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Mr. Bob Grabb
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Re: Lake Tecumseh Habitat Restoration and Water Quality Improvement
Joint Permit Application (CENAO-REG NAO-2006-00939)

Dear Mr. Grabb:

The Hampton Roads Sanitation District hereby withdraws the Joint Permit Application (JPA) for habitat restoration of Lake Tecumseh in Virginia Beach as prepared and submitted by our agent, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. While we strongly support the habitat restoration efforts in Back Bay, we are unable to adequately address several of the public comments that were raised during the notice period for this JPA. For this reason, we are withdrawing our application to allow a reevaluation of the overall project objectives.

Sincerely,

Ted Henifin, P.E.
General Manager

cc: United States Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
VA DEQ, Virginia Water Protection Program
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