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Robert Delaney Department of Public Works Director Town of Groton *Via email* 

Dear Robert Delaney,

Thank you for your submission to the Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) Request For Response for Dam Removal Preliminary Design Services, RFR DER 2024-01. We greatly appreciate the time you took to put together the application for the Squanacook River Dam. We received a number of highquality applications and faced a difficult decision-making process in selecting the projects we have the capacity to work on in this fiscal year. I am pleased to announce that your application was selected for Preliminary Design services!

At this time, DER is finalizing the procurement of engineering services from our list of prequalified restoration firms.

I will be in touch soon to connect you with the engineering firm assigned to your dam and begin scheduling a site visit.

Best regards,

Susie Bresney Ecological Restoration Specialist Dam Removal Program <u>susie.bresney@mass.gov</u>

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