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Dear Mr. Wright:

Based on your voice-mail and se-mail request to Renee Sanford, the Department of Natural Resources hereby grants a "Waiver of Retroactivity" to the Town of New Glarus and any partners for the potential acquisition of purchase of a parcel equaling approximately ten acres in size that is divided by the Little Sugar River, which is anticipated to be the initial purchase of property or easements along the river north to where it meets Old Madison Road. This waiver anticipates a Stewardship grant application will be submitted to DNR during the spring 2010 grant cycle.

This waiver of retroactive property acquisition is subject to the following conditions:

1. There is no commitment of state or federal cost-sharing funds for the properties at this time. Granting of this waiver means only that the project will not be disapproved because the sponsor initiates or completes the project acquisitions prior to grant approval. The City and its partners must follow required state land acquisition procedures to be eligible for funding. Please note: we recommend that a copy of any proposed offer, or option to purchase, be submitted for our review and comments prior to signature.
2. If state cost-sharing assistance is granted for the acquisition of this property, the deed to the land must be restricted with the state Stewardship grant program conditions. State cost sharing under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund cannot exceed 50% of the approved certified value, the purchase price, or the grant funds authorized, whichever is less, plus certain other eligible costs such as appraisal fees.
3. This waiver will expire on January 31, 2011

Should you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact me at (608) 275-3213. We look forward to receiving your application in the spring.

Sincerely,

Renée Sanford
South Central Region Customer & Employee Services