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ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION REPORT

Subject Property: Huntington River Lower Gorge Property

General Site Description:

Uses of the Property: Fishing, swimming, hiking, picnicking, hunting. Past uses were the same except that some timber harvesting took place.

Uses of Surrounding Properties: Medium-density rural residential dwellings and swimming in the Huntington River.

General Questions:

Have any agricultural chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers) been used on the property? No

Were any chemicals, hazardous substances, or fuels handled at this site? No

Are there now, or have there ever been, any underground storage tanks on the property? No

Are there any electrical transformers or capacitors on the property which may contain PCBs? No

Are there any groundwater wells on the property? No

Is the groundwater in the immediate area used as a source of drinking water? Yes

Is the property the subject of environmental litigation or regulatory enforcement action? No

Were motor vehicles or machinery used on the property? Yes, automobiles and light trucks have parked on the property, but not at present.

Was fuel stored on the property? No

Are there any adverse press reports or complaints on file regarding the property? None are known

Is the property near any floodplain, wetland, or sensitive ecological area? Yes, the property borders the Huntington River. There are no wetlands on the property. The forested slopes support a mature pine-hemlock forest on steep slopes.

Are there any highway or utility easements on the property with potential environmental implications? _____

Are there any improvements on this property? No

Is there evidence of waste disposal or landfilling on the property? Yes, trash pile (see below under 'Physical Inspection').

Is the property listed on any lists of contaminated sites relating to spills or release of hazardous substances? No

Physical Inspection:

The property was inspected on 7 October 1995 by Christopher Fichtel, Trustee, Richmond Land Trust, and Chair, Acquisition & Stewardship Committee. The entire parcel was walked and searched for trash and evidence of contamination. Trash piles were searched carefully for evidence of any hazardous wastes, such as paint cans, pesticide containers, oil filters or oil cans. There were no obvious signs on contamination on the property.

Supporting Documentation: The following documents are attached to this report:

- General site map X
- Aerial photographs _____
- Conditional or special use permits _____
- Highway or utility easement agreements _____
- Land use restrictions _____
- Title reports X
- Geological or hydrological reports _____
- List of chemicals used at the site _____
- Correspondence regarding hazardous substances at this site X

Authorized Signatures:

Chairman, Board of Trustees
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