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April 17, 2017

City of Concord  
Planning Board  
41 Green St.  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Planning Board,

I am writing to request planning board approval for the construction of two approximately 10'x10'x10' raptor enclosures on New Hampshire Audubon's property located at 84 Silk Farm Road (formerly 3 Silk Farm Road).

This property was subdivided in 2008. A condition of the subdivision approval was that "no net increase in impervious surface shall be allowed on the 16.42 acre remnant lot at 3 Silk Farm Road without further approval by the Planning Board." Therefore, we seek that approval.

NHA is a statewide, non-governmental 501(c)(3), organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's Natural Environment for People and for Wildlife. The McLane Center, located at 84 Silk Farm Road, is the organization's state headquarters as well as a nature center visited by thousands of people each year. Our live raptor exhibit is the highlight of most visits.

The McLane Center is currently home to six live raptors that are the heart and soul of our Environmental Education programming in the Capital area. They are part of an ongoing interpretive display that is available for viewing seven days a week. In addition, they serve as ambassadors for our organization during visits to local schools, libraries, community events, childcare centers and retirement homes. Our program has grown tremendously over the past several years. To help build our capacity and accommodate the needs of our aging raptor collection, we need to expand our fleet of raptors. In order to do this, we need additional raptor housing.

I look forward to meeting with you and discussing this project in more detail and appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wall  
New Hampshire Audubon  
Program Manager-McLane Center