

September 4, 2020

Andrew and Stacy Gilbert 6882 Nottingham Parkway N Maple Grove, MN 55311

Re:

Fish Lake (Gould)

Hennepin County

Project File ID #: 1999-140

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert:

This letter responds to your request that the Minnesota Land Trust approve the extension of electrical utility service to your land lying west of Nottingham Parkway that is protected by a Conservation Easement held by the Land Trust.

Section 6 of the Conservation Easement states that you may maintain, repair, and replace existing utility systems on the property but asks that you obtain the Land Trust's approval before installing or extending new utility systems, including power. You told us that you plan to begin selling Christmas trees from your property and that electrical service is needed to help support your seasonal sales operations from a temporary sales booth.

The Land approves your plan to extend electrical service to the west side of Nottingham Parkway. With respect to your plans to sell Christmas trees from your property, please keep in mind that while Section 7 allows on-site sales of agricultural crops, Section 5 of the Conservation Easement confines all new construction of buildings and infrastructure to the building envelope that lies east of Nottingham Parkway. In addition, construction of a parking lot to accommodate on-site sales would not be permitted.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or your conservation easement, please let me know. Best of luck on your new venture.

Yours very truly,

Sue Steinwall

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