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# Southwest Florida Water Management District

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May 07, 2021

Laurel Lakes Association, Inc.  
c/o Argus Property Management, Inc. - Attn: Bridget Mineck  
2477 Stickney Point Road, Suite 118A  
Sarasota, FL 34231

Subject:

### Notice of Permit Condition Violation

Project Name: Barton Farms - Littoral Zone Modification  
Permit No.: 44009834.005  
Compliance No.: 415585  
County: Sarasota  
Sec/Twp/Rge: S33/T36S/R19E

Dear Ms. Mineck:

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) issued a permit for the subject project on April 9, 2010 for the modifications of deleting the required maintenance of littoral zones in Lake Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 and increasing the maintained littoral zone area in Lake No. 5 to comprise the total aggregate of all required littoral zone areas. District Staff has received a complaint relative to construction activities authorized under ERP Nos. 44009834.005 and conducted a site visit on your property to determine whether the temporary construction easement (land bridge) utilized along the southern portion of the pond (approximately behind Lots 191 – 56) was removed to re-establish the deep pool elevations to be in accordance with the permitted construction drawings. The following permit condition violation was identified:

- **Lake 5 - Non-Functioning System**: Based on staff's inspection the construction easement does not appear to have been completely removed. Please note according to the permitted plan set, the lake depth should be 10 feet from the normal water level (exempt at littoral zones). Therefore, please address this issue and re-grade the lake bottom area where the construction easement has not been completely removed as necessary to ensure the wet detention pond will function effectively as designed. Please provide evidence (such as photos) in your response to demonstrate the easement in Lake 5 has been removed, if necessary.

In order to bring this matter into compliance, you must resolve the listed violation and advise the District that corrective measures have been completed to bring this matter into compliance by no later than **June 6, 2021**. Your response should be directed to me at the Sarasota Service Office. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

If this matter is not brought into compliance in a timely manner at the staff level, the case may be referred to the District's Office of General Counsel for further enforcement action.

If you have questions, please contact me at (941) 377-3722, extension 2054 or by email at [Carley.Trask@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Carley.Trask@swfwmd.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

Carley Trask, E.I.  
Engineer  
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Environmental Resource Permit Bureau  
Regulation Division

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