

July 20, 2023

Dennis Matthey
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RE: Withdrawal of application for WSSI Maryland Statewide Umbrella Mitigation Bank, Addendum 1: Lake Elkhorn Stream Mitigation Site (the “Lake Elkhorn Bank”)

Dear Mr. Matthey,

I regret to inform you that, due to significant regulatory uncertainties, Davey Resource Group, Inc. (DRG)/Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI) will be withdrawing its application for the Lake Elkhorn Bank. We will work with you in the coming weeks to develop a plan for unwinding our associated easement and transferring all project related documents to Columbia Association for your future use.

On behalf of both DRG and WSSI, I wish to convey our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to work together with Columbia Association on this project. We truly believe in the need for, and merits of, the restoration project as proposed. However, in light of evolving and persistent uncertainties regarding both the crediting of stream restoration, and the bank approval process in general under Maryland’s mitigation banking program, we are regrettably not in a position to further invest in the Lake Elkhorn Bank project.

Sincerely,



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