **DEGREE OF THREAT/POTENTIAL FOR CHANGE:** Very low other than Reserved Rights documented in the Conservation Easement document.

MANAGEMENT

A Conservation Management Plan will be prepared by the North American Land Trust post biological assessment report and baseline documentation.

PLANT SPECIES OBSERVED

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
Acer rubrum	red maple	
Ambrosia artemisiifolia	annual ragweed	
Ampelopsis arborea	peppervine	
Andropogon gerardii	big bluestem	
Baccharis halimifolia	eastern baccharis	
Bignonia capreolata	crossvine	
Carex spp.	sedges	
Carya glabra	pignut hickory	
Cenchrus sp.	sandspur	
Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon	
Eupatorium capillifolium	dog fennel	
Eupatorium serotinum	late flowering thoroughwort	
Galium sp.	a bedstraw	
Gelsemium sempervirens	yellow jessamine	
Geranium carolinianum	Carolina cranebill	
Helenium amarum	bitterweed	
Juniperus virginiana	eastern red cedar	
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum	
Lonicera japonica	Japanese honeysuckle	non-native/invasive

Lyonia lucidafetterbushMyrica ceriferawax-myrtleNuttallanthus canadensisCanada toadflax

Nyssa sylvatica black gum
Phyla lanceolata fog fruit
Pinus taeda loblolly pine

Populus deltoides eastern cottonwood

Prunus serotina black cherry

Pteridium aquilinum western bracken fern Quercus falcata southern red oak

Quercus nigra water oak
Quercus virginiana live oak

Rhus coppalinumwinged sumacRubus sp.a blackberry

Rumex acetosella sheep sorrel non-native

Sabal minordwarf palmettoSalvia lyratalyreleaf sageSida rhombifoliaCuban jute

Sisyrinchium atlanticum Atlantic blue-eyed grass

Smilax bona-nox saw greenbriar

Smilax rotundifolia roundleafd greenbriar

Solidago spp. goldenrod

Stylisma patens trailing morning glory

Tillandsia usneoides Spanish moss Toxicodendron radicans poison ivy

Triodanis perfoliata clasping Venus' looking glass

Vaccinium tenellum small black blueberry

Verbenea brasiliensis Brazilian vervain non-native

Vitis rotundifolia muscadine grape

Description of observed plants can be found at: http://plants.usda.gov/

ANIMAL SPECIES OBSERVED

Common Name Scientific Name Notes

Mammal

Eastern Fox Squirrel Sciurus nigra

Bird

American Crow Corvus brachyrhynchos

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica

Blue Jay Cyanocitta cristata
Brown Thrasher Toxostoma rufum

Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis introduced

Common Grackle Quiscalus quiscula Eastern Kingbird Tyrannus tyrannus Killdeer Charadrius vociferus Little Blue Heron Egretta caerulea Mourning Dove Zenaida macroura Northern Cardinal Cardinals cardinalis Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos Redtailed Hawk Buteo jamaicensis

Ruby-throated

Hummingbird Archilochus colubris
Tufted Titmouse Baeolophus bicolor

Herpetiles

Green Anole Anolis carolinensis

Southeastern Five-lined

Skink Eumeces inexpectatus

Butterflies

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Papilio glaucus
Gulf Fritillary Agraulis vanillae
Monarch Danaus plexippus
Orange Sulphur Colias eurytheme
Zabulon Skipper Poanes zabulon
Zebra Swallowtail Eurytides marcellus

