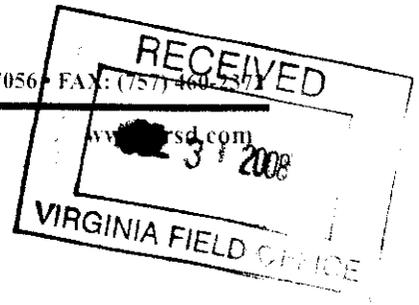




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Re: Lake Tecumseh Habitat Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Agreement

Dear Mr. Thabault:

Due to a variety of factors, I regret to inform you that the Hampton Roads Sanitation District is hereby terminating the Lake Tecumseh Habitat Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Agreement. In accordance with our agreement, the agreement may be terminated thirty days after receipt of written notice by either party. This letter serves as our official notice of termination.

While HRSD remains a staunch supporter of the Back Bay restoration efforts in Virginia Beach, the relatively few benefits of the Lake Tecumseh project do not appear to outweigh the significant issues created by the project related to restricting existing recreational access to and through the lake as well as a general public perception that this project may lead to increased upstream flooding. Neither of these key issues has been addressed adequately to date and as such, the Hampton Roads Sanitation District no longer desires to be a participant in or supporter of any project that includes construction of a weir in the channel connecting Lake Tecumseh with the Asheville Bridge Creek (Canal No. 1).

Sincerely,

Ted Henifin, P.E.  
General Manager

cc: Ms. Karen L. Mayne, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service