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Sarah W. Cooksey  
Department Of Natural Resources and Environmental Control  
Administrator Delaware Coastal Programs,  
100 W. Water Street, Suite 7B,  
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**Re: *Walceks' Proposed Mews of Bethany (2010.0082)***

Dear Ms. Cooksey,

In response to request for public comment, the Board of the Bethany Beach Landowners Association (BBLA) has unanimously voted to oppose the Mews of Bethany application (2010.0082) to fill in wetlands for a development project. Founded over 40 years ago, BBLA is a nonprofit association of over 1150 member households who own property within the Town of Bethany Beach.

Board members had attended the Town's Planning Commission meetings in 2008 and 2012 when Mr. Walcek made one of his many similar requests over the years. We recently reviewed the minutes of those meetings including the following:

"The Bethany Beach Planning Commission held a meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2008. At the meeting a number of neighbors whose properties are adjacent to your property expressed their concern as to a possible negative impact that your proposed development will have on storm water related flooding in this area of the Town that is currently prone to flooding. Their concern is directly addressed in the Town Code: §200-43. Lots. C. Where there is a question as to the suitability of a lot or lots, the Planning Commission may, after adequate investigation of flood conditions, wetlands or similar conditions, withhold development approval of such areas."

We have also reviewed and support the January 20, 2016 letter from the Bethany Beach Town Council which noted the flooding in the Town and opposed even 1 square inch of fill.

We have reviewed the comprehensive letter to you from Brian and Heather Nester and are in agreement with its reasoning in opposition to the development.

We have observed the property proposed for development, as far as conditions would allow, and our members have experienced the serious flooding problems in Bethany Beach over the years, including last week during Winter Storm Jonas. For these varied reasons, we support our members, the wider community, and the Town Council position and oppose the application for filling in the wetlands.

Very truly yours,  
/s/

Tracy Mulligan,  
BBLA President