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Ed Burt  
Water and Sewer Commissioner  
Town of Hopedale  
78 Hopedale Street  
Hopedale, MA 01747

Re: Application for ILF Funding – Mill River Preservation, Hopedale

Dear Mr. Burt,

Thank you for submitting a pre-proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game (DFG) In-Lieu Fee Program (ILFP). I am sorry to inform you that the Town of Hopedale's pre-proposal for the Mill River Preservation project was not selected to move forward to the full proposal stage for ILF funding consideration. Some of the reasons why the pre-proposal did not rate highly were related to project readiness, feasibility in terms of funding and concern regarding potential effects of the existing railroad easement on aquatic resources. I would be happy to schedule a call if you would like to discuss the feedback in more detail.

On behalf of the ILF team, I wish you and your team success in completing this project and encourage you to contact us if you are considering other projects that might be eligible for ILF funding. Please be in touch if you have any questions. I can be reached by email at [aisling.oshea@mass.gov](mailto:aisling.oshea@mass.gov).

Sincerely,

*Aisling O'Shea*

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In-Lieu Fee Program Administrator

Cc: Elisabeth Cianciola, ILF Program Aquatic Mitigation Specialist