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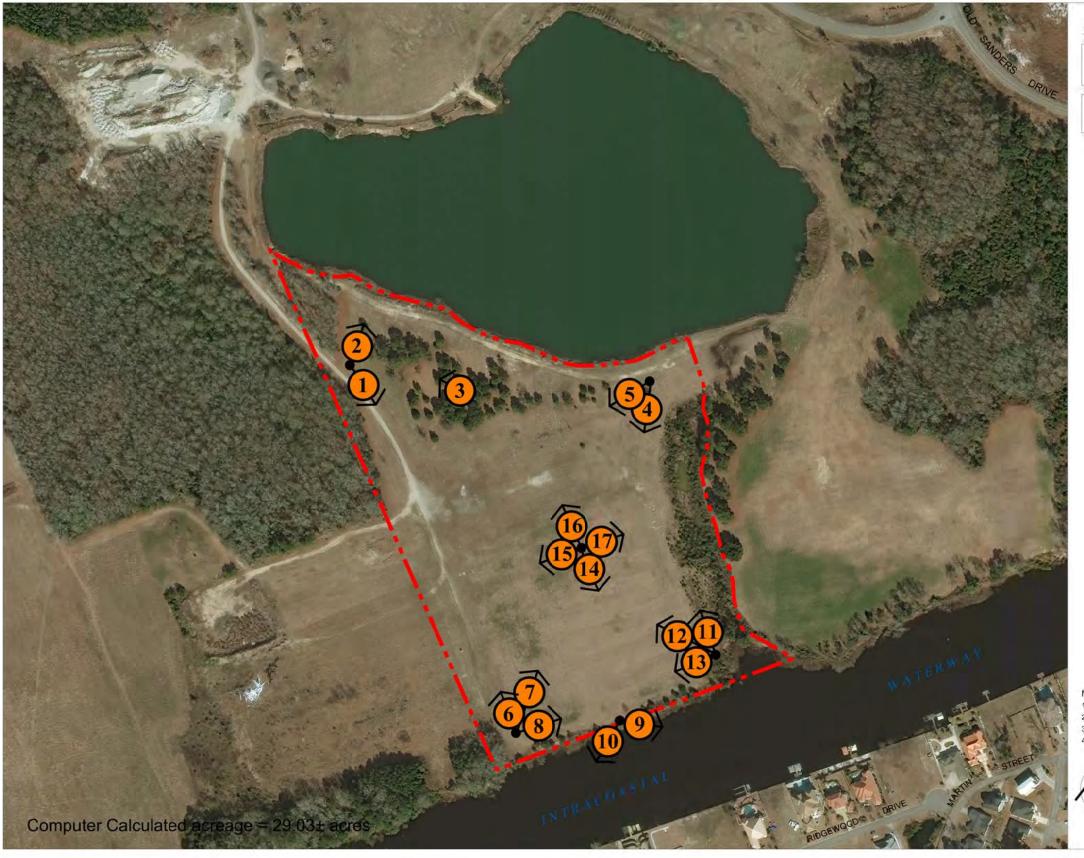
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Peter Smith,
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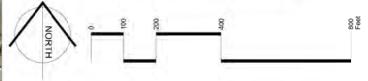


Approximate Direction & Location of Photograph

Photographs taken September 22, 2015, 2015 by Peter Smith, NALT Conservation Biologist

NOTES

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HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Seavista Conservation Area

PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

Photographs taken by Peter Smith, NALT Conservation Biologist September 22, 2015



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Photograph # 2



Photograph # 3



Photograph # 4



Photograph # 5



Photograph # 6



Photograph # 7



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Photograph # 17



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Williams Gandy, NALT Biogeographer November 17, 2015

Sea Vista Resort Conservation Area

II-I7-2015 Photo Documentation Photographs – Williams Gandy, NALT



Northwestern entrance looking south to Intracoastal Waterway



South central border looking at the Intracoastal Waterway looking southeast



South central border looking at the Intracoastal Waterway looking southwest



Looking north from the southern agricultural field



Pond forming the northern border looking west



H. Supportive Mapping



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- 1. Location Map
- 2. Base Map
- 3. Topography
- 4. Soils Map
- 5. Vegetation Map
- 6. Aerial Photograph
- 7. Concept Plan
- 8. Conservation Easement Plan







LEGEND



Approximate Location of Property



SEAVISTA RESORT

Horry County, South Carolina LOCATION MAP



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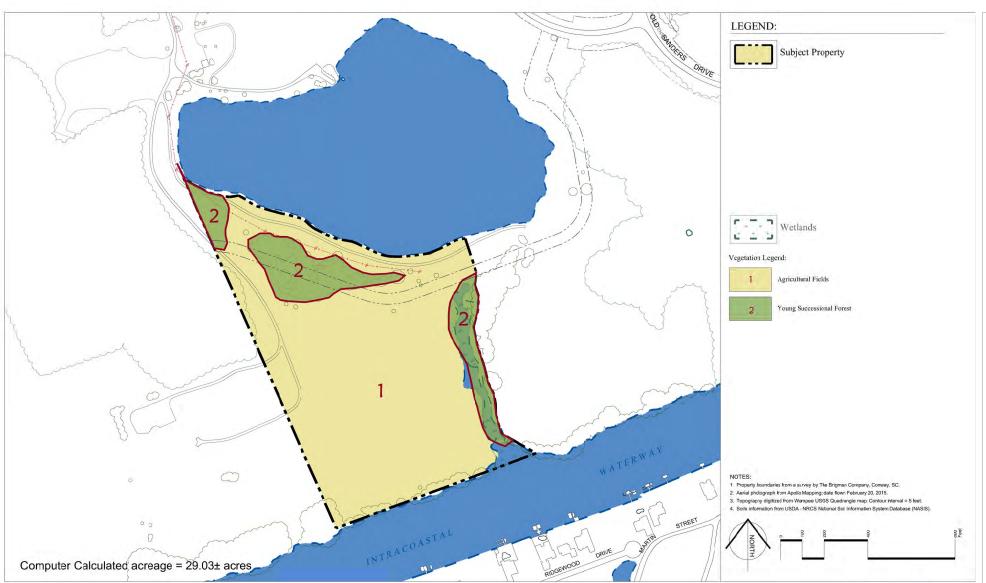
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VEGETATION MAP







