

## Request for Waiver

### From South Hadley Wetlands Bylaw and Regulations

1. **Applicant**      Name SAI SHYAM, LLC      Phone: 413-210-6913  
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2. **Owner**      Name Same as applicant      Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Project Location Street address** 506 Granby Road Road (Map 32, Parcel 52)

4. **DEP File Number** # 288- 0500

5. **I hereby request a waiver from the prohibition on alterations in the 50-foot Conservation Zone.**

6. **Reason(s) for the waiver request are:**

The applicant requests a waiver from the prohibitions on alterations within the 50' Conservation Zone for certain site improvements. Please see the attached letter for an unabridged answer.

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7. **Proposed mitigation for the work within the Conservation Zone:**

The applicant proposes additional plantings within the 50' Conservation Zone. Please see the attached letter for an unabridged answer.

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Signature:       Date: 1/13/2026

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Via email: rcornell@southhadleyma.gov

April Doroski, Chairperson  
Town of South Hadley Conservation Commission  
116 Main Street  
South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075

**RE: 50' Conservation Zone – Waiver Request Letter**  
**506 Granby Road**  
**South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075**  
**(Map 32, Parcel 52)**  
**RLA Project File No. 240926**

Dear Chairperson Doroski and Commissioners:

On behalf of the applicant and property owner, SAI SHYAM, LLC c/o Mr. Himanshu Patel, R Levesque Associates, Inc. is providing this supplemental letter to accompany the Waiver Request for proposed work within the 50' Conservation Zone.

## WAIVER REQUESTS

### **1. Tree Replacement and Invasive Species Eradication**

Tree replacement plantings and invasive species removal are proposed within the 50' buffer zone. This work is intended to offset site disturbances associated with the project and to provide ecological mitigation through improved native vegetation and habitat conditions. No direct impacts to resource areas are proposed as part of this activity. Please refer to the accompanying Invasive Species Eradication Plan for greater detail.

### **2. Conti Drive Crossing Upgrades**

Upgrades to the gabion baskets and guardrail associated with the existing crossing of Conti Drive and proposed. The work is intended to maintain proper hydraulic function and improve long term site drainage conditions. Additional information regarding existing conditions and suggested upgrades are provided in the accompanying Culvert Inspection Report submitted with the revised application materials.

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### 3. Pedestrian Walkway

The Applicant proposes a boardwalk spanning the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and intermittent stream that runs adjacent to Conti Drive crossing. The boardwalk is designed to span the wetland without placement of fill or alteration of resource areas. Best Management Practices (BPMs) will help to ensure no disturbance to the wetland resource area.

### 4. Site Grading

Site grading associated with the project entryway and portions of Conti Drive is proposed within the 50' buffer zone. Field review indicates the western-most BVW is likely an unmaintained manmade stormwater basin that has been neglected over time and was flagged as BVW during the Request for Determination of Applicability process. Grading is limited to what is necessary for site access and safety and will be performed with erosion and sediment controls to prevent impacts to the adjacent resource area.

### 5. Utilities

Proposed utility installations will run south from Granby Road through Conti Drive to serve the development and will be located within the 50' buffer zone. Utility work will be confined to previously disturbed roadway areas where feasible and will include standard protection measures to avoid impacts to the resource area.

## PROPOSED MITIGATION

The Applicant proposes mitigation measures to offset the proposed work within the 50' Conservation Zone. These measures include replacement of removed trees with new native plantings, removal and management of invasive species to improve existing vegetation conditions, and long-term stabilization of disturbed areas. In addition, if the Commission would like to condition the approval, the Applicant is willing to permanently demarcate the 25' and/or 50' buffer zones in the field with markers to clearly identify protected areas and help prevent future encroachment. These mitigation measures are intended to enhance existing site conditions and provide lasting protection of the adjacent wetland resource areas.

Sincerely,  
R LEVESQUE ASSOCIATES, INC.

*Nina Fazio*

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Permitting Coordinator