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Subject: Re: Lansing Rod and Gun Club - RCRA-02-2016-7301 [IWOV-Active.FID1716645]

Dear Mr. Oropallo, et al

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your response to my email communication dated September 19, 2018, and for providing the information therein. I will discuss your response with my senior managers and program clients. If we have additional questions or require more information, I will advise you accordingly.

Sincerely,

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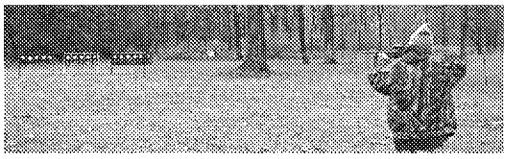
Good Day Ms. Hayden,

Before I received your recent email, and upon my return from a short vacation (during which Mr. Paul sent the below email to you) I had prepared the following email for transmittal to you as part of our continuing effort to keep EPA apprised of the status of the Club's efforts:

I write to provide you with a status report of the Lansing Rod & Gun Club's continued diligence and efforts to relocate the shooting fields as it promised to do, and despite a continued escalation of opposition by individuals (http://www.lansingstar.com/news-page/15301-town-of-lansing-to-epa-do-your-job), many of whom are uninformed and are attempting to use the Club as a scapegoat for other environmental ills in and around the Ithaca, NY area. Suffice it to say, the Club has been doing everything in its power to accomplish the relocation, including hiring legal and engineering professionals, doing preliminary site work (see attached images), and preparing applications for building permits (for *de minimus* "structures" to protect the skeet throwers from the elements and theft) to the Town, but the process has been slow going, largely due to additional requests for information and other submissions from the Town (most recently, we understand the Town wants a more detailed SWPPP than both we believe – based on communications with NYSDEC - is necessary). After all, the Club is trying to do what is right, and we are not talking about building a Wal-Mart here, and the Club wants nothing more than to get any necessary permits and perform any remaining tasks before the "snow flies".



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11 angry and frightened residents, many of whom wanted the Lansing Town Board to enforce a Stop Work Order to make the Lansing Rod & Gun Club cease clearing land that may become new shooting ranges, spoke about their fears that Ludlowville and the surrounding area is subject to lead poisoning ...

Despite these hurdles, the Club remains committed to its relocation efforts and continues to cooperate with the Town and others. What is the most frustrating, is the lack of understanding by many, that the sooner the Town allows this simple relocation to move forward, the sooner any environmental concerns will be mitigated and any impact upon Salmon Creek eliminated. *We just need these simple approvals.*
Provided the Club's environmental professionals get an answer from the Town's outside engineers, it is expected the complete (and more detailed than we believe is necessary) permit application will be in the Town's hands, and we are hopeful the Town will act promptly to issue these simple building permits. Then, finally, the Club will be allowed to do what it has committed to do.
We appreciate EPA's continued cooperation and support of the Club's efforts and hopefully imminent relocation.
Thank you for your time and attention.
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E-mail sent September 7, 2018:
Ms. Hayden,
In our August 13, 2018 e-mail we indicated that the Club was preparing an application for a building permit for the warming hut and two trap houses. Following consultation with Town officials, the Club retained a professional engineer who is preparing detailed location drawings of the trap and pistol ranges as part of that application. Because the trap range's relocation requires clearing of trees from a small wooded area – leaving stumps in place – to establish an open and safe field of fire for the shooters, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) addressing erosion and sedimentation control is also being developed to accompany the Club's building permit application to the Town. The Town is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) jurisdiction and has been delegated responsibility from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to review and approve such SWPPPs. To date, these are the only approvals that the Town has indicated are required for the proposed work.
We have been told that the application package may be ready for submittal as early as next week, and we are hoping that the Town will expedite its review and approval. Once approval is granted, the ranges can be opened quickly – as soon as the two small "trap house" structures (which are simple 10 x 10 foot sheds holding the clay pigeon launching equipment) are constructed.
Thank you,
Tom

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