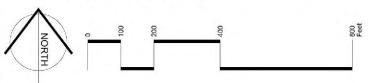
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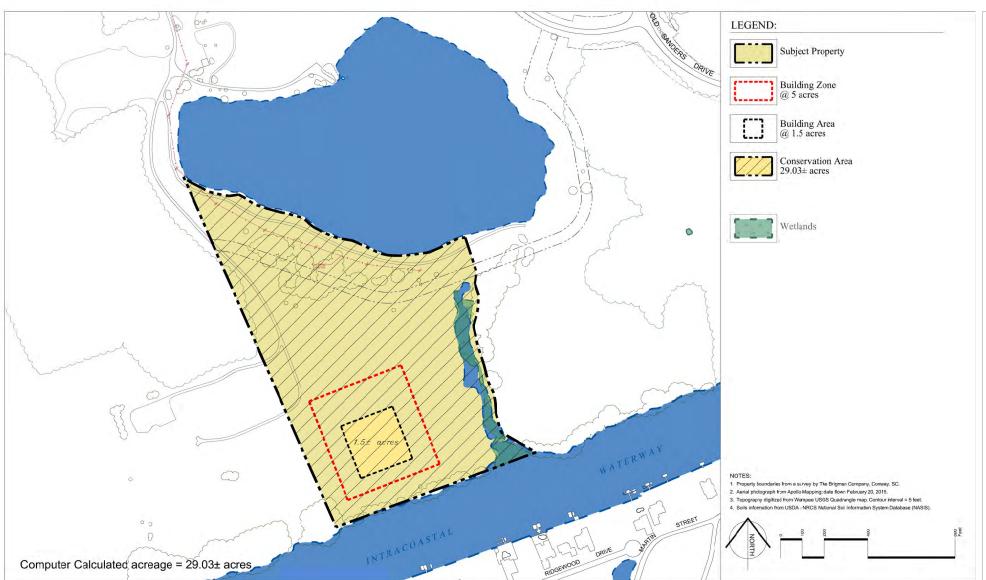


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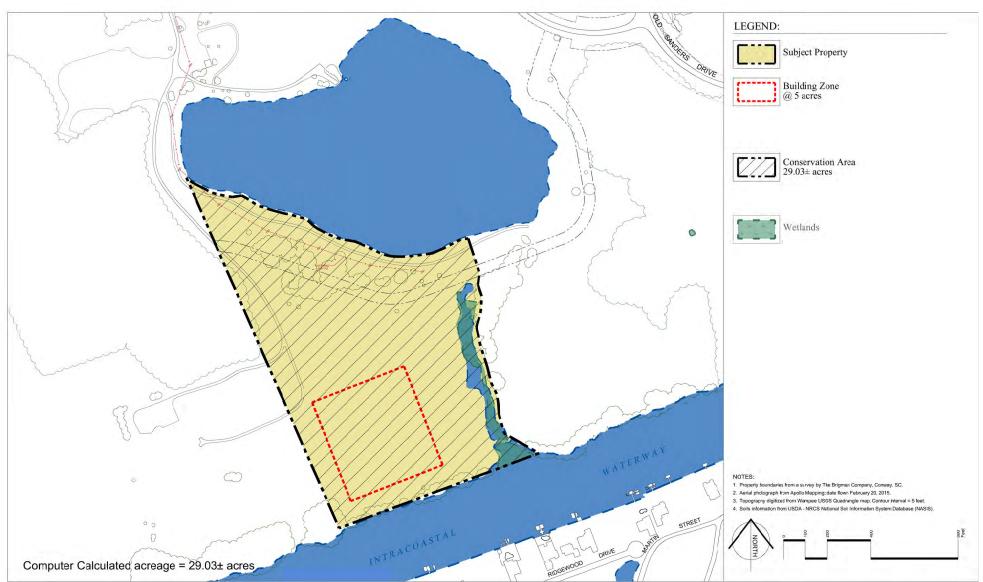


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CONCEPT PLAN







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CONSERVATION EASEMENT PLAN



