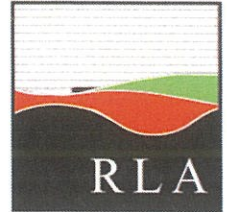


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September 17, 2025

Via email: rcornell@southhadleyma.gov

April Doroski, Chairperson
Town of South Hadley Conservation Commission
116 Main Street
South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075

RE: Response to Review Comments (DEP File #288-0500)
506 Granby Road
South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075
(Map 32, Parcel 52)
RLA Project File No. 240926

Dear Chairperson Doroski and Commissioners:

On behalf of the applicant and property owner, SAI SHYAM, LLC c/o Mr. Himanshu Patel, R Levesque Associates, Inc. is providing this response letter to MassDEP review comments issued for the above-referenced project, as well as verbal discussion from the Town at the September 12, 2025 site visit. The review comment is presented below in *italic text*, followed by an RLA Response presented below in **blue, boldface text**. The comment number and format are consistent with the original document for ease of review.

[1] The buffer zone to the Bank resource area of the existing culvert under Conti Road does not appear to be shown correctly.

RLA Response: A Determination of Applicability was issued for the subject property after being peer reviewed.

[2] Underground chambers are likely subject to UIC registration.

RLA Response: Understood.

[3] Does the applicant have the capability to maintain the Barracuda system?

RLA Response: A long-term operation and maintenance plan for the Barracuda system is included in the Stormwater Report. The applicant will coordinate as needed to ensure proper maintenance procedures are in place.

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[4] Plan C-8 does not appear to show that any test pits were conducted in the location of the underground system. The commission should confirm the distance to the seasonal ground water.

RLA Response: Test Pit #6 was conducted just south of the proposed subsurface infiltration basin and showed ESGW at 214.2. A confirmatory test pit can be dug prior to construction, if required.

[5] Has the engineer for the project noted if the current stream crossing is adequate for the new traffic flow?

RLA Response: The existing stream crossing has been in place for over two (2) decades and handles all types of vehicle traffic. No changes to the stream crossing are proposed.

Review topics verbally mentioned at the September 12, 2025 site visit:

1. Repaving of driveway over stream crossing

RLA Response: Repaving of the driveway over the stream crossing is not part of the current application and is outside the scope of this filing. Any review or permitting related to that work should be addressed under a separate submission.

2. Grading within 50' Buffer Zone opposite of Conti Drive

RLA Response: The proposed grading is minimal in nature and exists within existing maintained lawned area that will return to lawned area. To note, the buffer zone in question appears to be for an unmaintained stormwater basin that has converted into BVW.

3. Stormwater

RLA Response: The Planning Board will be conducting a stormwater peer review as part of the Site Plan Approval filing. Review comments are anticipated and will be addressed accordingly by our office.

4. Tree Replacement Bylaw

RLA Response: Noted.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact our

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office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
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