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Dear Mr. Wade,

The Town of Framingham has the following comment on this docket.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) levee vegetation management procedures require that we remove any trees that are within 15 feet of the "toe" of any levee component (per EM1110-2-301). With respect to the Saxonville Levee in Framingham, Massachusetts, this means that we would have to remove two trees at the Central Street Dam currently being maintained by the Framingham Garden Club. The USACE designed the levee system to include the two trees. It is my engineering opinion that the trees do not pose a threat to the overall operation of the levee system. The Town therefore requests an exemption from the "Process for Requesting a Variance from Vegetation Standards for Levees" for vegetation that was included in USACE levee designs and does not pose a potential threat to the overall operation of the levee system.

Sincerely,

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