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Mr. Matthew S. Wells  
Director  
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation  
600 East Main Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**RE: Periodic Review of Regulations Establishing Standards for Classification of Real Estate as Devoted to Open Space Use Under the Virginia Land Use Assessment Law  
4 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.***

Dear Director Wells:

I have reviewed the above-referenced regulations and find they are within the statutory authority of the Department of Conservation and Recreation pursuant to §§ 58.1-3230 and 10.1-104 of the Code of Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Mahevich".

Richard A. Mahevich  
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