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Pinelands Commission Meeting **July 10, 2009** *Presented by Russell Juelg*

Pinelands Preservation Alliance Testimony re: Appl. # 2009-0026.001--Whitehorse Road, Woodland Twp.

PPA is not opposed to this project—assuming the applicant will indeed perform only a thinning and clearing operation, and not a road widening. Nor do we wish to insist that a full T&E plant survey be undertaken—again, assuming the applicant performs only the treatment as proposed. We do wish to emphasize, though, that official correspondence should not include inaccurate statements, when it is avoidable.

As you know, we have a long-standing and ongoing concern that T&E plant issues are often given short shrift in the development review process. The statement in the Report On An Application For Public Development (June 22, 2009), “**The existing variable width sand road does not have roadside shoulders which might offer suitable habitat for threatened and endangered plant species**” is simply false, and raises our level of concern.

The road traverses two wet areas where the habitat is suitable for a variety of protected plant species, including Pine Barrens Gentian, Pine Barrens Reed Grass, Barratt’s Sedge, and other T&E plant species that associate in that type of habitat. Additionally, the dry upland portions of the road shoulders are suitable habitat for T&E plant species such as Sickle-leaf Golden Aster, Pickering’s Morning-glory, Little Ladies’-tresses, Eastern Silvery Aster, etc.

The statement above can only be made true by omitting the word “not.” The statement should read: “**The existing variable width sand road does have roadside shoulders which might offer suitable habitat for threatened and endangered plant species.**”

Again, we are not opposing the project, and we are not asking that a survey be conducted. We are only asking that the public record be revised to reflect the facts.