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Application #: \_\_\_\_\_

**WESTPORT**

**SCHEDULE C: WETLANDS / WATERCOURSES**

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Due by 4:00 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_

1. Pursuant to Section 9.6.2 relating to Soil Sample Data – the applicant/agent is to submit copy of a report by a “soil scientist” duly qualified in accordance with standards set by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, showing soil sample data, soil classifications, and a surveyed delineation of wetland soils as flagged by the scientist, including flag numbers (as requested by agency).
2. Pursuant to Section 9.6.3 relating to Biological Evaluations – the applicant/agent is to submit a list and evaluation of the plant and animal life that may be found within, depend upon, or use the wetlands and watercourses (as requested by agency).
3. Describe the anticipated impacts to wetlands and watercourses that may occur as the result of that portion of your proposal that may be located in wetlands, watercourses or their setbacks.

During the initial building of the boardwalk, the small team of volunteers (4-8 people) will remove the low-lying vegetation in the direct path of the boardwalk. Any disturbance to the soil in the area will be minor and short-term.  
 No interference with the natural habitats of surrounding plants or animals is anticipated. No impact on water quality or water flow is anticipated.

4. Describe the mitigation that is being proposed as part of your application in order to minimize disturbance and pollution of wetlands and watercourses, maintain or improve water quality, and prevent destruction of or enhance the natural habitats and functions of the wetlands and watercourses.

Aspects of construction such as cutting and sealing lumber will be done off-site, to lessen the chance of stray materials entering the wetland. Materials (composite/sealed lumber) should have no negative impact on water quality. Assembly of the boardwalk will be done in a way to minimize disturbance of surrounding plants, animals, and soils.

The proposed boardwalk would eliminate disturbance of the surrounding wetlands by concentrating all foot traffic onto the designated path and allowing visitors to avoid saturated soils.

5. List the alternatives to the proposed application that were considered and the reason for their abandonment.

The primary alternative to the proposed boardwalk would be filling and raising the ground level. This alternative was decided against because it would have impacted the biological function of the land significantly more than a boardwalk.