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**From:** Langer Skip  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 4:24 PM  
**To:** Bob Swanson  
**Cc:** Mohler Elliot; Joe Tenley  
**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Twp Project - Wetland Review Info \_ Aspen Ridge

Good Afternoon Bob,

I have reviewed the Level 1 Delineation report provided by WSE. Due to the potential presence of wetlands as noted by Joe Tenley in his report, I would recommend that a level 2 wetland delineation be completed to determine in the field the existence of wetlands based on the ACOE 87 manual wetland field determination requirements. This field survey will confirm the presence of wetlands (or not) and help you plan the final layout of the neighborhood so as to avoid or minimize the impacts to wetlands identified during the level 2 field investigation.

Let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

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**From:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:51 PM  
**To:** Langer Skip <[skip.langer@olmstedcounty.gov](mailto:skip.langer@olmstedcounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Oronoco Twp Project - Wetland Review Info \_ Aspen Ridge

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Hi Skip,  
Just wanted to confirm that you received this Desktop Wetland Review, for the 12-lot subdivision proposed at NE corner of C.R. 112 & 90<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

Also wanted to confirm that there is enough info here for you to write a letter to the Twp Planning Commission, as we had discussed?

Please let us know if there's anything else needed on your end. I believe Elliot is looking for a letter from your office on Tuesday 9/6.

Thanks again,  
Bob S.

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**From:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:21 AM  
**To:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Project - Wetland Review Info

Hi Bob,  
Attached is the updated report. Enjoy the weekend.

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**From:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:46 AM  
**To:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>  
**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Project - Wetland Review Info

Hi Joe,  
The report looks good, but we want to point out that the eastern 150-ft or so, is not included in your study area. In other words, the edge of the farm field is not the property boundary.

The attached aerial image may help explain. Just wanted to bring to your attention.

Thank you,  
Bob S.

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**From:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 3:08 PM  
**To:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>

Cc: [langer.skip@co.olmsted.mn.us](mailto:langer.skip@co.olmsted.mn.us)

Subject: RE: Oronoco Project - Wetland Review Info

Hi Bob,

Attached is the Level 1 Wetland Delineation for Aspen Ridge Subdivision. The report determined there are potential wetlands on Site in the Historic Aerial Photo Review. Furthermore, I even went out there to conduct a soil boring and verified the presence of wetlands on Site in Area A (**see attached report**).

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**From:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 11:05 AM

**To:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>

**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Project - Wetland Review Info

No problem Joe,

Hope you are feeling okay, and hopefully back at your desk soon.

Question: Do you have an idea as to when your Desktop Wetland Review might be ready to send to Skip?

He told us he'd be watching for it.

For your info, our deadline is to have Skip prepare his letter (concurring with your findings), over to Elliot M. (planner) by Tuesday (9/6).

Thanks again, let us know if we can assist.

Bob S.

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**From:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 10:57 AM

**To:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Oronoco Project - Wetland Review Info

Hi Bob,

Apologies, I have been out of the office with Covid. I can complete a desk top review for this.

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**From:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 10:51:18 AM

**To:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>

**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Project - Wetland Review Info

Hi Joe,

Just wanted to make sure you received the authorization for the Desktop Wetland Review for this Oronoco Twp property.

As I said in my voicemail, we're under some pressure to get your review over to Skip L. as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have questions/comments in this regard.

We're also very interested in confirming that you were able to find time on your schedule for this one.

Side note, the .pdf of the grading plan I emailed last week, had some soil boring locations shown in color. Please disregard that soil boring info, that same .pdf was shared with a geotechnical firm I spoke that day.

Thank you again,

Bob S.

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**From:** Bob Swanson

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 24, 2022 4:35 PM

**To:** 'Daniel Zemke' <[daniel.zemke@wse.engineering](mailto:daniel.zemke@wse.engineering)>; 'joe@wse.engineering' <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>

**Cc:** Mike Bassett <[bassettmw@gmail.com](mailto:bassettmw@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Project - Wetland Review Info

Hi Dan and Joe,

Thanks for providing this info a while back. At the end of this message is authorization for Joe to proceed with the Desktop Review option!

We've been in contact with several people at the county, most recently with Skip Langer (Olmsted Soil & Water) regarding possibility of wetlands on this site (see attached).

