



June 28, 2019

Drew McKay, Chairperson
Planning Commission
City of Lewes
P.O. Box 227
Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Chairperson McKay,

The Historic Lewes Byway Committee would like to acknowledge the receipt of the revised preliminary concept landscape plan for the Lewes Waterfront Preserve, received on 5/28/19, which increases the buffer area on the New Road frontage from 10' to 30'. This letter is an addendum to our letter of February 27, 2019 in which the Historic Lewes Byway Committee offered its endorsement of the preliminary concept landscape plans along with our recommendations for Lewes Waterfront Preserve currently under consideration by the Planning Commission.

The Committee extends its sincere thanks to Joseph Setting of Setting Properties, Inc. and his colleagues for their continued willingness to voluntarily work with the Committee to enhance the buffer between the development and New Road. The additional width will offer opportunity to 'soften' the edge and provide more complete screening of the development from the road, which should be an amenity for those who live along and travel the corridor.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Ellen Tracey of Designs Etc., the landscape designer, for the plant selections included in their plan which are primarily native trees and shrubs that are consistent with the native vegetation along Canary Creek and the adjacent Great Marsh. This location with its views of Canary Creek and the Great Marsh is one of the natural treasures of Lewes. As we expressed to Mr. Setting when we first met, as one of the first developments proposed on New Road, our hope is that the landscape buffer proposed will be a positive model and inspiration for other developers to follow.

The Byway Committee respectfully recommends the Planning Commission carefully review our first submission letter regarding this project which detail other concerns and areas of interest to the Historic Lewes Byway Committee. In addition, we request conditions that if the development changes ownership or in the event that it is built by someone other than the developer, we ask that the Planning Commission see that these plans for the New Road frontage are honored by subsequent individuals or companies.

Our thanks to all for good faith efforts to preserve and protect the character of New Road, one of the six treasured roads of the Historic Lewes Byway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Roth".

Mary Roth
Historic Lewes Byway, Chair

Attachment: Revised Preliminary Concept Plan, New Road frontage, Lewes Waterfront Preserve 5.28.19

