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July 24, 2020

Senator Chuck Morse
Chair, Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission

Dear Senator Morse,

The Town of Londonderry would like to submit an Eligibility Application for the 2020 Grant Round of the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Source Water Protection Grant Program.

We understand that the deadline for the 2020 Program was June 26, 2020, and we apologize for the late submission we are now requesting.

Our proposal is for the conservation of a 28-acre parcel in the center of Londonderry. We submitted an application to the Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), also on June 26, but did not believe the project would be competitive for a DWGTF grant award, based on an "eyeball" assessment of nearby community water systems.

We requested credentials to get the detailed data from the DES One-Stop data center, but have not received access authorization as of this date, perhaps due to delays caused by the viral pandemic. We did however get information on the two water supplies in question with the help of the Town's GIS administrator just in time to incorporate that information into the LCHIP application. LCHIP staff recently advised us, during their site visit on July 21, that we should consider pursuing a DWGTF grant, despite our earlier concerns about the competitiveness of the Wellhead Protection Areas within the project area.

In summary, we are preparing an Eligibility Application that we can submit before the end of July, and we are, in parallel, requesting a waiver to the Advisory Commission's Rules for Source Water Protection Grants Adopted March 9, 2020, specifically paragraph 1 of the Process section which states that 'the applicant must submit an eligibility application by the deadline established by the Commission'.

Respectfully,

Marge Badois,
Chair, Londonderry Conservation Commission