Well, the Twp Planning Commission has tasked us with the providing a wetland review. In order to stay on the Sept 19 meeting agenda, the planners have given us until Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to provide a wetland review. In this case, the planner said told us to obtain a letter from Skip's office, stating his opinion and/or his conclusion regarding possible wetlands.

Skip and his staff have been looking through the history/slides, back to '91, along with geology, karst and sink hole information. He is of the opinion that finding wetlands on this property is unlikely, except for the small incidental ditch area along the north side of 90<sup>th</sup>, a few hundred feet east of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, at a culvert outlet.

Per our conversation with Skip, he told us that a Desktop Review performed by Joe (or someone as trustworthy as Joe), would be all he needs to write his letter. He said he that if the desktop review looks like what he expects, he will promptly proceed with his letter, stating the affirmative. He invited the reviewer to reach out to him at any time, and that he will be watching for the information. His # is 507-328-7140.

**Joe, you have authorization to proceed with the Desktop Review!** Sorry this didn't come earlier. Unfortunately, we need to ask if this might be made completed by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> or so, to give Skip a day to write his letter (Sept 5 is Labor Day). I believe Dan's been through the invoicing with Mr. Bassett (copied here).

Please let us know if you need anything further. Or, if this deadline simply won't work, please let us know that as well. Thanks very much, sorry for the long message, take care,

**Bob Swanson, P. E.**

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**From:** Daniel Zemke <[daniel.zemke@wse.engineering](mailto:daniel.zemke@wse.engineering)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Oronoco Project

Bob, I talked with my Wetland guy Joe and he sent me the E-mail below. We are not trying to make this a bigger deal than it needs to be but we want to give all of the information that we have to keep you project moving forward. For the desktop review (\$2100 option) we don't feel will satisfy the county (we believe the attached drawing shows 6 areas of concerns) but if you want to move ahead with that first and see if it works we can do that. If the site was high and dry and the desktop areal photos could not identify any area of concern then the we would suggest option one. But we have areas of concern and think option 2 is what the county will require. If the county requires the level 2 Wetland delineation some of the work from the first can be used again so it will not cost a full \$6600 if we did both. It will be more in the range \$5000 to \$5500 to do the first and then the second. If you have any questions please let me know.

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**From:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2022 8:45 AM  
**To:** Daniel Zemke <[daniel.zemke@wse.engineering](mailto:daniel.zemke@wse.engineering)>  
**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Project

Hi Dan,

A Level 2 Wetland Delineation would cost approximately **\$4,500** and typically takes a couple weeks to complete and probably 3 months or more to get approved. There is nothing we can do about that because the TEP panel members have been very busy this year.

A typical desktop review will determine that there **are** suspect wetland areas on Site in accordance with the aerial slide review we looked at. If your clients did want to go with a desktop review then I would also propose to include soil borings in the suspect areas. This service would cost approximately **\$2,100** and take a couple weeks to turn around.

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**From:** Daniel Zemke <[daniel.zemke@wse.engineering](mailto:daniel.zemke@wse.engineering)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 7:50 AM

**To:** Joe Tenley <[joe@wse.engineering](mailto:joe@wse.engineering)>

**Subject:** FW: Oronoco Project

Joe, This is the project on 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NW that I have been doing the drainfield work on. See below

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**From:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 9:53 AM

**To:** Daniel Zemke <[daniel.zemke@wse.engineering](mailto:daniel.zemke@wse.engineering)>

**Subject:** RE: Oronoco Project

Hi Dan,

We'd like to ask WSE for a price for a wetland delineation for this site, if that offer still stands?

We'd also be interested in knowing a bit about that schedule.

Half our team believes a cursory 'desktop' review may be adequate, at a lower fee than a full delineation (I don't know the process involved with either, I just promised to ask the question).

Thanks again!

Bob S.

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**From:** Daniel Zemke <[daniel.zemke@wse.engineering](mailto:daniel.zemke@wse.engineering)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 9:25 AM

**To:** Bob Swanson <[bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com](mailto:bswanson@stonebrookeengineering.com)>

**Subject:** Oronoco Project

Bob, In doing my soil borings I am finding "wetland" like soils in some of these support areas. Have you planned on doing a wetland survey of the site? WSE does have a wetland delineator and could provide a proposal to do the work if you would want it. I just don't want to have all of this info submitted and be required to change it if there are wetlands. I am not a wetland delineator but some of the vegetation is wetland type plants.

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