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Ref: Construction of a Shallow Water Area under FSA's Conservation Reserve Program

The USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) is completing an environmental review of 3.3 acres of agricultural cropland in Dorchester County, MD. This is the proposed site for a shallow water area that would be installed under FSA's Conservation Reserve Program. The project is located near 5431 Stoney Ridge Road Cambridge, MD 21613 and more precisely is Tax Map: 29 Parcel: 30 in Dorchester County. The project is located on cropland that is already being farmed. The purpose of the project is to install a shallow water area to improve water quality and create habitat for wildlife.

As part of our environmental review, FSA is requesting your assistance in identifying any cultural, environmental, or wildlife resources that might be adversely affected by this undertaking and or confirmation of any required permits for the project to move forward.

Accordingly, we are both officially consulting with you in regard to any additional information or comments you may wish us to consider in regard to this project, as well as seeking your confirmation/concurrence that there are no specific impediments or restrictions that will impede or limit this project or adversely affect the environment or other natural or cultural resources. Attached please find copies of supporting documentation and information for use in evaluating the impact of the proposal.

FSA has made a finding that there will be no effect by this proposed project. Your concurrence with this determination is requested within thirty (30) days of the email delivery receipt or delivery of this letter based on standard United States Post Office delivery schedules not to exceed 5 days from the related post mark. If we do not hear from you within the specified time frame it will be assumed that you are in agreement and have no further interest in this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at 443-482-2769, or Laura.Pleasanton@md.usda.gov should you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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