ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, LLC
CONSULTING SERVICES

August 19, 2013

Mr. Joseph Logan
Planning Board Chair
Town of Victor
85 East Main Street
Victor, New York 14564

RE: Wetlands/Stream Assessment
Pinnacle Athletic Campus
Town of Victor, Ontario County, New York

Dear Mr. Logan:

At the request of Passero Associates, Environmental Resources, LLC (ERS) conducted a field wetlands assessment of the above referenced 94± acre project site on August 16, 2013. The purpose of our evaluation was to identify potential site encumbrances imposed by federal and/or state wetlands, or other Waters of the U.S.

This wetlands assessment identified probable site wetlands based on visual observations of the presence of a dominance of wetland vegetation and indicators of wetland hydrology in accordance with the methodology described in the *1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* and the *Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Regions.*

Based on our field evaluation, ERS offers the following:

1. A large portion of the project site has been disturbed and depicts the reminisce of active and abandoned mining operations. These mining alterations have obviously altered the natural topography, in some areas creating acres-large excavations 30± feet below the original landscape, as well as areas of fill piles. Many excavated pockets and remnant equipment scrapes of varying sizes within the mine-face excavations are holding water, and some vegetated with hydrophytic (wetland) plant species.

   Given their position within the excavated mine pit, based on our experiences with other abandoned mining facilities, it is our professional opinion that many of these man-made excavated wetland areas on the PAC project site appear isolated, having no surface connection or ecological continuum to navigable waterways.

2. There are no areas on the project site that support Article 24 *Freshwater Wetlands* under the jurisdiction of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

3. An unnamed tributary to Irondequoit Creek and potential associated fringe wetlands occurs on-site parallel to the Auburn Trail (former railroad right-of-way). This stream carries a NYSDEC Stream Classification of C(t), and is under the joint jurisdiction of NYSDEC and USACE. Development impacts to the streams bed and/or banks associated with a road crossing or other disturbance, will require an Article 15, *Protection of Waters* permit from NYSDEC, and USACE permitting under Section 404 of the *Clean Water Act.*

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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Environmental Resources, LLC

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