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Ms. Louise Lantaigne
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Dear Ms. Lantaigne:

Thank you for your recent email about a natural wetland in Waterloo. The Minister has asked that I respond to your email on his behalf.

As you know, a natural wetland is located on Creekside Church's property at 660 Conservation Drive. The wetland is connected to an on-site stormwater management pond via an underground pipe. Recently, Creekside Church replaced a clogged section of the pipe to address driveway flooding issues that posed safety risks during winter months. The ministry is aware that the new connecting pipe has become blocked by silt, preventing water flow from the wetland to the stormwater management pond.

In July 2015, Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) and the City of Waterloo staff met with representatives from Creekside Church and their consultant (MTE) to discuss next steps to ensure both wetland protection and flood relief for the property. MTE is currently working on an engineering solution that will re-direct water from the wetland to the stormwater management pond while maintaining a permanent wetted area within the wetland. A timeline for implementation has not yet been determined by the parties involved.

Neither the current stormwater management pond, nor the proposed engineering solution require approvals or permits from this ministry. You are encouraged to contact the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), as they are the lead agency for wetland alterations and are currently involved in addressing the issues at Creekside Church. The contact at GRCA is Kaitlyn Smith (Resource Planner) and she can be reached at 519-621-2763, extension 22921. Alternatively, you can also contact Robyn McMullen, City of Waterloo Environmental Planner at 519-886-1550 for more information.

Should you have any further questions or concerns specifically regarding the ministry's mandate, please feel free to contact Dana Mohammed, Senior Environmental Officer, Guelph District Office at 519-826-4789 or dana.mohammed@ontario.ca. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. I trust you will find this information helpful.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mili New".

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Director, West Central Region
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