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Division of Ecological Restoration
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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of a recent Priority Projects Program grant application submitted by the towns of Mashpee and Falmouth to determine best course of action to address the water retainage structure and road problems associated with Red Brook Pond.

Last year, a breach in a concrete wall led to water draining from Red Brook Pond, turning the area into a series of shallow pools of stagnant water and mud. As a result, fish, turtles and vegetation in the pond died, and the area became a breeding ground for mosquitos. In addition to the ongoing health risks posed by the mosquitos, the rotting fish and vegetation produced a foul stench in the nearby residential area.

Efforts undertaken by the towns provided a short-term fix, temporarily elevating the water levels, and alleviating the problems. However, this provided only a short-term fix, and the pond has once again drained. A permanent solution is required to prevent ongoing health and quality of life issues in the area. Your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Seabrook Village Association
Board of Directors

Cc: Town of Mashpee
Board of Health
Conservation Department
Natural Resources Department

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